

Important information for the Applicants

1. Admission to the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarships will be online at A2A portal (www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in) which will be operational from 20 February 2023.
2. According to **A2A process**, applications will be directly sent by students to respective universities instead of processing at the Embassy of India in Algiers. This will automate the process and Universities will be able to see the applications received directly from the students.
3. Applicants have the option to apply to 5 Universities / institutes in the order of their preference of study. The admission, as far as possible, shall be given as per applicant's preference. However, there may be a scenario when students do not get admission in their preferred Universities / institutes due to limited number of seats. Students should therefore be prepared to receive admission from any of their five preferences. Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities.
4. For AY 2023-24, a 500-word essay in English has been introduced to ascertain English proficiency. Besides, students can also submit their TOFEL / IELTS etc. Standardized Test scores, if available. ICCR is also requesting Universities / institutes to conduct interview of the applicants online, if so required. There will be no separate English test by the Embassy of India in Algiers, as was earlier.
5. Student should obtain the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) equivalence also (if required). This would be stipulated by the concerned University / Institute in their Provisional Confirmation letter for the applicant (uploaded on A2A Portal). In case AIU equivalence is required the student may apply for the same at the link <https://evaluation.aiu.ac.in/student/login> and bear the fees incurred on obtaining the certificate at own expense (non-reimbursable). For any further details / queries, students may contact AIU at (+911123230059 / 23237097 I 23232305 Extn' 2tO, 234, 252, E-mail id : studentinfo@aiu.ac.in, ds-international@aiu.ac.in, evaluation@aiu.ac.in
6. Interested students may be advised to visit respective University / institute website regularly courses offered, eligibility criteria and general information about the University / institute before applying for admission. The students should ensure that they are eligible for the course and meet the eligibility criteria and should submit relevant documentation as required by the Universities, in addition to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form. They would be also advised to refer to the University's Handbook / University Grants Commission's website etc.

7. ICCR has introduced disbursement of all scholarship payment to students through PFMS w.e.f. February, 2021. This is as per GOI guidelines on direct payment to beneficiaries.

8. The scholarship slots include return economy class air-fares **to the nearest airport and 3rd AC Train fare to the place of study, if so required.**

9. The applicant's age for Undergraduate / Postgraduate courses must be between 18 to 30 Years and for PhD Programmes between 18 to 45 Years.

10. For the academic year 2023-24, admissions in Medical/ Paramedical (Nursing/ Physiotherapy / anaesthesia etc.) / fashion / law courses / integrated courses such as BALLB (5 Years) / B Sc & M Sc (5 Years) etc. are not admissible.

11. It may be noted that for BE / B. Tech courses, physics, Chemistry and Mathematics -(PCM) are compulsory in 11 and 12 Grades and it is mandatory requirement for Engineering courses. Mark sheets for each i.e., level 10 and 10+2 equivalent level of school should be uploaded along with the transcripts in English. The application will not be considered without English translation of documents if the original documents are not in English. It may also be noted that incomplete application can be summarily rejected by Universities, Students should be advised to thoroughly check their applications and attach requisite documents before submission of the application,

12. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum. Mission is requested to inform applicants that when they travel to India, they must have medical insurance coverage on their own either before travel or immediately after reaching India, whichever is convenient. Students can purchase medical insurance from any of the insurance companies of their choice. However to facilitate students, A2A Portal has two insurance companies for referral purpose. ICCR has uploaded the revised norms on its A2A Portal.

13. It may also be mentioned that ICCR may amend some provisions of scholarships from time to time and it is incumbent on students to accept the revised norms.

14. Please note that for Science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne the scholars themselves.

15. It is also important to ensure that a scholarship is awarded only after the Embassy is satisfied that student intends to in study in India; has no serious health issues; has not submitted incomplete / fraudulent documentation or any other such parameters, which may negate our objective of promoting goodwill through scholarships.

16. In order to ensure security of the foreign students, ICCR advises students to stay in the campus hostel, if available. However, students are allowed to stay in private accommodation if the concerned institute does not insist on staying in their hostel.

17. Undertaking from the student that the course and the University as conveyed is acceptable and that he / she will not request for change at the time of admissions.

18. Undertaking from the student that they have read the terms and conditions / Guidelines of ICCR scholarship as specified in the Scholarship Manual 2022-23 (The one time undertaking will be applicable even when scholarship manual is updated (as per para 36 like provisions), available on **A2A Portal**).

19. Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships are available on the A2A Portal.

20. The deadline for receipt of online applications is 30 April 2023.