Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic and Persian University, Patna, was established by the Government of Bihar under the provisions of Bihar State Universities Act (1976) as amended up to date. Under section 3(L) of the aforesaid Act, Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic and Persian University has been established with the headquarters at Patna and with the jurisdiction over the whole of the State of Bihar. The same has duly been notified by the Department of Human Resource Development, Government vide notification no. 2/p/5-11-2005-1998 dated 22 November 2006. Apart from special task of development of higher standards in Arabic and Persian, the University is also charged with the duty to develop other branches of knowledge through sharing and collaboration for the dissemination of knowledge in the interest of the students and society. The Department of Human Resources Development, Govt. of Bihar had notified its functions vide memo no. HE 1551 dated 24-07-2008 starting that “to confer or grant degree, diploma, certificate and other academic distinctions in Arabic or Persian or in such other branches of learning, including vocational, professional and education, as the University may consider fit”. The University is presently located at 34 Ali Imam Path, Harding Road, Patna-800001.

Maulana Mazharul Haque Arabic and Persian University had introduced 5 diploma and 4 degree level courses from the session 2008-09. The admission ordinance and regulations for these courses have been approved by the Hon'ble Chancellor vide Governor's secretariat letter no. MMHU-15/12/2005-1482/GS(1) Dated 28 April 2008. These courses has introduced in 2008-09 on self financing basis to provide students with purposeful academic programme and multiple career options.

Although the University was established in 1998 yet it had remained non functional till January 2008. The new University administration under the Ex Vice-Chancellor Prof. Qamar Ahsan has made the University fully functional in a purposeful manner within a short span of 6 months. The University started its First Academic Session from July 2008 by admitting students to nine job oriented vocational courses through the Knowledge Resource Centre Network (KRCN) established in the different districts of Bihar. Besides vocational courses the University has been empowered to conduct Alim (Graduation) and Fazil (Post-Graduation) examinations earlier conducted by Bihar State Madarsa Education Board, vide MHRD, Bihar memo no. 15/M 1–202/93–2279 dated 24-11-2008. “The University proposes to develop a Centre of Excellence in Oriental Studies in the course of time apart from conducting mainstream courses.