## Announcement of ICCR Africa Scholarship Scheme for 2021-2022

The Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Ministry of External Affairs is offering 13 slots to Egyptian students under its **Africa Scholarship Scheme** for the academic year 2021-2022 for studying in Under-graduate, Post-graduate and PhD courses in various Indian Universities/Institutes.

## The deadline for submission of applications for the UG, PG and PhD courses is 23<sup>rd</sup> April 2021.

Interested students should register and apply on the ICCR <u>A2A Scholarship portal</u> and submit the Application to the Embassy.

## <u>The applicant has to register and apply online on the **ICCR Scholarship Portal "Admission 2 Alumni**" at <u>http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/</u></u>

Login to Embassy of India ICCR webpage (https://www.eoicairo.gov.in/page/iccrscholarship/) for regular updates

After completing all the details and successful online submission, a printed hard copy may be sent, along with necessary copies of the requisite enclosures (Document attached) to the <u>Embassy of India, 5 Aziza Abaza Street, Zamalek, Cairo</u>

Some of the *main highlights* of the Scholarship Scheme are as follows:

1. According to the new admission policy, applications will be directly sent by students to respective universities instead of processing at mission level and universities will be able to see the applications received directly from the students. Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities.

2. For AY 2021-22, 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. Universities/ institutes may conduct interview of the applicants online, if so required.

3. The age limit for **PhD courses** is 45 years. Students should exercise due diligence & research in a dedicated manner on the specific admission criteria laid down by various Universities for each subject and submit all relevant documentation as required by the Universities in addition to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form.

4. Since the medium of instructions for the course is English, the applicant should be able to speak, read and write in English. It is advised that only those students proficient in

English may apply. Applicant must be above 18 years of age.

5. All students shall stay in University hostels in India.

6. **Compulsory personal medical insurance** is a mandatory requirement for availing of ICCR's scholarship. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs (INR 500000/-) which is equivalent to US\$6800 per annum

7. Only applications submitted through the A2A Scholarship Portal will be considered. All the instructions, guidelines, FAQs, Universities List and other details are available on the A2A Scholarship Portal. Students are also requested to browse for additional information and requirement of the proposed University, through its website.

8. The scholarship will cover airfare, tuition fees, living allowance, and basic health cover.

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