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निकोसिया (साइप्रस)
High Commission of India
Nicosia (Cyprus)

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Dear Sir/Ma'am,

Subject: Offer of ICCR Scholarship under General Scholarship Scheme for the Academic Year 2020-21 (without Air Fare) – Two seats – PG/Ph.D.

The Embassy of India in Nicosia, Cyprus is pleased to announce the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarships for the academic session 2020-21. The Government of India is offering Scholarships under ICCR Scholarship Scheme to two Cypriot Nationals to study at Graduate, Post Graduate and research level in Indian Universities during the academic year 2020-21.

2. Applicants are requested to log onto Admissions to Alumni (A2A) <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/> and create individual login ID/password before submitting the applications online.

3. Please consider the following before applying:

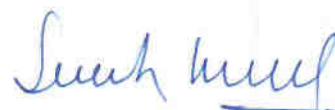
- i. Age of the applicant should be or greater than 18 years but below 30 years.
- ii. For B.E/ B. Tech courses, the candidate should have Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics in their school leaving examination.
- iii. This scholarship is not for admission in Medical/ Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/Anesthesia etc)/ fashion courses.
- iv. The expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges in Science courses will be borne by the scholars themselves.
- v. Applicant is required to go-through the criteria laid down by various Universities for the subject/course, which he/she is applying for.
- vi. Applicant should be proficient in English and Applicants should have taken English Language test administered by the Indian Embassy.

4. Admissions to Alumni (A2A) portal contains all the relevant information for the applicants including details of all State Universities, Central Universities and Institutes, colleges, courses available, applications guidelines, eligibility criteria and other relevant information.

5. Last date for Mission to upload application is 29 February 2020. However, for Ph.D applications of the last date is 31 August 2020.

6. You are requested to disseminate this information to all concerned. For any further information, please contact us.

Regards,



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POLICY GUIDELINES and INSTRUCTIONS FOR
ICCR ADMINISTERED SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME
(FOR APPLICANTS)

Note: - "The University/Institute page is only for information regarding courses, eligibility, campus and other facilities being offered by them. However, the application for opted University/Institute has to be applied through A2A Scholarship portal only."

A. ONLINE APPLICATION FORM and RELATED INFORMATION:

1. DOs and DON'Ts of filling applications

- i. All applications will be accepted online through A2A ICCR Scholarship Portal only.
- ii. Applications will not be accepted physically in Missions.
- iii. Applications will not be accepted locally (in India)
- iv. Applications should be complete in every detail to avoid rejection of the same by the A2A portal.
- v. In case of documents available in local language, applicants are requested to upload certified copies of translations of these documents in English.
- vi. Applicants applying for M. Phil /Doctoral/Post-Doctoral courses should submit a synopsis along with the application.
- vii. Applicants wishing to pursue performing arts course should upload the latest Video/Audio/YouTube link of their performance.
- viii. Students who are already pursuing Under Graduate (UG) and Post Graduate (PG) courses in India and intend to pursue further studies and apply for M.Phil / Ph.D after completing UG/PG courses will have to apply afresh through A2A portal to process these applications afresh, as the applications will not be entertained and processed physically.
- ix. ICCR scholarships are meant for admissions only in the Indian State/ Central Universities or colleges affiliated to and recognized by the Indian State and Central Universities from the list available on the Portal.
- x. ICCR does not offer scholarship for admissions in Private colleges or Universities.

- xi. In Indian Universities, in order to pursue studies in engineering, science streams, students should have studied Mathematics, Physics and Chemistry in high school. In biology-based science subjects, students should have studied Biology, Physics and Chemistry in high school. In order to avoid rejection from Universities/ Colleges, applicants are therefore advised to make their subject choices carefully and based on the subjects they have studied in high school.
- xii. List of Universities and lists of courses offered in various universities may be referred to on University websites by the applicants. List is given in the A2A Portal. This is to avoid time delays in processing applications, in case the course desired by an applicant is not available in a particular university.
- xiii. Applicants are advised to read all the instructions on the online portal for filling online application and leave no field blank.

