

**GUIDELINES FOR NOMINATING CANDIDATES FOR STUDY IN INDIA UNDER
INDIA-NETHERLANDS CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME &
INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING UP THE APPLICATION FORM**

1. **SIX complete sets** of application forms are to be submitted.
2. Applications should be properly filled-up and sent with complete supporting documents.
3. Candidate should clearly mention the course and two/three choices of Universities to which he/she is seeking admission. (In this connection, Universities' Hand Book can be consulted).
4. Certified copies of all documents should be accompanied with their English translations, a syllabus of the last qualifying examination should be enclosed with the application.

NOTE: (a) Students applying for doctoral/post-doctoral courses or architecture should include a synopsis of the proposed area of research.

(b) Students wishing to study performing arts should enclose video/audio cassettes of their recorded performances wherever possible.

5. Candidates nominated should have fluent knowledge of English.
6. Applications are to be forwarded through Embassy of India, The Hague. ICCR will not entertain applications which are sent to it directly by the students or which are sent by Dutch Embassy in Delhi.

No request will be entertained for accommodation of self-financing students against unutilised slots.

Priority will be given to students who have never studied in India before. Students who have formerly studied on ICCR scholarship would be given second preference.

7. No candidate can be nominated for MBBS/BDS and courses related to medicine.

8. Candidates should note that Indian universities / educational institutions are autonomous and independent and have their own eligibility criteria. Forwarding of application is thus not a guarantee of admission. A scholarship is awarded only when admission is confirmed by the ICCR.

9. ICCR would not be able to entertain a subsequent change in course of study or university once admission of a scholar is confirmed and the scholar has arrived to join the course.

10. Hostel accommodation is not guaranteed and is an exception rather than an assured facility. The small accommodation allowance that ICCR give, allows two to three students to "chum up" and share a small flat. It is important that the students are aware of this situation.
11. Scholars should also be advised to carry some money to meet some incidental expenditure on arrival.
12. All intending candidates must obtain a certificate that they are free from AIDS prior to their departure for India. Even in India, the applicant would have to go for AIDS test before the admission is finally given to overseas scholars. In case any of the nominees is found HIV positive in India, the scholar will be repatriated and the Council would not bear any expenses on this account.
13. Applications of only those students should be forwarded who intend to study in India for at least one year.
14. According to new rules, all students seeking admission to PhD and higher courses, intending to do casual research or post-doctoral research, now require Research Visa instead of Student Visa. The procedure for getting the approval for Research Visa is quite tedious and can take more than six months. The students must apply for Research Visa in the prescribed proforma and submit the application in **six copies**. It is not possible to convert Student Visa to Research Visa once a student is already in India. It is better to keep a student waiting in his/her country while their request for a Research Visa is being processed rather than hastily send the student to India on some other visa.
15. Pending applications of previous year due to some other reasons other than Ph.D. ICCR will not process for next year until the same candidate is re-nominated for current academic year. In the case of pending applications of Ph.D. scholars, ICCR will process their cases for one academic year more but the slot will be calculated against the joining year.
16. The ICCR will not process the applications of those who intend to study in India for short-term courses i.e. less than one year tenure.
