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Press Release

Scholarship Schemes offered by ICCR for the academic year 2026-27

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has announced the following scholarship schemes for the academic intake 2026-27:

- Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme
- Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme
- Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme
- QUAD STEM Scholarship Scheme

2. The scholarships cover tuition fees, monthly stipend, house rent allowance, contingent grant, thesis and dissertation expenses. Airfare is also provided for the candidates selected under the Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme, the Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme and QUAD STEM Scholarship Scheme. The list of universities / institutions empanelled with ICCR for these scholarships can be found at <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/assets/site/docs/universities.pdf>.

3. Under the **“Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme”** (formerly known as the General Scholarship Scheme (GSS)) students can pursue undergraduate, postgraduate, research, and general courses at Indian Universities/Institutes. Malaysia is allocated 3 slots under this scholarship scheme.

4. Under the **“Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme”** (formerly known as the Cultural Exchange Programme (CEP) / Education Exchange Programme (EEP)) students can pursue undergraduate, postgraduate, and doctoral courses at Indian Universities/Institutes. Malaysia is allocated 2 slots under this scholarship scheme.

5. Under the **“Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme”** (formerly known as the ICCR Scholarship Scheme for Indian Culture) students can pursue study of Indian Culture in fields such as dance, music, theatre, performing arts, sculpture, Indian languages, Indian cuisine, etc., at Indian Universities/Institutes. ICCR provides 100 scholarships under this scheme, but there is no country-wise allocation for this scheme.

6. Under the **QUAD STEM Scholarship Scheme**, Malaysia is allocated 1 slot under this scholarship scheme. Under this scheme, students in the age group of 18 to 35 years (as of 1st July 2026) can pursue 4-years bachelor level engineering courses at the following universities / institutions:

- Malaviya National Institute of Technology, Jaipur (Rajasthan)
- National Institute of Technology, Durgapur (West Bengal)
- National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli (Tamil Nadu)
- Delhi Technological University, New Delhi (Delhi)
- National Institute of Technology, Warangal (Telangana)
- Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi (Kerala)
- Anna University, Chennai (Tamil Nadu)
- Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology, New Delhi (Delhi)

7. The **last date for submission of application is 15th April 2026**. Applicants may apply to 5 Universities/Institutes in the order of their preference of study.

8. A **500-word essay in English** has to be submitted to ascertain the applicant's English Proficiency. Besides, applicants can also submit their TOFEL/ IELTS etc. Standardized Test scores, if available.

9. Interested students are advised to visit University/Institute website and do thorough research of the 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/Institutes in addition to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form. They should always refer to the Universities Handbook / University Grants Commission's website and the concerned University/Institute's website for the eligibility criteria, etc.

10. The general guideline to apply for the scholarship provided by ICCR are as follows:

- Applicants should have attained a minimum age of 18 years at the time of admission in Indian Universities / Institutes and not more than 35 years of age for undergraduate and postgraduate courses (as of 1st July 2026).
- For PhD Programmes, applicants should have attained a minimum age of 18 years at the time of admission in Indian Universities/Institutes and not more than 40 years of age (as of 1st July 2026).
- Medical-related courses (including nursing, physiotherapy, etc), fashion-related courses, law courses, and integrated courses e.g. BA-LLB, BSc-MSc, BTech-MTech courses are not included under these scholarship schemes.
- The application will not be considered without English translation of the documents, if the original documents are not in English.
- Selected students will be required to submit a medical fitness certificate both to the Mission and also to be uploaded on A2A portal.
- If stipulated by the University/Institute in their offer letter, the applicants must obtain an **Equivalence Certificate** from the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), by applying at <https://evaluation.aiu.ac.in/student/login> and bear the fees incurred on obtaining the certificate at own expense (non-reimbursable). For details about obtaining the Equivalence Certificate, students may contact AIU by telephone at +91 11 2323 0059 / 2323 1097 / 2323 2305 extn 210,234, 252; and by email to studentinfo@aiu.ac.in, ds_international@aiu.ac.in, evaluation@aiu.ac.in
- It is essential for the applicants to familiarize themselves with living conditions at their destination/University, wherever possible.
- ICCR advises students to stay in 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.
- Students selected under the scholarship schemes must obtain their visa and register with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) via the **Study In India (SII) portal**.

➤ Student are advised to visit https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/assets/site/docs/Policy_Guidelines.pdf for detailed ICCR Scholarship guidelines.

11. Interested applicants can apply via **ICCR's "A2A Scholarship portal"** <<http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>>, the link is open from 27th February 2026 onwards.

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