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Subject :- Offer of ICCR Scholarships under the General Scholarship Scheme for the academic year **2019-20** (578 slots).

Dear HOM/HOC,

This has reference to the offer of ICCR Scholarship on the subject cited above. You are requested to publicize these slots as early as possible and invite applications accordingly.

2. The details of countries with Air-fare are attached at Annexure-I and General list at Annexure-II.

3. As you are aware, for the academic year 2018-19, the admission for ICCR Scholarship applicants were done online on the A2A Portal which was launched in January, 2018. Since this was the very first year when admissions were done online, there were several challenges and hindrances faced by the Council in administering the various Scholarship Schemes and in carrying out co-ordination with our Missions abroad, various Universities/Institutes and our Regional Offices. While the problematic areas have been identified and a practical solution to the same are being worked out, you are requested to extend your co-operation to the fullest to make this online admission process smooth and transparent. The Portal is to be handled by a nodal officer in the Mission who has adequate knowledge of technicalities that the portal involves, since all application are to be filled and forwarded by the Missions online on the Portal. Please go through the guidelines of each and every scheme and ensure that all fields in the online applications are filled in order that they could be forwarded by the system.

4. It may be emphasized that while publicizing the scheme please advise prospective students 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, they may refer to the Universities Handbook / University Grants Commission's website and the concerned institute's website for eligibility criteria.

5. While forwarding the nominations for BE / B Tech courses, it may kindly be ensured that the candidates have taken Physics, Chemistry & Mathematics (PCM) in their school leaving examinations, as this is mandatory for Engineering courses. **During the process of confirming the admission, it has come to light that some foreign students are under eighteen years of age and hence minor.** Consequently they are not permitted by Indian Law to open their Saving Banks Accounts required for releasing their monthly scholarship dues.

Mission may ensure that applicants are necessarily of 18 years age at the time of admission in Indian Universities/ Institutes and not more than 30 years of age.

6. The Council does not arrange admission in Medical/ Paramedical (Nursing / Physiotherapy / anesthesia etc.) / fashion courses, hence Mission is required not to forward us applications for these subjects.

7. Please note that for science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.

8. It is also important to ensure that a scholar is nominated only after the Mission is satisfied that he/she meets the started criteria. There have been many instances where a candidate does not have sufficient proficiency in English, is not a serious student, has serious health problems or has submitted incomplete/fraudulent documentation which have led to embarrassing situations with repercussions which have negated our objective of promoting goodwill through these scholarships.

9. It would also be appreciated if the scholars are briefed properly about the provisions of ICCR and MEA's scholarship schemes before the candidate's apply. It is also essential that the candidate is given a realistic assessment of India, and of the living conditions in our country's educational institutions, as many scholars express grave misgivings on this account after their arrival in India.

10. It would be appreciated if the Mission could take expeditious action in recommending brightest & best applicants and nominate more students for Postgraduate and Higher Courses forward applications in time to enable us arrange their admission in reputed Universities/ Institutes.

11. In order to ensure security of the foreign students, Council has decided to make it compulsory for all ICCR sponsored students to stay inside hostel wherever available. No student shall be allowed to stay in private accommodation as per the policy of the Council. Mission is advised to apprise the candidates with this important policy decision before they apply for any scholarship programme and also obtain an undertaking obtained from the student before forwarding/ recommending their applications.

12. Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships online on the A2A Portal and the procedure and norms governing the same is given on the www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in.

13. Mission may please designate a nodal officer with technical knowledge for all scholarship related matters and his/her contact details may be forwarded to us for all further correspondence. This officer will also be responsible for scrutinizing all the online applications and forwarding the same with his/her signatures.
14. Last date for receiving of applications is 28th February, 2019
15. This issues with the approval of the Competent Authority.

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Seasons greetings!*

Yours sincerely,

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**INDIAN COUNCIL FOR CULTURAL RELATIONS
(ISD-II SECTION)**

Scholarship slots available under General Scholarship Scheme for academic year 2019-20 with provision of return airfare as indicated in Remarks column.

S. No.	Country	Slots	Remarks
1	Kazakhstan	15	With 6 return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport of home country to Delhi International Airport and 3-tier AC train fare to the place of study
2	Kyrgyzstan	06	With 6 return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport of home country to Delhi International Airport and 3-tier AC train fare to the place of study
3	Tajikistan	25	With 6 return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport of home country to Delhi International Airport and 3-tier AC train fare to the place of study
4	Turkmenistan	15	With 6 return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport of home country to Delhi International Airport and 3-tier AC train fare to the place of study
5	Uzbekistan	20	With 6 return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport of home country to Delhi International Airport and 3-tier AC train fare to the place of study
Total		81	

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Scholarship slots available under General Scholarship Scheme for academic year 2019-20 with provision of return airfare as indicated in Remarks column.

S. No.	Country	Slots	Remarks
1	Fiji	30	With return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport and 3 rd AC train fare to the place of study
2	Tuvalu (Fiji)	05	With return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport and 3 rd AC train fare to the place of study
3	Laos	10	With return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport and 3 rd AC train fare to the place of study
4	Maldives	15	With return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport and 3 rd AC train fare to the place of study
5	Myanmar	10	With return Economy Class air-fare upto the nearest International Airport and 3 rd AC train fare to the place of study
Total		70	

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Scholarship slots available under General Scholarship Scheme for academic year 2019-20.
(Without provision of airfare)

S. No.	Country	Slots	Remarks
1	Argentina	1	
2	Armenia	2	
3	Azerbaijan	1	
4	Brazil	2	
5	Belize	1	
6	Belarus	2	
7	Belgium	1	
8	Cambodia	13	
9	France	5	
10	Georgia	1	
11	Greece	1	
12	Germany	2	
13	Guatemala	1	
14	Hungary	3	
15	Indonesia	20	
16	Timor-Leste (Indonesia)	10	
17	Iran	20	
18	Iraq	20	
19	Israel	5	
20	Japan	10	
21	Jamaica	1	
22	Jordan	5	
23	Lebanon	1	
24	Malaysia	3	
25	Mongolia	20	
26	Nepal	70	
27	Netherlands	5	
28	Oman	1	
29	Palestine	50	
30	Papua New Guinea	3	
31	Poland	7	
32	Portugal	1	
33	Qatar	1	
34	Russia	20	
35	Reunion Island	2	
36	Saudi Arabia	2	
37	Serbia	1	
38	Spain	5	
39	Slovenia	1	
40	South Korea	2	
41	Syria	20	

42	Suriname	1	
43	Thailand	10	
44	Trinidad & Tobago	3	
45	Turkey	2	
46	UAE	1	
47	Ukraine	5	
48	Venezuela	4	
49	Vietnam	24	
50	Yemen	35	
Total		427	