



**Embassy of India
Bishkek**

Announcement of ICCR's Scholarship Scheme for Academic Year 2024-25

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has announced the **Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme (A1201)** at Indian Universities/ Institutes for the academic year 2024-25. It has allotted 4 scholarship slots for nationals of the Kyrgyz Republic.

2. Applications from interested international students are invited online through ICCR's A2A scholarship portal <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in> Students are welcome to apply to universities/institutes in the order of preference.

3. 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 would also be advised to refer to the University's Handbook/ University Grants Commission's website etc.

4. 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 are advised to thoroughly check their applications and attach requisite documents before submission of the application.

5. The applicant's age for availing scholarship is as under on the date of opening of portal:-

For Undergraduate/ Postgraduate courses- between 18-40 Years and

For PhD Programmes-50 Years Maximum

6. 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 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.

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

8. Once the student would obtain admission on the A2A portal and the Mission/Post decides to award scholarship to that particular student, he/she (student) would be advised to register on SII portal for obtaining Unique ID and further process including obtaining visa and registration with **FRRO (VISA and registration with the FRRO are to be processed on SII portal).**

The timeline for applying for the ICCR Scholarship has been revised accordingly and would be as under:-

12 April 2024	Opening of Portal for inviting applications from interested students.
15 June 2024	Last date of application to submit application on portal.
30 June 2024	Last date by which Universities are to inform the decision whether the student is admitted or rejected (if confirmed, intimation to Missions. If rejected, intimation to students).
15 July 2024	Last date for Indian Missions abroad to decide on allocation of Scholarship and generating Offer Letters.
25 July 2024	Last date for students to confirm/reject acceptance of offer of scholarship.
10 August 2024	Based on the number of acceptances in the first round (if acceptances are less than the scholarship seats allocated) Indian Mission to offer Scholarship to other students who were not considered in the first round.
20 August 2024	Second-round students to convey their acceptances.

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