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Highlights of admission process for the Academic year 2023-24 under Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Cultural Exchange Scholarship Scheme (A1206) (formerly Cultural Exchange Programme / Education Exchange Programme) (without airfare)

1. The list of University / institutes with accreditation of NAAC (A and above) rating / NIRF are listed on **A2A Scholarship Portal (http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in)** for admission of foreign students through ICCR.

2. Admissions for the academic year 2023-24 are open for Romanian Students. Timeline for the admission process is as below:

20-February-2023	Opening of ICCR A2A Portal for admissions.
30-April-2023	Last date of application to be submitted by students.
31-May-2023	Last date of Universities to inform the decision (if confirmed, intimation to Missions; if rejected, intimation to students).
30-June-2023	Last date for allocating scholarship and generating Offer Letters by Indian Mission abroad.
15-July-2023	Last date of acceptance by students.
22-July-2023	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
30-July-2023	Second-round students to convey their acceptances.

3. There are five (05) slots (2 for UG; 3 for PG) available for Romanian nationals.

4. According to **A2A process**, applications will be submitted by students directly to respective universities.

5. Applicants have the option to apply to 5 Universities / institutes in the order of their preference of study. The admission, as far as possible, shall be given as per applicant's preference. However, there may be a scenario when students do not get admission in their preferred Universities / institutes due to limited number of seats on offer. Students should therefore be prepared to receive admission from any of their five preferences

6. For AY 2023-24, a 500-word essay in English has been introduced to ascertain English proficiency. Besides, students can also submit their TOFEL / IELTS etc. Standardized Test scores, if available. Universities / Institutes may also conduct interview of the applicants online, if so required. There will be no

separate English test by Missions, as was earlier. Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities.

7. ICCR has introduced disbursement of all scholarship payment to students through PFMS w.e.f. February, 2021. This is as per GOI guidelines on direct payment to beneficiaries.

8. Students are advised to ensure that they obtain the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) equivalence also (if required). This would be stipulated by the concerned university / Institute in their provisional confirmation letter for the applicant (uploaded on **A2A portal**). In case AIU equivalence is required the student may apply for the same at the link https://evaluation.aiu.ac.in/student/login and bear the fees incurred on obtaining the certificate at own expense (non-reimbursable). For any further details / queries, students may contact AIU at (+911123230059/23231097 / 23232305 Extn. 210, 234, 252, E-mail id: studentinfo@aiu.ac.in, ds_international@aiu.ac.in, evaluation@aiu.ac.in

9. Students are advised to visit respective University / institute website 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. Students are also advised to refer to the University's Handbook / University Grants Commission's website (https://www.ugc.ac.in) etc.

10. It may be noted that for BE / B. Tech courses, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) 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. 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.

11. The applicant's age for availing scholarship is as under:
For Undergraduate / Postgraduate courses – between 18 to 30 years and
For PhD Programmes – between 18 to 45 years.

12. For the academic year 2023-24, admissions in Medical/ Paramedical (Nursing / Physiotherapy / anaesthesia etc.) / fashion / law courses / integrated courses such as BALLB (5 Years) / B Sc & M Sc (5 Years) etc. are not admissible.

13. Please note that for Science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.

14. Applicants should not have any serious health issues. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum when they travel to India (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, **A2A portal** has two insurance companies for referral purpose. ICCR has uploaded the revised norms on its **A2A portal**.

15. ICCR may amend some provisions of scholarships from time to time and it is incumbent on students to accept the revised norms.

16. In order to ensure security of the foreign students, ICCR advises students to stay in the campus hostel, if available. However, students are allowed to stay in private accommodation if the concerned institute does not insist on staying in their hostel.

17. Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships are available on the **A2A portal (http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in)**.