

**Embassy of India
Baghdad**

Highlights of admission process for the Academic Year 2024-25 under *Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme (A1201)* (formerly known as General Scholarship Scheme) for the academic year 2024-25.

- 1) The 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 on offer. Students should therefore be prepared to receive admission from any of their five preferences.
- 2) Since last 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 Missions, as was earlier.
- 3) Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities. We have requested Universities to inform students if their application is rejected.
- 4) 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.
- 5) The guidelines of all schemes are available on the Portal and it may be used by students.
- 6) 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.
- 7) Interested students may visit respective University/Institute website regularly course 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 are also advised to refer to the University's Handbook/UGC's website etc.
- 8) It may be noted that for BE/B.Tech course, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) 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 alongwith 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 are advised to thoroughly check their applications and attach requisite documents before submission of the application.

- 9) The applicant's age for availing scholarship is as under on the date of opening of portal-
For Undergraduate / Postgraduate courses – between 18 to 40 years and
For PhD Programme – 50 years (maximum)
- 10) The admissions in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/anesthesia etc.)/fashion/law courses/integrated courses such as BALLB (5 years)/ B.Sc & M.Sc (5 years) etc. are not admissible.
- 11) Please note that the Science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.
- 12) It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance Policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakh per annum. Students are informed 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, Portal has two insurance companies for referral purpose. ICCR has uploaded the revised norms on its Portal.
- 13) It may also be mentioned that ICCR may amend some provision of scholarships from time to time and it is incumbent on students to accept the revised norms.
- 14) Students should ensure the submission of the following details on **Gyan Setu App** withing 15 days of their arrival in India, else payment of their scholarship dues might be delayed.

I. Passport No

II. Joining Report (including joining date and duration of the Courses)

III. Bank Account No.

IV. e-FRRO registration no.

- 15) 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.
- 16) 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.
- 17) Undertaking from the student that they have read the terms and conditions/Guidelines of ICCR scholarship as specified in the Scholarship Manual 2024-25 (the one time undertaking will be applicable even when scholarship manual is updated (as per 36 like provisions), available on Portal.
- 18) To automate the entire manual work process of ICCR's scholarship, ICCR has launched an application '**Gyan Setu-connecting Culture through Knowledge**'. Since the inception of Gyan Setu app, all the scholarship dues to the Universities/Institutes as well as the Students, are being released through this app only. The features of Gyan Setu applicable to Students and other stakeholders are elaborated at **Annexure 'C'**

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

(20) Role of Scholars/Students – Post Arrival of Students in India :

- (i) Students are directed to report their arrival on the Gyan_Setu web application on an immediate basis.
- (ii) Students are required to coordinate with their respective Universities/Institutes regarding updation of their details such as joining report on the app.
- (iii) Submission & Verification of Documents/Confirmation of Admission-To submit the original documents and verify the details mentioned in the Portal during the admission process with their original documents including Passport, previous degree certificates, country's unique identification number, in order to confirm the admission of students and get the Hostel Accommodation as soon as the admission is confirmed.

PLEASE NOTE- The details entered in the Portal, if in case does not match with the original documents, the admission of the said student be termed as CANCELLED.
