General Information for foreign Applicants
under ICCR's Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme (A1201)

The applications from interested students for academic year 2023-24 are invited online through ICCR´s A2A Scholarship Portal **http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in**. The A2A Scholarship Portal will be operational from February 20, 2023 for foreign students to apply for admission.

2.   According to **A2A process,** applications will be directly sent by students to respective universities. University will be able to see the applications directly from the students. Applicants will 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 on offer. Students should therefore be prepared to receive admission from any of their five preferences. All the applicants are advised to visit University/Institute website and do thorough research of 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 should always refer to the Universities Handbook/ University Grants Commission´s website etc.

3.   For Academic Year (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. Standardised Test Scores, if available. Universities/Institutes may conduct interviews of the applicants online, if so required. Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities. Disbursement of all scholarship payment to students will be made directly through PFMS system. Preference will be given to new students and scholarship repetition to same students will be avoided.

4.   If required, the students must produce equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities. 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 students 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 (+911123230059/23231097/23232305 Extn. 210,234,252, Email id: studentinfo@aiu.ac.in, ds_international@aiu.ac.in, evaluation@aiu.ac.in)

5.   The scholarship slots include return economy class air-fares **to the nearest airport and 3ʳᵈ Air Conditioned Train fare to the place of study, if so required.** The one way air-ticket will be provided by Embassy of India to the selected scholars.

6.   The applicant's age as on February 20, 2023 for availing scholarships for Undergraduate/Postgraduate courses should be between 18 to 30 years and for PhD Programmes should be between 18 to 45 years.

7.   The admissions in Medical/Paramedical(Nursing/Physiotherapy/anaesthesia etc)/fashion/law courses/integreted courses such as BALLB (5 Years)/B Sc & M Sc (5 Years) etc. are not admissible.

8.   It may be noted that for BE/B.Tech courses, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics are compulsory in 11 and 12 Grades and it is a 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 applications will not be considered without English translation of documents in case 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.

9.   It may be noted that for Science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.

10.   The applicants are also informed that personal medical insurance is a mandatory requirement for availing of ICCR´s scholarship. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees 500,000 per annum. Whenever the students travel to India, they must have medical insurance coverage on their own either before travel or immediately after reaching India, whichever is convenient to students. 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.

11.   ICCR may amend some provisions of scholarships from time to time and it is incumbent on students to accept the revised norms.

12.   In order to ensure security of the foreign students, ICCR advises students to stay in 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.

13.   The selected student will have to submit undertaking form stating that (i) the course and University as conveyed is acceptable and that he/she will not request for change at the time of admissions; (ii) 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.

14.   Applicants should not have serious health issues. Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships online are on the **A2A Portal**.

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