



National Du‘āt & Islamic Educators Residential Camp

Program Overview and What to Expect

November 25-30, 2026 · Richardson, Texas

201 N Plano Road, Richardson, TX 75081

All program times are Central Standard Time (CST).

Assalamu alaykum wa rahmatullahi wa barakatuh,

JazakumAllahu khayran for applying to join us. Prepare for six days of Islamic learning, worship, practical activities, and community service. Our aim is to strengthen your foundations, develop your ability to communicate Islam, and help you establish a path of continued learning and service. May Allah grant us beneficial knowledge, sincere intentions, and righteous action.

Two attendance formats: On-site students attend at the Richardson campus. Registered virtual students join designated online lectures. Residential arrangements and campus activities apply to on-site students only.

The on-site camp experience

- Congregational prayers, daily adhikār, and guided Qur’ān recitation.
- Core courses, practical demonstrations, discussion, and questions.
- Arabic learning groups suited to your assessed starting level.
- Physical education, team challenges, and supervised community service.
- Review and assessment within the final session of each course.
- Proposed virtual guest sessions and three public conference evenings.

Three evenings of public conference

When the Message Reached an Empire

November 27-29 · 7:00-10:00 PM nightly

Explore the message of Tawhīd, its historical journey, and our responsibility to convey it today. Each evening features three speakers followed by a panel discussion and audience Q&A. Formal lectures begin at 7:15 PM, following completion of ‘Ishā’ prayer.

Preliminary program: Course outlines and guest participation remain subject to confirmation. This overview does not confirm admission. If your application is under review, please await acceptance before booking travel.

Belief, evidence, and understanding

Shaykh Karim AbuZaid

The Story of Tawḥīd and Understanding Allah's Names and Attributes

Using The Story of Tawḥīd, trace the unified call of the prophets to worship Allah alone and consider the lessons their histories offer those carrying the message today.

Study the principles for understanding Allah's names and attributes according to the Qur'ān and authentic Sunnah.

What to expect: Guided study, reflection, discussion, and practical connections between sound belief, worship, and da'wah.

Related lessons

- Foundational principles of Tafsīr.
- Following the Sunnah and understanding the dangers of religious innovation (bid'ah).
- Why we avoid speculative theology ('ilm al-kalām) and ground our beliefs in revelation.

Primary book: The Story of Tawḥīd. Additional readings will be communicated separately.

Shaykh Uthman Ibn Farooq

Biblical Contradictions and an Introduction to Hadith Authentication

Explore selected apparent contradictions within Biblical texts and how to discuss them with evidence, accuracy, and respectful dialogue.

Receive an introduction to how scholars evaluate hadith, including chains of transmission, narrator reliability, and supporting evidence.

What to expect: Text-based discussion, worked examples, and opportunities to ask questions. This introduction explains the discipline's foundations; it does not qualify participants to grade hadith independently.

Books and references: Instructor-selected materials; details to follow.

Arabic language and recitation sciences

A collaborative learning pathway

Shaykh Fazal Bari and Shaykh Shamsan Aljabi will work together to connect Arabic reading, language, pronunciation, and Qur'ānic recitation. An initial assessment will place students in two groups according to their ability to read the Qur'ān.

Foundational group: learning to read

Students who cannot yet read the Qur'ān will begin with Shaykh Fazal Bari: Arabic letters, vowel marks, connecting letters, and reading simple words and sentences. Guided pronunciation and introductory tajwīd practice will develop alongside reading.

Reading group: building on existing skills

Students already able to read the Qur'ān will build Arabic vocabulary, basic grammar, and sentence formation, with exercises adapted to their level. They will develop accurate recitation and begin studying the rules of tajwīd (aḥkām al-tajwīd) with Shaykh Shamsan.

Shaykh Shamsan Aljabi

Recitation sciences and Arabic as a tool for understanding revelation

Both groups will practice letter articulation, vowel sounds, and recitation with feedback suited to their level. Shaykh Shamsan will also introduce the recognized Qur'ānic readings (qirā'āt) and use examples to show how Arabic helps a dā'ī understand the Qur'ān, Sunnah, and Islamic scholarship.

Materials: Bring a Muṣḥaf. Proposed texts include Tuḥfat al-Aṭfāl and Al-Kāfī fī al-Naḥw, supplemented by instructor materials. Editions and ordering details will follow. Group arrangements and virtual assessment will be confirmed by the instructors. The qirā'āt introduction does not grant authorization to transmit readings.

Worship, learning, and service

Ustadh Ahmed Mohamed

Fiqh of Ṣalāh, Hadith Sciences, and the Path to Seeking Knowledge

Let Us Pray the Prophet's Way: Review preparation for prayer, its conditions, pillars, obligations, and common mistakes, with practical instruction and correction.