2. Selection of Subjects, Courses and Universities

- i. For admission to science/ engineering course, an applicant should have studied mathematics, physics and chemistry at Higher Secondary level to be eligible.
- ii. Applicants should clearly mention the course to which they are seeking admission while mentioning choices.
- iii. For choosing options for Universities, applicants must refer to university websites or list of Universities where ICCR students are currently studying. List of Universities is available on the Scholarship Portal.
- iv. ICCR does not accept applications for Casual Research/ Diplomas/ Short-term courses.
- v. ICCR does not offer scholarship for MBBS/BDS courses.

3. Medium of instruction and English language proficiency

- i. Medium of instruction is English in all the Universities in India. Applicants should therefore have good knowledge of English to the extent that they are able to fluently speak in English and comprehend lessons in English without any difficulty.
- ii. Applicants should have taken English Language test administered by the Indian Missions.

B. ACCOMMODATION/ HOSTEL POLICY

- i. ICCR's accommodation policy has been revised. Until two years back ICCR scholarship holders were permitted to stay out of hostel in private accommodation after completion of their first year of studies. However, this policy has now changed and ICCR scholarship holders will have to mandatorily stay in hostel/ accommodation provided by the institute/University throughout the duration of their course.
- ii. Applicants should bear the above fact in mind before applying for ICCR scholarships and provide an Undertaking to this effect which will be a binding.
- iii. Once the admission is accepted by an applicant and joining formalities completed no request to stay out of accommodation provided by the University/ college would be accepted.
- iv. Decision taken by student on his/her own to move out of hostel accommodation, without seeking prior permission from ICCR would result in ICCR not paying for the rented accommodation. In such cases Student will have to bear his/her own expenses.
- v. In case of hostel accommodation, ICCR pays only hostel fee including electricity. It does not pay mess charges/security deposits/caution money. These are to be paid by the students once admitted.

C. MEDICAL FITNESS

- i. Applicant must be fully fit to be able to stay and complete his/her course in India and should not be suffering with any life-threatening ailment. Applicants diagnosed with T.B., Cancer, AIDS, and ailments affecting vital organs are advised not to apply for scholarships.
- ii. Applicant should produce a medical fitness certificate from the recognized hospital of his/her country certifying the above.
- iii. Medical fitness certificate should be provided in a prescribed format available online on the portal.
- iv. If a student is hospitalized in India for a period of one month or longer, the student's living allowance will be reduced by 50%.

- v. On discovery of ailments calling for long duration-treatment and long absence from college, the student would be repatriated to his/her country for treatment. Prolonged absence from college results in losses to both the student (since he/she will not be permitted to appear in the examination due to lack of mandatory attendance) and the Council.
- vi. ICCR bears cost for medical treatment for minor ailments as per Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) norms of Government of India and treatment is carried out in the government recognized hospitals ONLY. Any treatment taken by the student himself/herself in a private non-empaneled hospital will not be acceptable and processed for reimbursement.

D. VISA FOR STUDYING IN INDIA

- i. Students coming for Under Graduate (UG), Post Graduate (PG) courses should come with "Student Visa".
- ii. Applicants coming for M.Phil and PhD courses should come with "Research Visa"
- iii. Students intending to pursue M.Phil / Ph.D after completing their Post Graduation and even if they have sought provisional admission to M.Phil / Ph.D will have to return to their respective countries for the change of category of Visa from "Student Visa" to "Research Visa" on their passport.
- iv. As per guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs of Government of India, applicants coming to study in India should come with proper (student or research visa as the case may be). If the applicant enters the country without proper visa, even if his/her admission has been confirmed, will be deported to his/her country for the required change in visa at no cost to the Council and no guarantee of admission when he/she returns.
- v. Application for admission to M.Phil/Ph.D. has to be submitted online through the Indian Mission, as a fresh application for M. Phil/ Ph.D level course.

