

The Government of India through Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) has offered forty eight (48) scholarship slots for meritorious students from Kenya and fifteen (15) slots for students from Somalia to pursue undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD courses in India under the Africa Scholarship Scheme (ASS) for the Academic year 2023-24.

Applications are invited online through A2A Scholarship Portal at <https://www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>. **The A2A scholarship portal will be open for applications from 20 February.**

Key highlights of the scholarship are as follows:-

- i. Applicants have the option to apply to 5 Universities/Institutes in the order of their preference of study. An updated list of approved Universities/Institutes will be made available on A2A portal.
- ii. Each University/Institute has unique eligibility criteria for courses offered. Candidates are advised to visit respective websites of preferred Universities to acquaint themselves with course requirements before initiating application. Students may also refer to the University's Handbook/University Grants Commission website at <https://www.ugc.ac.in/>.
- iii. Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) is a mandatory requirement for engineering (BE/B.Tech) courses.
- iv. Applicants for PhD courses should upload synopsis (proposal) of the research.
- v. Admissions in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/anaesthesia etc./ fashion/ law courses/ integrated courses such as BA.LLB (5 years) /B.Sc & M.Sc. (5years) etc are not admissible under ASS programme.
- vi. Applicants must be within the age bracket of 18-30 years for Undergraduate/Post-Graduate courses, and 18 to 45 years for PhD Programmes at the time of opening the A2A portal.
- vii. A 500-word Essay in English has been introduced to ascertain candidate's English proficiency. Besides, applicants can also submit their TOFEL/IELTS etc. standardized Test scores, if available. Universities may also conduct separate online interviews for applicants, if so required.
- viii. Admission remains provisional till the time Universities verify the authenticity of original documents.
- ix. Students who have previously not availed ICCR scholarship will be given priority in the award of scholarship.
- x. Once the admission is confirmed by the relevant University in India, the High Commission of India in Nairobi will decide on the award of scholarship to the applicant and issue a letter of award of scholarship. Decision of the Mission in award of scholarship will be final.
- xi. Scholarship includes one return economy class air-fares to the airport nearest to University/Institute.
- xii. Selected candidates will be required to procure a mandatory personal medical insurance valid in India with minimum **sum assured** for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum (eqv. to US\$6800) before traveling or on arrival in India from any of the insurance companies of their choice.
- xiii. Selected students will be required to attend orientation/briefing at the High Commission, Education Wing before traveling to India.

**Interested candidates from Kenya and Somalia are advised to submit applications online latest by 30 April 2023.**