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Announcement of Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) scholarships slots under **Atal Bihari Vaipayee General Scholarship Scheme (A1201)** (formerly Known as General Scholarship Scheme) at Indian Universities/Institutes for the academic year 2025-26.

The applications from interested international students for academic year 2025-26 will be invited online through ICCR's **A2A Scholarship Portal** <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>, which will be operational from **20th February 2025**.

Last date of submission: **30th April 2025**



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## **Highlights of admission process for the Academic Year 2025–26 under Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme (A1201) (formerly known as General Scholarship Scheme)**

- Only Universities/Institutes having excellent academic reputation, requisite facilities to host foreign students, dedicated office of ISA to address the issues of foreign students already having sizeable number of foreign students are empanelled. The list of criteria for empanelment is decided by ICCR, and may be amended from time to time if required.
- 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.
- Since 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. Standardised Test scores, if available. ICCR is also requesting Universities/institutes to conduct interview of the applicants online, if so required.
- Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities.
- The guidelines of all schemes are available on the Portal.
- The scholarship slot include return economy class air-fares to the airport nearest to the place of study and 3rd AC Train fare from airport to the place of study, if so required.



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- The interested 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 are also advised to refer to the University's Handbook / University Grants Commission's website.
- It may be noted that for BE / B. Tech courses, 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 should be advised to thoroughly check their applications and attach requisite documents before submission of the application.

Applicant's age for availing scholarship is as under:-

- For Undergraduate / Postgraduate courses between 18 to 40 Years and **(18 years as on date 01.07.2025)**
- For PhD Programmes - 50 Years Maximum.
- The admissions in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/ anaesthesia etc.) /fashion/law courses/integrated courses such as BALLB (5 Years)/B. Sc. & M. Sc. (5 Years) etc. are not admissible.
- Please note that for Science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.



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- Scholarship is awarded only to a student who intends to **study in India; has no serious health issues;** has not submitted incomplete / fraudulent documentation or any other such parameters, which may negate our objective of promoting goodwill through scholarships.
- 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 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.

### **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 A2A 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**.



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- 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.
- 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.
- 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 para 36 like provisions), available on Portal.
- Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships are available on the Portal.