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Press Release

Subject: **Announcement of ICCR Scholarships Slots for studies in India for the Academic year 2022-23**

Embassy of India, Monrovia invites applications from Liberian nationals for admission in Undergraduate and Post Graduate/Higher courses under **Africa Scholarship Scheme (G0179)** for the Academic Year 2022-23. 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:

31 May 2022	Last date of application to be submitted by students (only for Africa Scholarship Scheme)
15 June 2022	Last date of Universities to inform the decision
30 June 2022	Last date for allocating scholarship and generating Offer Letters by the Embassy.
15 July 2022	Last date of acceptance by students.
22 July 2022	Based on the number of acceptances in the first round (if acceptances are less than the scholarship seats allocated), Embassy to offer scholarship to other students who were not considered in the first round.
30 July 2022	Second-round students to convey their acceptances.

2.   **Salient Features:**

i.   Four (04) slots for Liberian nationals for the Academic Year 2022-23 under **Africa Scholarship Scheme (G0179).**

ii.   To ensure high standard, University / institutes with accreditation of NAAC (A and above) rating / NIRF (rank between 1 – 150) are listed on A2A Scholarship Portal for admission to various courses.

iii.   Registration and application process is free of charge.

iv.   Return air tickets for the selected students.

3.   **Age limit**: The age required for the applicants is between **18 years to 30 years** at the time of admission in Indian Universities/Institutes.

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

i.   Instructions for the applicants while applying for Africa Scholarship Scheme 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 and User Guide at http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/assets/site/downloads/ICCR_UserManual.pdf.

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 2022-23, 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 alongwith 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 2022-23, 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.   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, ds_international@aiu.ac.in, evaluation@aiu.ac.in.

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

14.   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 US$ 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.

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

16.   Detailed guidelines on the process of applying for ICCR Scholarships are available on the A2A Portal.

17.   In case of clarifications, please contact Mr. Kushal Singh, Attache (Admin) on email id: admn.monrovia@mea.gov.in.

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