Introduction to the Science of Hadith: Learn essential terminology and the relationship between the Sunnah, its transmission, and its proper use.

The Path to Seeking Islamic Knowledge: Consider the manners of a student, priorities in study, learning from teachers, and building a sustainable study routine.

What to expect: Clear explanations, practical demonstrations, and guided questions. The Hadith introduction will complement Shaykh Uthman's sessions on authentication.

Teaching concludes Sunday morning, November 29. All review and assessments for these subjects will be completed before Ustadh Ahmed's afternoon departure.

Brother Said Ahmed

Physical Education, Community Service, and Caring for Those in Need

Participate in physical activities, teamwork, and practical service while reflecting on a Muslim's responsibilities toward the wider community.

Activities address caring for the poor and vulnerable, preserving their dignity, and the responsibility of every community to serve those in need. Brother Said also assists with camp setup and supervision through an agreed staff rota.

What to expect: Approximately three hours of scheduled physical education, teaching, practical service, and review across the camp. Please inform the organizers about health conditions or accessibility needs affecting participation.

Build a foundation for continued learning

Our first camp aims to awaken and strengthen your interest in seeking Islamic knowledge, introduce each subject soundly, and guide you toward continued study. A few sessions cannot provide complete mastery. Review and assessment are incorporated into the final session of each course; lasting progress requires sustained study with qualified teachers.

Contemporary questions and da‘wah

Alongside the core courses, we are arranging guest speakers who will address the camp remotely. These virtual guest speakers are distinct from students attending online. Remote student access will follow the designated online program.

Each session: 45-minute presentation + 15-minute Q&A. Hashim and Mansoor will share one joint session. All speakers, topics, and timings remain subject to confirmation.

Ustadh Subboor Ahmad

Atheism and Darwinian Evolution: Examining the Arguments

Explore common atheist arguments and claims surrounding Darwinian evolution, distinguishing scientific evidence from philosophical assumptions and considering how to respond with clarity and sound reasoning.

Ustadh Hashim and Ustadh Mansoor

Da‘wah to Hindus: Understanding Beliefs and Presenting Tawḥīd

Learn how to begin respectful conversations with Hindu audiences, understand differences within Hindu traditions, and explain Islam’s call to worship Allah alone.

Shaykh Assim Al-Hakeem

Firm upon Revelation: Following the Qur’ān and Sunnah without Compromising the Deen

Reflect on remaining faithful to Islamic principles while calling others with wisdom and good manners, distinguishing flexibility in approach from compromise in belief.

Dr. Bilal Philips

Educating an Ummah: Accessible Islamic Learning and the International Open University

Discover how sustained education can strengthen individuals, families, and communities, and explore opportunities for continued learning through the International Open University.

Dr. Sabeel Ahmed

The Character of the Dā‘ī: Ethics, Compassion, and Trust in Da‘wah

Examine how sincerity, honesty, patience, attentive listening, and concern for others shape effective da‘wah and help build trust.

Dialogue, family, and community

Ustadh Adnan Rashid

Da‘wah Conversations with Shia Muslims: Knowledge, Evidence, and Respectful Dialogue

Consider theological differences through accurate understanding, shared foundations, and evidence-based dialogue, while avoiding insults and sweeping generalizations.

Shaykh Abu Usamah at-Thahabi

Da‘wah Begins at Home: Inviting Family with Wisdom and Patience

Explore how to advise relatives, respond to resistance, preserve family ties, and make personal conduct part of the invitation to Allah.

Shaykh Haroon Baqai

The Qur’ān and Sunnah: Inseparable Sources of Guidance

Understand how the authentic Sunnah explains and demonstrates the Qur’ān, and why Prophetic guidance is essential to understanding and practicing Islam.

Samuel Shropshire

Building Bridges through Service: Da‘wah, Good Neighbors, and Genuine Relationships

Reflect on how service, hospitality, and sincere relationships can open doors to meaningful conversations about Islam, drawing on his journey and experience.

Shaykh AbdurRaheem Green

From Conversation to Conviction: Helping People Explore Islam

Explore how to listen carefully, identify central questions, explain Islam clearly, and support those taking their first steps toward faith.

Preparing for your on-site stay

Bring a **Muṣḥaf, notebook, pens, comfortable clothing, suitable footwear, personal necessities, and prescribed medications**. Arrive ready to participate, ask sincere questions, respect others, and put your learning into practice.

Required books and the final timetable will be shared separately. AIM provides lodging only; participants pay for food, drinks, travel, transportation, and medical needs. See the responsibilities section for full details. Guest participation and timings remain subject to confirmation.

