

**Announcement of scholarship slots under ICCR Scholarship Scheme for
Indian Culture (A1209) for the
Academic Year 2022-23**

The Indian Council of Cultural Affairs (ICCR) is pleased to announce Scholarship Scheme for Indian Culture (A1209) at Indian Universities / institutes for Indian Culture" (A1209) for pursuing study of Indian Culture such as dance, music, theatre, performing art, sculpture, Indian languages, Indian cuisine, etc. for the academic year 2022-23. The **opening date of ICCR A2A Portal for admissions is 25-January-2022.** The **last date of application to be submitted by students is 30-April-2022.** The interested persons may go through the following guidelines before applying :

1. Applicants have the option to apply to 05 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.
2. For AY 2022-23, 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. ICCR is also requesting Universities / institutes to conduct interview of the applicants online, if so required. Rejected candidates will be intimated by Universities.
3. 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 to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form. They would be also advised to refer to the University's Handbook / University Grants Commission's website etc.
4. Interested student are informed that they need to study in India. They should be medically fit and should not have any serious health issues, and should ensure that they have not submitted incomplete / fraudulent documentation or any other such parameters, which may lead to cancellation of their candidature.
5. Applicants should be a **minimum 18 years of age** at the time of admission in Indian Universities / Institutes and **not more than 30 years of age.**

6. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum. Applicants must have medical insurance coverage 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 regarding change in medical insurance policy regarding ICCR scholarship for upcoming academic year 2022-23.

7. 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.

8. Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships are available on the **A2A Portal**.
