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Subject: Offer of ICCR Scholarship Scheme for the academic year 2020-21

Dear Associations, Indian Diaspora and Friends of India,

As you are aware, the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, (ICCR) offers scholarships under its Africa Scholarship Scheme for undergraduate, postgraduate and higher courses. The Consulate General of India vide its circular of 14 November, 2019 has already circulated information about the ICCR Scholarship scheme (G0179) for the academic year 2020-21. **Admission for ICCR Scholarship applicants is being administered online on the A2A Portal of the Council.**

2. The Consulate is now happy to inform that ICCR A2A Portal of Scholarship is **opened effective 1st December, 2019 for foreign students to apply for grant of scholarship.** The last date for uploading the application for all the courses except Ph.D. course is 29 February, 2020. For Ph.D. course, the last date, however, is 31 August, 2020.

3. The Consulate would further like to share a good news that the Competent Authority of the ICCR has kindly approved **relaxation in age limit for Ph.D students** exclusively, which is being relaxed **from 30 to 45**.

4. For the convenience of fresh readers, the ICCR's conditions and guidelines for scholarships under Africa Scholarships Scheme are reiterated below:

- (i) These scholarship slots include return economy class air fares to the nearest airport and 3rd AC Train fare to the place of study, if so required.
- (ii) Applicant must be **18 years of age** at the time of admission in Indian Universities/Institutes and **not more than 30 years of age** (except Ph.D). All candidates applying for BSc / BE / B.Tech courses must ensure that they have taken Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) in their school leaving examinations, as this is mandatory for these courses.
- (iii) The scholar must be a serious student having sufficient proficiency in English, has no health problems and must submit complete and true documentation.
- (iv) For the first year of their studies, all the ICCR sponsored students will mandatorily stay inside the hostel premises of the Universities/Institutes.
- (v) The Council does not arrange admission in Medial/Paramedical (Nursing /Physiotherapy / anesthesia etc.) and fashion courses.

5. **Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR scholarships on line on the A2A Portal and the procedure and norms governing the same is given on the www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in.**

6. Prospective students are advised to exercise due diligence & research in a dedicated manner on the specific admission criteria laid down by various Universities for each subject and ensure that they submit all relevant documentation as required by the Universities in addition to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form. For this, the students may refer to the Universities Handbook / University Grants Commission's website and the concerned institute's website for eligibility criteria.

7. Those who are willing to apply under this scholarship programme may go through the above link for registration and completion of application procedure. For any further clarification, you may contact Mr. Balbir Raj Saini, Consul (Coord & Education) at email cce.jburg@mea.gov.in or Ms. Zanele Ralane at com.jburg@mea.gov.in.

8. You are requested to kindly share this with the Indian community members for onward distribution and widespread dissemination so that the desirous candidates are able to avail of this opportunity.

Kind regards,

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