Questions: info@ilmcon.org · www.aimseminary.org

Joining on site or online

On-site participants

Attend at **201 N Plano Road, Richardson, TX 75081**. AIM will arrange a suitable place to stay for accepted residential participants; the location and details will be confirmed separately. Food and drinks are at your own expense. AIM will help coordinate food ordering for delivery to the campus; this does not include payment for meals. Physical education and campus service activities apply to on-site students only.

Await acceptance before booking travel. You are responsible for travel, airport transfers, local transportation, medical care, personal items, books, and other personal expenses. See the responsibilities section for details; follow the packing guidance and share accessibility or health needs before arrival.

Registered virtual students

Your joining link will be sent to your registered email address 24 hours before each scheduled lecture. Please check your inbox and spam or junk folder. If you have not received it by that time, contact info@ilmcon.org with your name and registration email.

Remote students join designated online sessions. Campus arrangements do not apply. Online Q&A, placement, recitation feedback, and assessment instructions will follow.

Books and study materials

We will share confirmed titles, editions, and ordering links. **Order required books online early enough for delivery before class.** Check editions before purchase. The Story of Tawhīd is a core text; other titles await confirmation.

Prepare a Muṣḥaf, notebook, pens, and assigned books. Download supplied handouts. Use authorized digital editions where approved for the course.

Preparing to join a lecture

- Use a reliable internet connection and a charged laptop or tablet; headphones are recommended.
- Test the meeting platform, sound, and microphone beforehand. Join 10 minutes early using your registered name.
- All listed times are CST (UTC–6). Convert each session to your own local time.
- Keep your microphone muted unless invited to speak, and submit questions through the moderator's designated method.
- Use joining links for your own registered attendance. Recording access, if available, will be announced separately.

What AIM provides and what to budget

AIM provides lodging only

AIM Seminary will arrange a **suitable place to stay** for accepted residential participants. The location, sleeping arrangements, arrival and checkout instructions, and any items to bring will be confirmed before the camp.

Food and drinks are at your own expense

Participants pay for their own meals, snacks, drinks, and food-delivery charges. AIM will help arrange a way for participants to order food from available providers and have it delivered to the site. Menus, ordering instructions, and delivery arrangements will be communicated separately. Any coordinated or group ordering remains at participants' expense unless expressly announced otherwise.

Travel and transportation

You are responsible for arranging and paying for flights or other travel, baggage, airport transfers, rideshares, rental vehicles, fuel, parking, and local transportation. Airport pickup and transportation are not included. Please await formal acceptance before booking travel.

Medical and personal needs

Medical care, health or travel insurance, prescriptions, other medication, and any related costs are your responsibility. Bring your prescribed medicines and any personal supplies you need. Notify the organizers of accessibility needs or relevant health considerations before arrival so we can discuss practical arrangements.

Books and personal expenses

Required books, stationery, toiletries, bedding or other personal items requested in the packing instructions, and all other personal purchases are at your expense unless AIM specifically states otherwise.

Before you travel

- Confirm your acceptance, accommodation arrangements, and arrival and departure plans.
- Budget for your meals, drinks, transportation, books, medical needs, and personal expenses.
- Review the final timetable and packing instructions; keep the organizers' contact information available.

These cost arrangements apply to participants. Any separate written agreement with an invited instructor or speaker governs that individual's arrangements.

Certificates and future learning

The purpose of this first camp

Our main objective is to **awaken and strengthen students' interest in seeking Islamic knowledge**, provide a sound introduction to each subject, and guide students toward continued study. Participants should not expect to master every subject or gain a complete and detailed understanding in a few sessions.

Certificate of participation

Participants whose attendance is verified will receive an **AIM Seminary Certificate of Participation**. This recognizes attendance rather than mastery or automatic academic credit.

Recognition of excellence

Instructors may award a **Certificate of Excellence** in their respective subjects to selected students, at their discretion, based on demonstrated achievement.

A proposed pathway for further study

AIM is exploring an internal pathway toward a proposed **60-unit Diploma in Islamic Studies** and a longer-term **120-unit bachelor's pathway in Islamic Studies**. Under consideration is an award of up to **10 AIM learning units** for students attending the full camp on site or virtually and completing required coursework and instructor assessments, including any assigned follow-up work.

This is a **proposal, not a guaranteed award**. AIM will establish the curriculum, documented learning requirements, assessment standards, and any applicable approvals before confirming the pathway. Virtual participation must provide equivalent access to required courses and assessments; details will be announced.

Academic status: Proposed AIM learning units are institutional units, not represented as conventional college semester credit hours. A bachelor's degree is a future objective, subject to institutional and applicable regulatory requirements. No accreditation, degree authorization, or transfer acceptance is implied.