

Aatal Bihari Vajpayee scholarship scheme for the academic year 2024-25

The ICCR is pleased to announce 638 scholarship slots under the “Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme for the academic year 2024-25. This scholarship is for studying Indian culture, including dance, music, theatre, performing arts, sculpture, Indian languages, Indian cuisine, etc., at Indian Universities or Institutes.

With the inception of new “Study In India” portal (where all the foreign students coming to India to pursue various courses needs to register mandatorily). Earlier the applications were invited directly on ICCR’s A2A Scholarship portal <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/>

The timeline for applying for ICCR scholarship has been revised and would be as under:-

04 April-2024	Open of Portal for inviting applications from interested candidates
31 May-2024	Last date of application to be submitted by students.
30 June-2024	Last date of Universities to inform the decision (if confirmed, intimation to Missions, if rejected, intimation to students).
15 July-2024	Last date for allocating scholarship and generating Offer Letters by Indian Mission abroad
25-July-2024	Last date of acceptance by students.
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 scholarship to other students who were not considered in the first round.
20 August-2024	Second-round students to convey their acceptance.

Students are advised to visit respective University/Institute website regularly 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 would be also advised to refer to the University’s Handbook/ University Grants Commission’s website etc.

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.

The applicant's age for availing scholarship is as under on the date of opening of portal:-

For Undergraduate/ Postgraduate courses- between 18-40 Years and
For PhD Programmes-50 Years Maximum

It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum. Students 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.

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

For any further queries, interested applicant may contact:
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