

Ministry of External Affairs
(Nalanda Division)

From : Foreign New Delhi
To : All Indian Missions/Posts abroad

HOCs from US (Nalanda& South)

Subject: Support to Ensure the Participation of the International Students to Study at Nālandā University for the Academic Batch 2019-21

Dear Sir/Madam,

The Admissions for the Master's program for the academic batch 2019-21, at Nālandā University, is Open.

The University is offering two years of Master's programs in the areas of

- a) Buddhist Studies, Philosophy & Comparative Religion;
- b) Ecology & Environment Studies;
- c) Historical Studies

In this regard, the University is requesting the MEA to kindly provide support to ensure the participation of the International students.

To provide an opportunity to International students to study at Nālandā University, we request you all to kindly share/disseminate the Nālandā University's admissions notification information amongst the foreign governments accredited to your countries.

The University is requesting all the Embassies/ High Commissions to upload on their Webpage and Social Networking sites (Facebook and Twitter).

A copy of the admission notification and application form is attached for your perusal.

Thank you for your support.

Best Regards,
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P.S. With the application information, the following information can be shared on the Indian Embassies/High Commissions website:

Nālandā University is inviting applications from International students for admission in Two-Year Master's Program in:

- a) Buddhist Studies, Philosophy & Comparative Religions;
- b) Ecology & Environment Studies;
- c) Historical Studies.

1. **The eligibility criteria** for the Master's program as follows:

- (i) A Bachelor's Degree (any stream) with a minimum of 15 years of prior studies with a GPA of at least 2.2 or above on a 4 point scale or equivalent grade if another grade point scale is used.
- (ii) A student who has a background in any stream i.e. humanities/science/engineering/management or literature can apply to any of the above said Masters' program, which is one of the unique things of the Nālandā University.

2. **Age:** No age limit

3. **English Language proficiency:** Courses will be taught in English

The applicants, whose native language is not English shall present the score of any one of the following English Language Tests:

- a) TOEFL (Test of English as Foreign Language)
- b) IELTS (International English Language Testing System)
- c) Any other standard English test used on an international platform
- d) or completed a full-time degree-level course entirely taught and assessed in English.

4. **Selection** of the International students will be based on the Skype/video interview.

5. The students are requested to submit application form latest by **3rd week of June 2019** as the session starts early August.

6. Students are expected to submit the following documents:

- a) A duly filled in application form
- b) Scanned copies of mark-sheets
- c) Statement of Purpose (The Statement of Purpose should reflect on the following points/questions. (i). Write a note on "The Relevance of the Culture to Education in Today's World" (ii). Describe the student's interest in the programme of study. (iii). What motivates the student to pursue an education at Nālandā University?)

The candidate has to submit a duly filled Application Form and a Statement of Purpose (SOP) to foreignstudents@nalandauniv.edu.in, and pay an Application Fee of **USD8 (Eight US Dollars or equivalent)** towards the processing of the Applications through RTGS/NEFT using the details given below. The transaction ID/Details may be shared at foreignstudents@nalandauniv.edu.in

PAYEE NAME: NALANDA UNIVERSITY

BANK NAME: HDFC Bank Ltd.

BRANCH NAME: DHARAMSHALA ROAD, RAJGIR
BANK ACCOUNT NUMBER: 50100079546912
IFSC CODE: HDFC0002059

Shortlisted applications will be called for an interview through video conferencing using Skype/ WhatsApp as per the scheduled time as intimated to the candidate. Selected candidates will be recommended for the provisional admissions for the academic year 2019- 20.

For Courses, Tuition fee, accommodation and other information, students can visit www.nalandauniv.edu.in

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