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# Studying in Uzbekistan

A guide for international students & families — how Uzbekistan's higher education works, the Type D student visa, affordable tuition, English branch campuses, and English-medium medicine.

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### AFFORDABLE, ENGLISH BRANCH CAMPUSES & ENGLISH-MEDIUM MEDICINE

Uzbekistan has emerged as one of Central Asia's most affordable and fast-growing study destinations, with **12,500+ international students**. Its draws: **international branch campuses awarding UK, Korean, and Italian degrees (Westminster, Inha, Turin Polytechnic), and English-medium MBBS** (Tashkent Medical Academy and others) — at very low cost. Non-EU students get a **Type D student visa** via a university invitation. This guide walks it in **ten steps**.

**General guidance, not legal or immigration advice.** Uzbek rules, tuition, and recognition change (and medical-degree licensing varies). The details here are recent examples and **must be confirmed with your university, Uzbek immigration, and the relevant mission**.

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# Understand Why Students Choose Uzbekistan

WHAT TO KNOW

Uzbekistan offers **very affordable, English-taught education; branch campuses awarding UK/Korean/Italian degrees; English-medium MBBS; low living costs; and a rich Silk Road setting** — a rising, budget-friendly hub.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Very affordable | Branch degrees | English MBBS |
|---|---|---|
| + English-taught | UK, Korean, Italian | growing |

HOW TO HELP

Weigh Uzbekistan's **affordable branch-campus degrees and English MBBS** against learning some Russian for daily life — for value and English-taught options, it's a strong choice.

GOOD TO KNOW

Branch campuses (WIUT, Inha, Turin) award the **parent university's degree** (UK/Korean/Italian) at a fraction of the home-campus cost.

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# Understand the System

WHAT TO KNOW

Options include **international branch campuses — Westminster (WIUT — UK degrees), Inha (Korean — IT), Turin Polytechnic (Italian — engineering), and Central Asian University** — plus **English-medium medical universities** like the **Tashkent Medical Academy**, Namangan and Bukhara State Medical Institutes.

BY THE NUMBERS

| WIUT / Inha / Turin | Central Asian Univ | Tashkent Medical |
| --- | --- | --- |
| branch campuses | English | English MBBS |

HOW TO HELP

Choose a **branch campus** (WIUT, Inha, Turin) for a UK/Korean/Italian degree, or an **English-medium medical university** for MBBS — confirming accreditation and recognition.

WATCH OUT

For medicine, confirm the university is **WHO/WDOMS-listed and NMC/FAIMER-recognized** where you'll practice.

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# Get the Type D Student Visa

WHAT TO KNOW

After admission and paying initial tuition, your university issues a **visa-support/invitation letter**. You apply for the **Type D student visa** at an Uzbek embassy/consulate (or online), pay the fee (**~$50**), and wait **7–15 business days**. Some nationalities can convert after arrival, but a student visa beforehand is best.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Type D visa | Invitation letter | ~$50 |
| --- | --- | --- |
| the student visa | from your university | fee, 7–15 days |

HOW TO HELP

Get your **visa-support/invitation letter** after admission, then apply for the **Type D student visa** at an Uzbek mission (~$50, 7–15 days) — ideally before travel.

GOOD TO KNOW

It's best to apply for the **student visa before travel** rather than converting from a tourist visa on arrival.

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# Apply to Universities

WHAT TO KNOW

Apply **directly to your chosen university**. Requirements vary: branch campuses use standard admissions (with English proof), while many **medical universities require no IELTS/TOEFL**. Applications commonly run **June–August** for a September start; you receive an offer/invitation letter.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Apply directly | June–August | Medical |
| --- | --- | --- |
| to each university | for September | often no IELTS/TOEFL |

HOW TO HELP

Apply **directly** to your chosen university for the September intake, meeting its requirements (English proof for branch campuses; often none for medical) to get your offer/invitation.

GOOD TO KNOW

Indian and other students should confirm home-country rules (e.g., **NEET for practising medicine in India**) before enrolling.

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# Plan for Tuition & Funding

WHAT TO KNOW

Tuition is **affordable**: roughly **$1,500–5,000/year** (branch campuses and medicine at the higher end, still far below home-campus/Western costs). Living costs are very low ($200–400/month). Government and university **scholarships** exist — ask each institution.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Tuition | Very low | Scholarships |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ~$1,500–5,000/yr | living costs | govt & university |

HOW TO HELP

Budget the **affordable tuition** (branch/medical higher, still low) plus very low living costs, and ask each university about scholarships.

GOOD TO KNOW

A branch-campus degree (UK/Korean/Italian) here costs **far less than at the home campus** — strong value.

