

Subject: Offer of ICCR Scholarships under Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship for the 2023-24 Academic Session

Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India has decided to offer 100 Scholarships slot globally under the Lata Mangeshkar Dance & Music Scholarship Scheme (formerly ICCR Scholarship Scheme for Indian Culture) for Japanese National in Undergraduate, Postgraduate and Ph.D. courses in .

2. The applications from interested international students for academic year 2023-24 will be invited online through ICCR's A2A Scholarship Portal (<http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/>), which will be operational from 6 March 2023. Also a "Timeline for the admission process" has been set which is given below for reference.

6 March 2023	Opening of ICCR, A2A Portal
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 Mission abroad
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. Age Criteria

For undergraduate / Postgraduate course-between 18 to 30 Years

For PhD Programmes-between 18 to 45 Years

4. According to **A2A process**, applications will be directly sent by students to respective universities instead of processing at Mission-level. This will automate the process and Universities will be able to see the applications received directly from the students.

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/ Institute 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 TOEFL/IELTS etc. Standardized Test scores, if available.

7. Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities.

8. Student should 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).

9. These scholarship slots include return economy class air-fares **to the nearest airport and 3rd AC Train fare to the place of study.**

10. Interested students are advised to visit respective University/institute website regularly 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 the basic certificates mentioned in the application form.

11. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five lakhs per annum. 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.

12. 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.

13. Students should give an Undertaking from the student that the course and the University as conveyed is acceptable and that he/she will not request for change at the time of admissions.

14. Undertaking from the student that they have read the terms and conditions/ Guidelines of ICCR scholarships as specified in the Scholarship manual 2022-23 (The one time undertaking will be applicable even when scholarship as specified in the Scholarship manual is updated (as per para 36 like provisions), available on **A2A Portal**.

15. Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships will be available on the **A2A Portal**. wef 6th March 2023.

For queries/ assistance; the applicants may contact ; 03-3262-2391ext 407 dirvcc.tokyo@mea.gov.in