



**High Commission of India
Windhoek**

Announcement of two scholarship schemes for Namibian nationals

**The India-Africa Maitri Scholarships and
Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship**

Last date of application: 30 April 2025

Government of India under the aegis of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) offers scholarships to Namibian nationals within the framework of two Scholarship Schemes for the academic year 2025-26:

- (I) The India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme for study at under-graduate, post-graduate or research levels in various prestigious universities and educational institutions in India. There are 131 Universities for this year scholarships.
- (II) Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme for pursuing study of Indian Culture such as dance, music, theatre, performing art, sculpture, Indian languages, Indian cuisine, etc at Indian Universities / Institutes.

These scholarships include enrollment and course fees, besides living expenses for the full duration of the course and return economy class airfares to the nearest international airport in India and then train fare (if needed) to the place of study.

Applicants are requested to log onto “Admissions to Alumni” (A2A), the Scholarship Portal of ICCR at <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/> that contains all relevant information for the applicants including details of all State Universities, Central Universities and Institutes, colleges affiliated with them, courses available, availability of hostels, applications guidelines, eligibility criteria and other relevant information for helping the applicants in decision-making while applying for the academic courses of their preference.

Please carefully note the following:

- Opening of portal for inviting applications on **20 February 2025**.
- Applications should be submitted **latest by 30 April 2025** through the online application mechanism. **Applications will only be accepted through the portal**. Applicants can apply to up to five universities of their choice.
- Only students proficient in English will be recommended for admission. Students are required to write a 500 word essay in English for ascertaining English proficiency. Besides, students can also submit their TOFEL/IELTS scores, if available.
- Applications **should be complete** in every detail. Kindly read the guidelines on the portal.
- Applicants should **clearly mention the course** to which they are seeking admission while mentioning choices.
- Applicants are advised to **go through the courses offered** by the Universities carefully before finally submitting the application form.
- ICCR, as a policy does not permit mid-term changes of the courses/institutes or leave the course in any situation (only with the exception of medical emergency).
- Applicant must submit a **medical fitness certificate** from the recognized hospital in the prescribed format available with the online application form. Applicants are also required to procure compulsorily personal medical insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Hundred Thousand which is equivalent to USD 6000 per annum.
- Applicant must also submit a police clearance or police verification certificate.
- Students applying for **M.Phil/Doctoral/Post-Doctoral** courses should submit a **synopsis** along with the application.
- For science courses, **the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges** will be borne by the students themselves.
- Students wishing to pursue **performing arts** should upload **Video/Audio/YouTube** link.
- An applicant should have studied **mathematics, physics and chemistry** at Higher Secondary level to be eligible for admission to **BE / B Tech/Engineering courses**.
- **Admissions in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/anaesthesia etc.)/fashion/law courses/integrated courses such as BALLB (5 years)/BSc & Msc (5 years) etc are not offered.**
- ICCR advises students to stay in the campus hostels, if available. Students are allowed to stay in private accommodation only subject to approval from the concerned institute.

- Only students between the age of 18 - 40 years (upto 50 years for PhD students) at the time of admission in Universities/Institutes will be recommended for admissions.
- Submission of application form does not guarantee confirmed admission.
- Indian Universities/ Educational institutions are autonomous and independent bodies and have their own eligibility criteria on the basis of which they confirm admissions.

ICCR Scholarship Application Portal <http://a2scholarships.iccr.gov.in/>

For any further queries, interested students may contact High Commission of India, 97 Nelson Mandela Avenue, Klein Windhoek by e-mail edu.windhoek@mea.gov.in or call: 061-226037/228433
