

Annexure 'A'

**Indian Council for Cultural Relations,
Azad Bhavan, IP Estate, New Delhi – 110 002
(Scholarship Section)**

Details of 129 slots under Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme (A1206) (formerly Cultural Exchange Programme / Education Exchange Programme) for the academic year 2025-26 without airfare

Sl. No.	Name of Country	Slots	Remarks
1	Australia	2	UG / PG / PhD
2	Belarus	2	UG / PG / PhD
3	Brazil	2	UG / PG / PhD
4	Bulgaria	6	1 for UG / PG; 5 for One Year Certificate course in Hindi
5	Canada	2	UG / PG / PhD
6	Chile	2	UG / PG / PhD
7	People's Republic of China	25	One Year Certificate course in Hindi
8	Cyprus	2	PG / PhD
9	France	2	UG / PG / PhD
10	Guyana	2	UG / PG / PhD
11	Indonesia	2	UG / PG / PhD
12	Israel	5	PG
13	Lao PDR	2	Buddhist Studies
14	Malaysia	2	UG / PG / PhD
15	Mongolia	10	UG / PG / PhD
16	Myanmar	6	UG / PG / PhD
17	Norway	2	UG / PG / PhD
18	Romania	5	2 for UG; 3 for PG
19	Russia	2	UG / PG / PhD
20	Spain	5	PhD
21	Suriname	4	PG / PhD
22	Syria	5	UG / PG / PhD
23	Thailand	4	UG / PG / PhD
24	Uzbekistan	5	UG / PG / PhD
25	Yemen	23	UG / PG / PhD
	TOTAL	129	

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**Highlights of admission process for the Academic Year 2025-26 under Dr. S.
Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme (A1206) (formerly Cultural
Exchange Programme / Education Exchange Programme) – 129 Slots without airfare**

- 1) 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.
- 2) 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. **Missions may consult ICCR HQ** in certain cases where some particular Universities / institutes are oversubscribed and the next preference will have to be exercised.
- 3) 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. Standardised 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.
- 4) Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities. We have requested Universities to inform students if their application is rejected.
- 5) 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.
- 6) As far as possible, **Mission is requested to kindly award scholarships to new students and avoid repeat scholarship.**
- 7) Before issuing offer letter to any student, Missions are advised to ensure that student obtains the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) equivalence also (if required). This would be stipulated by the concerned University / Institute in their Provisional Confirmation letter for the applicant (**uploaded on 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 own expense (non-reimbursable). For any further details / queries, students may contact AIU at (+911123230059 / 23231097 / 23232305 Extn. 210, 234, 252, E-mail id: studentinfo@aiu.ac.in, ds_international@aiu.ac.in, evaluation@aiu.ac.in

8. The guidelines of all schemes are available on the Portal and it may be used for disseminating amongst the interested candidates. The official should also scrutinize all the online admissions and forward the same with his/her signature. All Missions may like to use the scholarship e-brochure recently brought out by ICCR for publicity of ICCR scholarships (available in e-book section of ICCR website and Portal, was also emailed to all Missions). Missions may wish to reach out to local Ministry of Education, Universities / schools / prominent educational institutions and make presentations on ICCR scholarships; hold roadshows, etc. to popularise the scholarship schemes.

9. While publicizing the scheme, interested students may be 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.

10. 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.

11. Mission must ensure that the 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.

12. 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.

13. Please note that for Science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.

14. It is also important to ensure that a scholarship is awarded only after the Mission is satisfied that student 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.

15. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum. Mission is requested to inform applicants 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. Missions should also make appropriate changes in their website / social media handles so that students who would be applying for ICCR scholarship for upcoming academic year are aware of the change in medical insurance policy. ICCR has uploaded the revised norms on its Portal.

- iii. Bank Account No.
- iv. e-FRRO registration no.

19. By way of a suggestion, Mission may proactively promote ICCR scholarship schemes to attract the best and brightest applicants and also nominate greater students for Postgraduate and Higher Courses.

20. 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.

21. 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.

22. 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.

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

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