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### Notification

#### **Subject: Announcement of ICCR Scholarships under India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme for studies in India for the Academic year 2024-25**

Embassy of India, Monrovia invites applications from Liberian nationals for admission in Undergraduate and Post Graduate/Higher courses under **India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme (Formerly known as Africa Scholarship Scheme - G0179)** for the Academic Year 2024-25. Application process is completely online at A2A Scholarship Portal (<http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>). A 'Timeline for the admission process' has been set as given below:

04 April 2024	Opening of Portal for inviting applications from interested candidates
31 May 2024	Last date for applicant to submit application on portal
30 June 2024	Last date by which Universities are to inform the decision whether the student is admitted or rejected (if confirmed, intimation to Missions if rejected, intimation to students)
15 July 2024	Last date for Embassy of India, Monrovia to decide on allocation of Scholarship and generating Offer Letters.
25 July 2024	Last date for students to confirm/reject acceptance of offer of Scholarship.
10 August 2024	Based on the number of acceptances in the first rounds (if acceptance are less than the scholarship seats allocated) Embassy of India, Monrovia to offer Scholarship to other students who were not considered in the first round.
20 August 2024	Second-round students to convey their acceptances.

#### 2. **Salient Features:**

- i. Four (04) scholarship slots for Liberian Nationals for the Academic Year 2024-25.
- ii. To ensure high standard, University / institutes having excellent academic reputation, requisite facilities to host foreign students, dedicated office to address the issues of foreign students, are listed on A2A Scholarship Portal for admission to various courses.
- iii. Registration and application process is online on A2A portal <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in> and free of charge.
- iv. The scholarship include return economy class air-fares to the nearest airport for the selected students.

3. **Age limit:** The age limits required for the applicants at the time of admission in Indian Universities/Institutes are as under:-

For Undergraduate / Postgraduate courses – between 18 to 40 years  
For PhD programmes: 50 years maximum

4. **Instructions for filling application form:**

i. Instructions for the applicants while applying for Scholarship can be accessed on <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/home/page/instructions-to-candidates-for-filling-the-application-form>.

ii. Candidates must log-on to <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/home/register> and register first.

iii. Candidates are advised to read instructions provided on the A2A Scholarship portal carefully before applying on-line at [http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/assets/site/docs/applicant\\_guidelines\\_beforefilling.pdf](http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/assets/site/docs/applicant_guidelines_beforefilling.pdf) and User Manual/Guide at <https://www.iccr.gov.in/iccr-scholarship/indian-council-cultural-relations-scholarship>

iv. Registered candidate can login into their account on the A2A Scholarship Portal with their registered credentials to start applying on the A2A Portal <http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>.

5. Applicants should visit participating University/Institute websites and do thorough research of courses offered, eligibility criteria and general information about the university/institute before applying for admission. The students should ensure that they are eligible for the course and meet eligibility criteria and submit relevant documentation as required by the University. Applicants are also advised to refer to the University's Handbook / University Grants Commission website etc.

6. Applications will be sent by the students directly to the respective Universities through A2A Portal. Applicants will have the option to apply upto five (05) Universities/Institutes in order of their preference of study. However, there may be a scenario when students do not get admission in their preferred Universities/ institutes due to limited number of seats on offer. Students should therefore be prepared to receive admission from any of the five preferences.

7. For Year 2024-25, a 500-word essay in English has been introduced to ascertain the English proficiency. Besides, students can also submit their TOFEL/IELTS etc. Standardized Test scores, if available.

8. Interview can be conducted online by the Universities/Institutes, if required. Disqualified candidates shall be intimated by the Universities.

9. For BE / B. Tech courses, Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) are compulsory in 11 and 12 Grades and it is a mandatory requirement for Engineering courses. Mark sheets for each i.e., level 10 and 10+2 equivalent level of school should be uploaded along with the transcripts in English. The application will not be considered without English translation of documents, if the original documents are not in English. The incomplete application can be .....

summarily rejected by Universities. Students should be advised to thoroughly check their applications and attach requisite documents before submission of the application.

10. For the academic year 2024-25, admissions in Medical/Paramedical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/anaesthesia etc.)/fashion/ law courses/integrated course such as BALLB (5 years)/B Sc & M Sc (5 years) etc. are not admissible.

11. For Science courses, the expenditure on laboratory chemicals and other related incidental charges will be borne by the scholars themselves.

12. After obtaining admission on the A2A portal and the Embassy of India, Monrovia has decided to award a scholarship to that particular student, the student is required to register on the Study in India (SII) portal to obtain a unique ID and further process including obtaining a visa and registration with the FRRO (visa and registration with the FRRO are to be processed on the SII portal).

13. Selected students will be required to obtain the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) equivalence also, if needed by the concerned University / Institute. In case AIU equivalence is required, the student may apply for the same at the link <https://evaluation.aiu.ac.in/student/login> and bear the fees incurred on obtaining the certificate at own expense (non-reimbursable). For any further details / queries, students may contact AIU at E-mail id: [studentinfo@aiu.ac.in](mailto:studentinfo@aiu.ac.in), [ds\\_international@aiu.ac.in](mailto:ds_international@aiu.ac.in), [evaluation@aiu.ac.in](mailto:evaluation@aiu.ac.in).

14. These scholarship slots includes return economy class air-fares and ICCR shall disburse the scholarship payments to students.

15. It is compulsory for all ICCR scholarship students to procure Medical Insurance policy with minimum sum assured for Indian Rupees Five Lakhs per annum approximately equivalent to approx US\$ 6300-6500 at the prevailing rate of exchange. Applicants are advised that when they travel to India, they must have medical insurance coverage on their own either before travel or immediately after reaching India, whichever is convenient. Students can purchase medical insurance from any of the insurance companies of their choice. However, to facilitate students, A2A Portal has two insurance companies for referral purpose.

16. Once the application is submitted online, applicants must regularly check the A2A portal and their email for any updates.

17. Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships are available on the A2A Portal <https://www.iccr.gov.in/iccr-scholarship/indian-council-cultural-relations-scholarship>

18. In case of clarifications, please contact the Administration Section of the Embassy on email id: [adm.monrovia@mea.gov.in](mailto:adm.monrovia@mea.gov.in)