

**The preference modification period will continue until the evening of Thursday, 31 July 2025. Thursday marks the registration date for the Omani Program for Cultural and Scientific Cooperation.**

The preference modification period in the High Education Admission System for undergraduate programs for the academic year 2025/2026 will remain open until the evening of Thursday, 31 July 2025. The High Education Admission Canter at the Ministry of Higher Education, Research, & Innovation announced that, as of the morning of Tuesday, a total of 42,907 students have successfully registered — including 19,988 male students and 22,919 female students. Additionally, 41,027 students have submitted their preferences for academic programs offered by public higher education institutions, internal scholarships, grants provided by the private sector to study at private higher education institutions, as well as external scholarships and grants from sisterly and friendly countries for the academic year 2025/2026.

The High Education Admission Canter previously indicated that a number of students with overall averages of 80% and above had selected only a limited number of academic programs on their application pages. This resulted in some of them not receiving preliminary offers during the trial sorting phase. In response, the Canter intensified awareness campaigns through social media and SMS to emphasize the importance of selecting a large number of program options to increase the chances of receiving an academic offer. Many students responded positively to these messages and recommendations during the current preference modification period. The Canter strongly advises students to finalize and prioritize their choices well before the system closes, in order to avoid last-minute stress and hasty decisions.

Regarding the Omani Program for Cultural and Scientific Cooperation, which offers grants to students from sisterly and friendly countries as well as to children of Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) nationals, the High Education Admission Canter announced that the registration period will begin on the evening of Thursday, 31 July 2025 and continue until Thursday, 21 August 2025. The admission results for this program will be announced on Thursday, 28 August 2025.

The Omani Program for Cultural and Scientific Cooperation offers tuition-free grants to non-Omani students residing in the Sultanate of Oman to study at the University of Technology and Applied Sciences (UTAS). Eligible applicants must have completed Grade 12 at either a public or international school in Oman. In recognition of the contributions made by non-Omani employees at UTAS and to support their children's access to higher education, the University has allocated a number of grants for them. These grants cover a range of disciplines, including Engineering, Information Technology, Mass Communication, Economics and Business Administration, Applied Biotechnology, Applied Sciences, Pharmacy, and Design.

In addition, a number of seats have been designated for students from GCC countries residing in Oman who have completed Grade 12 at schools in Oman. These students will have the opportunity to study at public higher education institutions such as Sultan Qaboos University, the University of Technology and Applied Sciences, Oman College of Health Sciences, and the College of Sharia Sciences. The High Education Admission Center has published dedicated student guides for each of the aforementioned categories on its official website and social media platforms. Each guide provides detailed information about the available academic programs, eligibility criteria, application procedures, and other relevant information for prospective students.