



**Embassy of India  
Beirut**

**Annexure-A**

**Announcement of one ICCR Scholarship slot, for the Lebanese students under the Atal Bihari Vajpayee General Scholarship Scheme (41201) (formerly known as General Scholarship Scheme) for the academic year 2025-26**

The applications from interested international students for academic year 2025-26 will be invited online through ICCR's A2A Scholarship Portal <https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in> .

The A2A Scholarship Portal will be operational from **20th February 2025** for foreign students to apply for admission. **30<sup>th</sup> April 2025** will be the Last date of application to be submitted by students.

ICCR has rationalized the list of universities/institutes for scholarships, and now there are 131 universities/institutes on board with ICCR for the academic year (AY) 2025-26. The list of universities/institutes will be available on the application portal when it opens.

Applicants have the option to apply to 5 universities/institutes in the order of their preference for study. Admission, as far as possible, will be given according to the applicant's preferences. However, there may be instances where students do not get admission to their preferred universities/institutes due to a limited number of seats available. Students should, therefore, be prepared to receive admission from any of their five preferences.

Since AY 2023-24, a 500-word essay in English has been introduced to assess English proficiency. Additionally, students can submit their TOEFL, IELTS, etc. Rejected candidates will be notified by the universities.

Interested students are advised to visit the university/institute websites and thoroughly research the courses offered, eligibility criteria, and general information about the universities/institutes before applying for admission. Students should ensure that they meet the eligibility criteria for the course and submit relevant documentation required by the universities, in addition to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form. They should always refer to the Universities Handbook, University Grants Commission's website, and the concerned university/institute's website for eligibility criteria, etc.

ICCR has introduced the disbursement of all scholarship payments to students.

**Guidelines:**

1. **Subjects:** It may be noted that for BE/B. Tech courses, Physics, Chemistry, and Mathematics (PCM) are compulsory in grades 11 and 12, and this 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 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 applications can be summarily rejected by universities. Students are advised to thoroughly check their applications and attach the required documents before submitting them.
  
2. **Age:** The applicant's age for availing of the scholarship is as follows:
  - For Undergraduate/Postgraduate courses: Between 18 and 40 years (18 years as of 01.07.2025)
  - For PhD Programmes: Maximum 50 years.
  
3. **Admissions:** Admissions in medical/paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/Anesthesia, etc.), fashion, law courses, and integrated courses such as BALLB (5 years), BSc & MSc (5 years), etc., are not admissible.
  
4. **Incidental Charges:** Please note that for science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.
  
5. **Medical Insurance:** Compulsory personal medical insurance is a mandatory requirement for availing of the ICCR scholarship. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure a medical insurance policy with a minimum sum assured of Indian Rupees Five Lakhs, which is equivalent to \$5740 per annum. Applicants are advised to ensure that they have medical insurance coverage either before traveling or immediately after reaching India, whichever is more convenient. Students can purchase medical insurance from any insurance company of their choice. However, to facilitate students, the A2A Portal has two insurance companies for referral purposes. Applicants are advised to be aware of any changes in the medical insurance policy. ICCR has uploaded the revised norms on its A2A Portal.
  
6. **Familiarization with India:** It is essential for the applicants to have a realistic understanding of India and the living conditions in the country's educational institutions. ICCR may amend some provisions of scholarships from time to time, and it is incumbent on students to accept the revised norms.

7. **Accommodation and Security:** ICCR advises students to stay in a 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 Information:** Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR scholarships online on the A2A Portal, and the procedures and norms governing the same, will be available on [www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in](http://www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in).

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