

**Embassy of India  
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**“Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme” for pursuing study of Indian Culture for the academic year 2023-24**

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is pleased to announce 100 scholarships slots for the academic year 2023-24 under the ‘Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme’ for pursuing study of Indian Culture in fields such as dance, music, theatre, performing arts, sculpture, Indian languages , Indian cuisine etc. at Indian Universities/Institutes. This scholarship scheme was known until last academic year as "ICCR Scholarship Scheme for Indian Culture". Applications from interested international students for academic year 2023-24 are invited online through A2A Scholarship portal of ICCR <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in> which will be operational w.e.f. 06 March 2023.

**2. The last date for submission of application is 30th April 2023.**

3. Interested students are advised to visit respective website of University /Institute for checking the courses offered, eligibility criteria and general information about the University/Institute before applying for admission. Applicants have the option to apply for five Universities/Institutes in order of their preference. Candidates should submit relevant all documents as required by the Universities/Institutes in addition to the basic educational certificates mentioned in the application form.

4. Students may be required to obtain the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) equivalence certificate, if necessary. This would be stipulated by the concerned University/Institute in their provisional confirmation letter for the applicant (uploaded on A2APortal). Students should apply for the equivalence certificate at the link <https://evaluation.aiu.ac.in/student/login> and bear the fees incurred on obtaining the certificate on their own (non-reimbursable). If the University/Institute requires AIU equivalence certificate from a candidate, it is incumbent upon the selected candidate to procure the equivalence certificate to confirm admission.

5. A 500 word essay in English has been introduced to ascertain English Proficiency of applicants. Besides, students can also submit their TOFEL/ IELTS etc. Standardized Test scores, if available. Universities/ Institutes may conduct interview of the candidates online, if required.

6. These scholarship slots include return airticket in economy class to selected candidates from their respective countries to the place of study in India by the shortest route.

7. Some general guidelines to apply for scholarship are as follow:

- Applicants should have attained a minimum age of 18 years at the time of admission and should not be not more than 30 years of age for undergraduate/ postgraduate courses and not more than 45 years of age for PhD programmes.
- Applicants must be in sound health and should not suffer from any serious illness.
- It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure medical insurance policy with a minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum.
- ICCR advises students to stay in the campus hostel of the Institute, if available. However, students may be allowed to stay in private accommodation if the concerned Institute does not insist on staying in their hostels.
- ICCR may amend some provisions of scholarships from time to time and it is incumbent on students to accept the revised norms.

**8. Detailed information on ICCR scholarships are available on the A2A scholarship portal [www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in](http://www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in). In case of any further clarification/query please contact PIC Wing, Embassy of India, Abu Dhabi, Phone 00-971-2-4492700 , email: [cul.abudhabi@mea.gov.in](mailto:cul.abudhabi@mea.gov.in).**

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