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Shams Family Foundation (SFF) NAU Program Overview

About the Shams Family Foundation (SFF)

The Shams Family Foundation (SFF) operates as a special-purpose foundation under the Dallas Foundation. Please note that SFF is not permitted to provide direct financial assistance or pay fees to individuals or universities outside of our specifically designed programs.

Program Development and Educational Partnerships

SFF has developed its own "Learn and Earn" initiative. One of the cornerstone programs is a partnership with North American University (NAU), located in Houston, Texas, with a campus in Sugarland, Texas. This partnership focuses on graduate programs in Education, Computer Science, and Business. NAU offers international opportunities and is committed to supporting students in these fields.

[About North American University - Houston, Texas \(na.edu\)](#) [Sugarland Texas International - North American University.](#)

Mission and Philosophy

Shams Family Foundation, a USA-registered philanthropic organization, is dedicated to enhancing human capital and potential through education, economic empowerment, and settlement pathways. These pathways benefit those who choose to return home or settle in the Global West. Our philosophy is captured in our logo: "No handouts. Just hand-up."

The SFF Launchpad Platform

SFF creates comprehensive global educational platforms known as "Launch Pads" with the motto "Learn & Earn & Yearn to Pay Forward." Through these platforms, SFF invests

considerable time and resources in designing, collaborating, building, and expanding educational opportunities with partners in the Global West. Our goal is to help students launch their careers and achieve academic and economic empowerment across various industries in a financially efficient manner.

The Launch Pads systematically identify the costs, risks, and obstacles faced by international students pursuing education. By applying concepts such as cost innovation, entrepreneurship, and supply chain management, SFF creates pathways toward empowerment and potential success.

Key Program Features

SFF's solutions are designed to promote student success. These include discounted tuition, an expedited application and admission process, waivers or credits for select fees, visa facilitation, travel logistics management where appropriate, settlement support, mentoring, work/study opportunities, and career guidance.

Program Eligibility and Approach

This program is not suitable for everyone. SFF believes in empowerment through "Learn and Earn" programs, such as CPT and OPT. We seek students who are passionate about academic achievement and experiential learning. If you are driven and willing to work hard now for future success, this program may be a good fit for you.

Application Process

1. Research North American University to ensure it offers your desired area of study. Currently, NAU is the only U.S. program available through SFF.
2. Secure a financial sponsor in the USA who knows you personally, is willing to assume financial responsibility, and will ensure your adherence to program rules and behavioral expectations.
3. Send an email to SFF at sff.launchpad@gmail.com including your resume, English transcript, desired degree, and sponsor's contact information.
4. Your sponsor should complete the Sponsorship form for verification.
5. Complete both SFF and NAU university application forms, and submit academic records for equivalency and language proficiency.

Eligibility is determined based on work ethic, language proficiency, alignment with program goals, and sponsor guarantees.

Contact Information

For further inquiries, please email: sff.launchpad@gmail.com