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# Meet the Financial Requirement

WHAT TO KNOW

For the visa you show **proof of funds** (commonly around **$2,000–3,000**) covering tuition and living, plus **health insurance**, a valid passport, photos, and academic records. Confirm the exact amount and documents with your university and the Uzbek mission.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Funds | + insurance | Confirm |
| --- | --- | --- |
| ~$2,000–3,000 | & academic records | per mission |

HOW TO HELP

Prepare **proof of funds (~$2,000–3,000)**, health insurance, and your academic records — confirm specifics with your university and the Uzbek mission.

GOOD TO KNOW

Requirements are modest — follow your university's and the mission's official checklist.

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# Meet Language Requirements

WHAT TO KNOW

Branch-campus and medical programs are largely taught **in English** (proven via TOEFL/IELTS for branch campuses; often no test for medicine). Other programs are in **Uzbek or Russian**. Some Russian greatly helps daily life and clinical rotations.

BY THE NUMBERS

| English | Uzbek/Russian | Some Russian |
| --- | --- | --- |
| branch campuses, medicine | other programs | helps daily life |

HOW TO HELP

Confirm your program's language — choose **English-taught** (branch/medical) or prepare Uzbek/Russian — and pick up some Russian for daily life.

GOOD TO KNOW

Even in English programs, **some Russian markedly helps** daily life (and clinical work in medicine).

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# Prepare for the Move

WHAT TO KNOW

After arriving, complete your **registration, arrange housing, and set up banking and insurance**. Living costs are very low, and Uzbekistan's Silk Road cities — **Tashkent, Samarkand, Bukhara** — combine study with rich history. Many universities offer student housing.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Registration | Housing | Cities |
| --- | --- | --- |
| on arrival | often university-provided | Tashkent, Samarkand |

HOW TO HELP

Handle arrival admin — **registration, housing, banking, insurance** — and enjoy Uzbekistan—s very low costs and Silk Road cities.

GOOD TO KNOW

Uzbekistan's **very low living costs** ($200–400/month) are a major advantage — many universities also provide housing.

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# Understand Recognition

WHAT TO KNOW

For **branch campuses**, your degree is the **parent university's** (UK/Korean/Italian) — globally recognized. For **medicine**, universities are typically **WHO/WDOMS-listed and NMC/FAIMER-recognized**, but practising requires passing the **licensing exam** where you'll work. Always verify recognition for your target country.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Branch | Medicine | Verify |
| --- | --- | --- |
| parent-university degree | WHO/WDOMS-listed | for your target country |

HOW TO HELP

Understand recognition: **branch-campus degrees are the parent university's; medical degrees are WHO/WDOMS-listed** but need a licensing exam — verify for your target country before committing.

WATCH OUT

For medicine, **verify WDOMS listing and your council's recognition** — it's essential for later licensing.

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# Thrive & Work After Study

WHAT TO KNOW

Uzbekistan's growing economy and regional links offer opportunities, and branch campuses often allow **transfer to the parent university** abroad. For medicine, plan for your **target country's licensing exam**. Confirm the current post-study work pathway if you want to stay.

BY THE NUMBERS

| Branch transfer | Medicine | Post-study |
| --- | --- | --- |
| to parent university | licensing exam | confirm pathway |

HOW TO HELP

Use Uzbekistan's opportunities and (for branch campuses) transfer options, plan for medical licensing where relevant, and confirm the current post-study work pathway.

GOOD TO KNOW

Branch-campus students can often **transfer to the parent university abroad** — a valuable flexibility.

QUICK REFERENCE

# Studying in Uzbekistan: The Essentials

A snapshot — figures and recognition vary, so confirm with your university, Uzbek immigration, and the relevant mission.

### The system

International branch campuses (Westminster/WIUT — UK; Inha — Korean/IT; Turin Polytechnic — Italian/engineering; Central Asian University) and English-medium medical universities (Tashkent Medical Academy, Namangan, Bukhara).

### The visa

After admission and initial tuition, the university issues a visa-support/invitation letter; you apply for a Type D student visa at an Uzbek mission (~$50, 7–15 days), ideally before travel.

### Tuition & funding

~$1,500–5,000/year (branch/medical higher, still far below home-campus/Western costs); very low living costs ($200–400/month); government and university scholarships.

### Money & language

Prove ~$2,000–3,000 plus insurance and academic records; English at branch campuses and medicine (TOEFL/IELTS for branch; often none for medical), Uzbek/Russian elsewhere.

### Recognition

Branch-campus degrees are the parent university's (globally recognized); medical degrees are WHO/WDOMS-listed and NMC/FAIMER-recognized, but need a licensing exam — verify for your target country.

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