SCHOLARSHIP ANNOUNCEMENT

The Ministry of Education and Skills Development is pleased to announce the availability of *25 Undergraduate Scholarship* slots under Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) funding to pursue engineering courses at Indian Universities and Institutes for the academic session 2023-2024. As such, all class XII graduates of 2022 (not repeaters) from both within and outside the country meeting the following eligibility criteria are encouraged to apply.

Sl.	Area	Slots	Eligibility criteria	Funding	Place of study and agency
6	BE/B.Tech Engineering	25	Min. average of 81% and above in English plus three relevant subjects. (Min.65% marks each in Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics with 55% in English)	ICCR	India (Open invitation)
	Total	**25**			

As usual, the applications will be invited online through ICCR's A2A Scholarship portal http://12ascholarships.iccr.gov.in

1. The candidates are required to apply from February 20 till April 30, 2023.
2. Prior to submitting the application, the candidates need to process the following documents to be uploaded (scanned copies in admissible size) online.
   ◆ Medical Certificate - (from referral hospitals only)
   ◆ Medical Fitness Certificate - (from hospital)
   ◆ Birth Certificate - (from JDWNRH)
   ◆ English Language Proficiency Certificate (from BCSEA,Thimphu)
   ◆ Passport/Citizenship Identity Card
   ◆ School Leaving Certificate - (from school last attended)
   ◆ Migration Certificate - (from school last attended)
   ◆ Class X & XII - Mark Sheets & Certificates
   ◆ Passport size photograph (soft & 04 hard copies)

3. As per the requirement, applicants for ICCR scholarships must attain 18 years at the time of admission in the Indian Universities/institutes and that they should not be older than 30 years of age (as of April 30, 2023).

4. To ensure a high standard, universities/ Institutes with accreditation of NAAC (A and above) rating/ NIRF (rank between 1-150) have been listed on the A2A Scholarship Portal.

5. As per the A2A admission process, applications will be directly sent by respective universities instead of processing at Embassy of India, Thimphu and ICCR. The change will automate the process and the Universities will be able to see the applications received directly from the students.

6. Applicants have the **option to apply to 5 universities / institutes** in the order of their preference of study. As far as possible, admission will be assigned as per the applicant's preferences. However, there may be a situation where students do not get admission in their first or second preferred universities / institutes due to the limited number of seats on offer. **Hence, the applicants should give their preferences very carefully and should be able to accept admission in any University/stream of study mentioned in their list of preferences. No request for change of University/stream of study will be entertained if the offer is from the list of preferences of the student.**

7. In certain cases, students should be prepared to accept admission even outside those choices as per the exigent circumstances.

8. For the AY 2023-24, a 500-word essay is mandatory to ascertain English proficiency of the applicants. Students are welcome to submit their ToFEL /IELTS etc. and other standardized test scores, if available. Universities/ institutes may also conduct interviews of the applicants, if required.

9. Embassy/ICCR will endeavour and make every effort to accommodate all the recommended students, however there is no guarantee that each of the 25 students recommended for admission to undergraduate Engineering courses with ICCR scholarship will secure admission for sure. Hence, only the meritorious and most deserving students fulfilling the criteria must apply, increasing the chances of being accommodated.

10. Applicants who are not accepted will be informed of such decisions by the respective Universities/institutes.

11. Applicants must regularly visit the websites of the Universities/ Institute listed on the ICCR A2A portal and satisfy regarding the course offered, eligibility criteria and general information about the University/Institute. *Students should make sure that they are eligible to apply for a particular course before they submit their applications*.

12. It may be noted that incomplete applications without required supporting documents are likely to be summarily rejected by the universities.

13. It may be ensured that all applicants should be serious about studying in India and do not have any major/serious health problems that may infringe his/her course of study.

Students are expected to reside in the hostel accommodation of the Universities/Institutes for their own safety and security.

14. Compulsory personal medical insurance is now a mandatory requirement for availing of ICCR's scholarship. It is mandatory for all ICCR scholarship recipients to procure a Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum, prior to their travel to India to commence their studies. Students (scholarship recipients) can purchase this medical insurance from any of the insurance companies of their choice.

15. Detailed guidelines on the process for applying for ICCR Engineering Scholarship and the procedure and norms governing the same are provided on the A2A portal.

For any clarifications/query, please contact:

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