



REPUBLIC OF KENYA

MINISTRY OF EDUCATION

STATE DEPARTMENT FOR UNIVERSITY EDUCATION & RESEARCH

ANNOUNCEMENT

INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS (ICCR) SCHOLARSHIPS FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Ministry is in receipt of information that the Government of India through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is offering scholarships to eligible international students for study of Indian culture under “**ICCR Scholarship Scheme for Indian Culture- (A1209)**” tenable in five Indian Universities/Institutes for Academic session **2022-2023**.

Applications from interested students will be invited online through ICC's A2A Scholarship Portal at:

<https://www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in> . The portal will be open for application from **January 2022 to 30th April 2022**.

The key highlights of the scholarships are as follows:

1. Applicants have the option to apply to 5 universities/institutions in order of their preference of study. List of participating Universities/Institutions can be accessed on A2A portal under 'University' link.
2. Applicants are also required to upload dully filled Physical Fitness Form which can be downloaded from the A2A portal under 'Guidelines' link. Requisite academic documents and testimonials must also be uploaded.
3. Applicants must be within the **age bracket of 18-30 years** at the time of admission in Indian Universities/Institutes. Students under the age of 18 years are not permitted by the Indian banking rules to open a saving account for releasing of scholarship dues.

4. A 500-words essay in English has been introduced to ascertain a candidate's English proficiency. Besides, applicants can also submit their TOFEL/IELTS etc. standardized Test scores if available. Universities may also conduct separate online interviews for applicants if so required.
5. Admission remains provisional until the time Universities verify the authenticity of original documents.
6. Once the admission is confirmed by the relevant university in India, the High Commission of India in Nairobi will decide on the award of scholarship to the applicant and issue a letter of award of scholarship. Decision of the Mission in award of scholarship will be given priority in the award of scholarship.
7. Students who have previously not availed ICCR scholarship will be given priority in award of scholarship.
8. Selected candidates will be required to procure a mandatory personal medical insurance with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum (equivalent to US\$ 6800). Student may procure medical insurance either before travel or immediately on reaching India from any of the insurance companies of their choice. However, to facilitate students, A2A portal has two insurance companies for referral purpose.
9. Scholarship includes one return economy class airfares to the airport nearest to the University/ Institute and 3rd AC Train fare to the nearest place of study, if so required. No ticket will be provided for students visiting own country during vacation.
10. For technical assistance, applicants may contact ICCR on email: a2asupport.iccr@gov.in or Vipin.bisht@velocis.com.in ; Tel.No.+91 8130516503 from 7:30AM to 3:30PM (EAT). Any other inquiries regarding the scholarship may be sent to Education section, High Commission of India, Nairobi on email: com.nairobi@mea.gov.in