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ICCR fellowships under the ICCR Fellowship Program for Indian Culture (A1209) to pursue the study of Indian culture, such as dance, music, theater, performing arts, sculpture, indigenous languages, Indian cuisine, etc. for the academic year 2021-22

The Consulate General of India in São Paulo is pleased to announce that the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is offering 100 scholarships under the "ICCR Scholarship Program for Indian Culture" (A1209) at universities / Indian institutes for the academic year 2021-22. The "ICCR Scholarship Program for Indian Culture" covers broader facets of Indian culture and is not just limited to dance and music, but also includes performing arts, theater, sculpture, Indian cuisine, etc.

i) Applications from interested students for academic year 2021-22 can be made online through the ICCR A2A Scholarship portal <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>. The last date for submitting the application is April 30, 2021. Until June 25, 2021, interested universities will inform whether applications have been accepted or rejected.

ii) Applicants must be 18 years of age at the time of admission to Indian Universities / Institutes. The maximum age limit is 30 years. Minors under 18 are not allowed to enroll.

iii) Students can apply to renowned Universities / Institutes that are listed on the A2A Scholarship Portal of ICCR. Applications must be sent directly by students to the respective universities selected by them.

iv) Candidates can apply to 5 Universities / Institutes in the order of their study preference. Admission, as far as possible, will be given according to the candidate's preference. However, there may be a situation where students do not get admission to their preferred Universities / Institutes, due to the limited number of places offered. Students must be prepared to receive admission to any of their five preferences.

v) Applicants must submit a 500 word essay in English to verify English proficiency. Candidates can also submit their TOFEL / IELTS, etc., proficiency tests, if available. Depending on the requirements of the institute, the student may have to submit additional documents / evidence of knowledge in the specialized field of dance, music, theater, art, etc., for this scholarship. Applicants should carefully consult the institute's website on the Internet for additional requirements. Arrangements are being made for Universities / Institutes to conduct online interviews with candidates, if possible.

vi) The payment of scholarships to selected students will be made through the Public Financial Management System (PFMS), that is, direct transfer of benefits.

vii) The guidelines for all programs are available on the Portal. Students are advised to visit the University / Institute website and do a thorough search of the courses offered, eligibility criteria and general information about the University / Institute before applying for admission. Students must ensure that they are eligible for the course and meet the eligibility criteria and must present relevant documentation, as required by the Universities, in addition to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form. They should always consult the Manual of Universities, the website of the Commission for University Scholarships and the website of the University / Institute in question for the eligibility criteria, etc.

viii) Selected students will receive a return economy class air ticket to the nearest airport and a 3rd class AC train ticket to the place of study, if necessary.

ix) Applicants should keep in mind that personal medical insurance is a mandatory requirement for obtaining an ICCR scholarship. It is mandatory that all ICCR scholarship students acquire a medical insurance policy with a guaranteed minimum amount of five Indian Lakhs, which is equivalent to \$ 6800 per year. Applicants are advised that, when traveling to India, they must have medical insurance coverage on their own prior to travel or immediately after their arrival in India. Students can purchase medical insurance from any insurance company of their choice. However, to make it easier, Portal A2A has two insurance companies for reference purposes. ICCR's revised medical standards can be viewed on the A2A Portal.

x) Candidates are advised to familiarize themselves with the educational institute and the living conditions at the place of study they choose. The Consulate will provide assistance and guidance on the various aspects of life and studies in India, if needed.

xi) It should be noted that the ICCR may change some provisions on scholarships from time to time and it is up to the students to accept the revised standards.

xii) Students may prefer to stay at the institution's accommodation if they are available for security purposes. However, students can stay in private accommodation if the institute does not offer hostel facility.

xiii) Detailed guidance on the ICCR scholarship application process is online at Portal A2A and the procedure and rules that govern it are provided at www.a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in .

xiv) For any clarification, you can contact Ms. Puja Kaushik, Director, Swami Vivekananda Cultural Center, Consulate General of India, São Paulo at icc.saopaulo@mea.gov.in