

ICCR Scholarships for Academic Year 2024-25

ICCR Scholarships 2024-25 for Academic Year 2024-25 by the Indian Council of Cultural Relations, Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India:

The Consulate General of India, Erbil (Kurdistan Region in Iraq) is pleased to announce ICCR Scholarships Scheme for international students for Undergraduate, Post-Graduate and PhD programs in select Indian Universities. Applications are invited for academic year 2024-25. The scholarships are available for courses in engineering, science, agriculture, commerce and economics, Arts, Humanities & Social Sciences etc but do not include Medical/ Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/anesthesia etc) /fashion/law courses /integrated courses such as B.A. LLB (5 Years) / B.Sc. & M.Sc. (5 Years) etc.

Interested candidates from IRAQ (including Kurdistan Region) can apply under the following schemes:

- 1. Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme (UG, PG and Ph.D. Courses)**
- 2. Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (Indian Dance, Music, Sculpture making, Indian Theatre, Cuisine Courses)**

The scholarship includes full tuition fees, a monthly stipend or living allowance, a house rent allowance, a one-time thesis and dissertation expense, and a return economy class airfare to the nearest airport and 3rd AC train fare to the place of study. Disbursement of all scholarship payments to students would be through PFMS (Public Financial Management System).

Applicants must be

- (1) minimum 18 years old as on 30 April 2023 and not older than 30 years for undergraduate or postgraduate courses and 45 years for Ph.D. courses
- (2) meritorious student
- (3) well versed in English
- (4) medically fit and
- (5) holder of passport valid for the entire duration of the course they are applying for.

How to Apply:

Applicants should register and apply directly for specific courses on the ICCR A2A Scholarship Portal (<http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>). Interested students are advised to visit the university/institute website and do thorough research on 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 (www.ugc.ac.in) and the concerned university/institute's website for eligibility criteria etc. They are also advised to make themselves familiar with the living conditions at the University/place.

All interested candidates are required to register at this portal with a valid email ID which they will be using during the duration of their academic relationship with ICCR. Thereafter applicants should submit/upload their application with true copies of all relevant documents as required by the A2A portal. They are advised to thoroughly go through the guidelines for students available on the portal. For any technical assistance in the application procedure, the applicant may contact a2asupport.iccr@gov.in. The A2A portal as well as email should be checked regularly for any updates.

Kindly note that there are limited scholarship slots and selection is based on merit.

Applicants have the option to apply to 5 Universities/Institutes in the order of their preference of study. It may be noted that for engineering courses, students should mandatorily have Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) in Grades 11 and 12. Mark sheets for each level (Grade 10 and Grade 12 or 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 applications can be summarily rejected by Universities.

As the medium of instruction is in English, applicants are required to write and submit a 500-word essay in English at the time of application to ascertain their English Proficiency. Besides, students can also submit their TOFEL/ IELTS etc. standardised test scores, if available. Universities/ institutes may interview the applicants online, if so required.

Important

Familiarization with India: The applicants need to have a realistic assessment of India and of the living conditions in the country's educational institutions. ICCR may amend some provisions of scholarships from time to time and it is incumbent on students to accept the revised norms.

If the concerned education institute provides hostel accommodation, the scholarship students would be expected to stay in the hostel. If not, they can stay in private accommodation.

Where required by the concerned University, students are advised to obtain an equivalence certificate from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) also. 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 their own expense (non-reimbursable). For any further details/queries, students may contact AIU at (+911123230059 / 23237097 | 23232305 Extn' 2tO, 234, 252, Email id: studentinfo@aiu.ac.in , ds-international@aiu.ac.in , evaluation@aiu.ac.in The ICCR scholarship will not include medical coverage. And compulsory personal medical insurance is a mandatory requirement for availing ICCR scholarship. **ICCR scholarship students must procure a Medical Insurance policy with a minimum sum assured of Indian Rupees 500,000 which is equivalent to US\$6100 per annum.**

Scholarship awardees may note that for science courses the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.

Successful candidates will be provided visa for India, a copy of the visa must be uploaded by the applicant on A2A portal. After issuing the visa, the Indian Consulate in Erbil will arrange the travel passage. Once the ticket is purchased, the student should upload the travel details on the A2A portal.

Admission, as far as possible, shall be given as per the applicant's preference, or from any of their five preferences.

Deadlines

Admission applications from interested students are invited online through ICCR's A2A Scholarship Portal <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/> as per the following timeline:

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| 04 April, 2024 | Opening of ICCR A2A Portal for inviting applications from candidates. |
| 31 May, 2024 | Last date of application to be submitted by students (only for Africa Scholarship Scheme). |
| 30 June, 2024 | Last date by which Universities are to inform the decision whether student has been admitted or not (if confirmed, intimation to Missions if rejected intimation |

to students

- 15 July, 2024** Last date for Indian Missions to allocate scholarships to students and generate Offer Letters.
- 25 July, 2024** Last date for acceptance by students; while sending their acceptance, the students would have to email scans of the following:
1. Document duly consularized/attested by their Foreign Office; these inter alia would include: a. educational documents b. birth certificate c. passport d. medical fitness certificate
 2. Valid medical insurance policy certificate
 3. Association of Indian Universities (AIU) Equivalence Certificate if stipulated by the concerned Indian University/Institute in their Provisional Confirmation letter for the applicant
 4. Self-attested affidavit confirming that they have not availed of any ICCR scholarship in the past. {Important: The students would have to show, at the time of visa/ ticketing process, all the above documents in original. Needless to mention, any lacuna at the original document scrutiny stage would render the offer of scholarship cancelled .
- 10 August, 2024** Based on the number of acceptances in the first round (if acceptances are less than the scholarship seats allocated), Indian Mission to offer vacant scholarship slots to other students in the waiting list.
- 20 August, 2024** Second-round students to convey their acceptances.
