

Saudis studying abroad get government support

Around 7,000 stand to benefit from scheme

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Riyadh: Royal approval has been granted to Saudi university students currently studying in the US, Canada, Australia and New Zealand at their own expense to be covered by the government sponsored scholarship programme.

This was announced by Minister of Higher Education Dr Khalid Al Anqari.

In a press statement on Wednesday, the minister said he received a directive from King Abdullah to allow regular Saudi private students in all institutes and universities in these countries to join the government scholarship programme.

In his statement, Dr Al Anqari noted the royal approval which he described as symbolising the keenness of the king to mobilise all possible resources for the development of education in the kingdom.

The Ministry of Higher Education had submitted a proposal to the king requesting an approval to include about 7,000 students pursuing their studies in the four countries to join the King Abdullah Foreign Scholarship Programme.

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