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Subject: Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) Scheme for the children of Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)

Dear Associations, Indian Diaspora and Friends of India,

Greetings from the Consulate General of India, Johannesburg!

As notified earlier on 24 June, 2019, the Government of India (GOI) has invited applications under the Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) Scheme for the children of **Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)** to assist them in pursuing Under Graduate courses in prestigious Indian Universities and Institutes for academic year 2019-20. The Scheme which offers **150 scholarship slots** is administered through the Ministry of External Affairs, New Delhi.

The Consulate is now pleased to inform that for the benefits of children of Indian diaspora and NRIs, the last date for submission of online applications has further been extended to 30 November, 2019. For the convenience of fresh readers, the conditions and guidelines for scholarships under the Scheme are reiterated below:

1. Under the SPDC Scheme, financial assistance for specific undergraduate courses in professional and non-professional courses (except medical and related courses) is provided towards tuition fee, admission fee and post-admission services.
2. Applicants are required to provide documentary evidence towards proof of Indian nationality or Indian origin. The total monthly income of the parents of the candidate should not exceed an amount equivalent to US\$4000 (US dollars four thousand). The applicants' parents must provide a self-attested salary certificate from his/her employer and their latest income-tax return.
3. The SPDC is open to applicants in the age group of 17 to 21 years as on 31st October, 2019. Guidelines and detailed information about the SPDC scholarship, eligibility conditions, how to apply etc are available at SPDC portal: www.spdcindia.gov.in.
4. The following institutions are covered under the scheme:
(i) NITs, Schools of Planning and Architecture and IIITs
(ii) 'A' Grade institutions accredited by NAAC and recognized by UGC
(iii) Other Institutions covered under the DASA scheme.
5. It may be underlined that partial financial assistance to the **extent of 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) subject to a maximum of US\$ 4000/- per annum** is borne by the GOI under this scheme.
6. Those who are willing to apply under the SPDC scholarship programme may go through the link <http://spdcindia.gov.in> for registration and completion of application procedure. In case of any further clarification, **you may wish to contact Mr. Balbir Raj Saini, Consul (Coord & Education) at Email: cce.jburg@mea.gov.in or Tel : +27 (0)11 4828484 or Ms. Zanele Ralane at com.jburg@mea.gov.in.**

You are requested to kindly share this with the all concerned for onward distribution and widespread dissemination so that the desirous and eligible candidates are able to avail of this opportunity.

Kind regards,

(Balbir Raj Saini)
Consul (Coord & Education)