- vi. Applicant must attain the age of 18 Years on 1st July of the academic year as Indian law does not permit to open Saving Bank A/c for releasing the scholarship dues.

E. PROVISIONS IN SCHOLARSHIP OFFERED:

(1) Provisions under ICCR and MEA Scholarship programmes:

- i. Living allowances offered under the scholarship at different levels is as follows:

S. No	Course	Stipend (Per Month) Revised rates @ (Rs)	Contingent Grant * (per annum)	Thesis & Dissertation expenses
1	Undergraduate	18,000	5,500	--
2	Post Graduate	20,000	7,000	--
3	M.Phil./Ph.D	22,000	12,500	7,000
4	Post Doctoral Fellow	25,500	15,500	10,000

- ii. **@ Stipend Rates applicable from academic year 2019-20.**
- iii. * No contingent grant is paid if a student has failed and is repeating the course.
- iv. Tuition fee (TF) and other compulsory fees (OCF) (excluding security/refundable deposit) are directly paid as per actual to the institutions by the Council.
- v. Expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges for students pursuing science and agriculture courses will have to be borne by the students themselves. This expenditure is not part of the Scholarship offered.
- vi. Hostel fees are paid by the Council directly to the institutes/colleges. Mess charges are paid by the Students.
- vii. Return air fare, once while coming to join the course for return journey after completion of course, is provided only under the following Scholarship Schemes:

(1) Special Scholarship Scheme for Mauritian nationals ; (2) Bangladesh Scholarship Scheme; (3) Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme; Africa Scholarship Scheme; (4) Mekong Ganga Co-operation Scholarship Scheme; (5) Silver Jubilee Scholarship Scheme; (6) Aid to Maldives Scholarship Scheme; (7) India-Bangladesh Scholarship Scheme; (8) Nehru Memorial Scholarship Scheme; (9) Maulana Azad Scholarship Scheme; (10) Ayush Scholarship Scheme for BIMSTEC countries; (11) Ayush

Scholarship Scheme for non-BIMSTEC countries; (12) Ayush Scholarship Scheme for Malaysian nationals; (13) Ayush Scholarship Scheme for South East Asian Region (SEAR) Countries; (14) Commonwealth Scholarship Scheme; (15) Afghan National Defence and Security Forces.

- viii. ICCR bears cost for medical treatment for minor ailments as per Central Government Health Scheme (CGHS) norms of the Government of India and treatment is carried out in the government recognized hospitals ONLY.

(2) Provisions under Ministry of Ayush Scholarship programmes

S. No	Course	Course Year	Stipend (Per Month) @ (Rs)	Contingent Grant (per annum)	Thesis & Dissertation expenses
1	Undergraduate & Diploma	Throughout course duration	8000	4500	
2	MD	First year	15,800 + DA	12,000	7,000
		Second year	16,950 + DA		
		Third year	18,080 + DA		
3	PhD	First Year	18,702 + DA	12,000	10,000
		Second Year	19,323 + DA		

- Family allowance is offered only in the scholarship offered by the Ministry of Ayush for yoga and allied courses.
- There is no revision in the Stipend, Contingent Grant and Thesis/ Dissertation rates for Ayush Scholarship Schemes.

Disclaimer: It is clarified here that ICCR has no role in providing or confirming the admissions. Submission of application on A2A Portal does not guarantee confirmed admission. Applications received from candidates and forwarded by Missions to ICCR are in-turn forwarded by ICCR through its Regional Offices to the Indian State/ Central Universities. Indian Universities/ Educational institutions are autonomous and independent bodies and have their own eligibility criteria on the basis of which admissions are confirmed by respective Universities and communicated to ICCR, which in turn conveys confirmation of admission through 6 | P a g e Indian Missions to the applicants. Admission confirmed by a University in respect of a particular student is non-transferable.
