



High Commission of India, Windhoek announces prestigious ICCR India-Africa Maitri Scholarship for Namibian nationals.

(Opening of portal for inviting applications from interested candidates on 4th April 2024 and last date of application is 31st May, 2024).

Government of India under the aegis of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) offers scholarships within the framework of the Africa Scholarship Scheme to Namibian nationals wishing to study at under-graduate, post-graduate or research levels in various prestigious universities and educational institutions in India during the academic year 2024- 25.

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 on to “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:

- Applications should be submitted **latest by 31st May 2024** 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. Reputed institutes/University/ Institutes with accreditation of NAAC (A and above) rating/NIRF (rank between 1-150) are listed on A2A Scholarship Portal.
- ICCR, as a policy does not permit mid-term changes of the courses/institutes or leaving of 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 Lakhs per annum (Indian Rupees Five Hundred Thousand).
- **Applicant must also submit a police clearance or police verification certificate.**
- Secondary level to be eligible for admission to BE/B Tech/Engineering courses Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCIV) are compulsory in 11 and 12 Grades and it is a mandatory requirement for Engineering courses. Mark sheets for each i.e. level 10 and 10+2 equivalent level of school should be uploaded along with the transcripts in English.
- 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.
- The application will not be considered without English translation of documents if the original documents are not in English.
- Please note that for Science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.
- 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.
- Age limit for Undergraduate / Postgraduate courses between 18 to 40 Years and For PhD Programmes- 50 Years maximum.
- Submission of application form does not guarantee confirmed admission.
- once the student has obtained admission on A2A portal and the Mission/Post has decided to award scholarship to that particular student, he/she(student) may 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).**
- Indian Universities/ Educational institutions are autonomous and independent bodies and have their own eligibility criteria on the basis of which they confirm admissions.
- Undertaking from the student that they have read the terms and conditions / Guidelines of ICCR scholarship as specified in the Scholarship manual 2024-25 {the one time undertaking will be applicable even when scholarship manual is updated (as per para 36 like provisions), available on Portal.

ICCR Scholarship Application Portal <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/>

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