



## Announcement of scholarship scheme for Namibian nationals

### The India-Africa Maitri Scholarships 2026-2027

**Last date of application: 15 April 2026**

Government of India under the aegis of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) is offering scholarships to Namibian nationals within the framework of **India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme** for the academic year 2026- 27.

2. The **India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme** offers opportunities for study at the undergraduate, postgraduate, and research levels in various prestigious universities and educational institutions in India.

3. The scholarship includes enrollment and course fees, besides living expenses for the full duration of the course and return economy class airfares to the nearest international airport in India and then train fare (if needed) to the ~~place~~ of study.

4. Applicants are requested to log onto "Admissions to Alumni" (A2A), the Scholarship Portal of ICCR at <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/> that contains all relevant information for the applicants including details of all State Universities, Central Universities and Institutes, colleges affiliated with them, courses available, availability of hostels, applications guidelines, eligibility criteria and other relevant information for helping the applicants in decision-making while applying for the academic courses of their preference.

#### **Please carefully note the following:**

- (a) Opening of portal for inviting applications on **27 February 2026**.
- (b) Applications must be submitted no later than **15 April 2026** through the online application mechanism. Only applications submitted via the portal will be accepted. Applicants may apply to up to five universities of their choice.
- (c) Only students proficient in English will be recommended for admission. Students are required to write a 500-word essay in English for ascertaining English proficiency. Besides, students can also submit their TOFEL/IELTS scores, if available.
- (d) Applications **should be complete** in every detail. Kindly read the guidelines on the portal.
- (e) Applicants should **clearly mention the course** to which they are seeking admission while mentioning choices.

- (f) Applicants are advised to **go through the courses offered** by the Universities carefully before final submission of application form.
- (g) ICCR **does not permit mid-term changes** of the courses/institutes or leave the course in any situation (only with the exception of medical emergency).
- (h) Applicants must submit a medical fitness certificate issued by a government hospital or an MBBS-qualified medical practitioner from a recognized hospital, in the prescribed format available with the online application form. Applicants are also required to procure compulsorily personal medical insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees **Five Hundred Thousand** which is equivalent to approximately **USD 6,000**) per annum.
- (i) Applicant must also submit a police clearance or police verification certificate.
- (j) Students applying for **M.Phil./Doctoral/Post-Doctoral** courses should submit a **synopsis** along with the application.
- (k) Please note that for **science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.**
- (l) Students wishing to pursue **performing arts** should upload **Video/Audio/YouTube** link.
- (m) An applicant should have studied **mathematics, physics and chemistry** at Higher Secondary level to be eligible for admission to **BE / B Tech/Engineering courses.**
- (n) **Admissions in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/anesthesia/fashion/law etc. courses/integrated courses such as BALLB (5 years)/BSc & M.Sc.(5 years) etc. are not offered.**
- (o) ICCR advises students to stay in the campus hostels, if available. Students are allowed to stay in private accommodation only subject to approval from the concerned institute.
- (p) Only students between the age criteria as on 1<sup>st</sup> July 2026 Minimum Age – 18 years for all courses; (Maximum age 40 years for UG/PG/Diploma courses and 50 years for PhD; no upper age limit for courses in art and culture unless specified by the concerned institution). The date of birth may be scrutinized through the copy of the passport uploaded on the portal by student or through any other document. Application of students forging the date of birth may be rejected at Mission`s level.
- (q) Submission of application form does not guarantee confirmed admission as Indian Universities/ Educational institutions are autonomous and independent bodies and have their own eligibility criteria on the basis of which they confirm admissions.

**ICCR Scholarship Application Portal <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/>**

For any further queries, interested students may contact the High Commission of India, 97 Nelson Mandela Avenue, Klein Windhoek, by e-mail at [cons.windhoek@mea.gov.in](mailto:cons.windhoek@mea.gov.in) or by telephone at **061-226037 / 228433**. They may also contact Mr. Ravi Kumar Nir, Attaché (Cons & Edu) or Ms. Josa, Marketing Assistant on mobile numbers +264-811404744 and +264-815570800.

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