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Sub: Admission of foreign scholars under ICCR scholarships

Dear Sir/Madam,

With reference to the subject mentioned above, I would like to share with you that currently, a good number of scholarship slots offered by Indian Council of Cultural Relations (ICCR) for foreign students are remaining unutilized due to various factors. In this regard, the support and cooperation of the Indian Universities is solicited. A circular in this connection has also been received from ICCR. The circular is attached herewith for your kind perusal and necessary action.

With regards,

Yours sincerely,

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To the Vice-Chancellors of all Universities

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Madam,

Please refer to our meeting today in your office with regard to pursuing the issues discussed during the DG, ICCR's meeting held on 10 November 2017.

As you are aware the admissions portal developed by ICCR is ready to be launched. It is requested that the draft circular forwarded to you may kindly be considered for dissemination to the Vice Chancellors/Directors of the concerned Universities/Institutes. (Copy of the said circular is enclosed here with)

Regards,

Yours Sincerely,

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In order to co-ordinate and facilitate the admissions of foreign students sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations in Indian Universities/Institutes/Colleges, the following steps need to be taken on an urgent basis by the respective Vice-Chancellors/Directors:

2. Since admission of foreign scholars under ICCR scholarships are covered under the Supernumerary/Alphanumeric category, all VC's are requested to accord priority to admission of these foreign students. Currently many scholarship slots are remaining unutilized because Universities start admission process of these students very late. Many admission letters are being received in July – Aug after classes have already started. ICCR Scholarships is a very important part of India's Engagement with the world, and timely admission of students is of utmost importance, especially since on many occasions the scholarship announcement itself is made during VVIP visits or ministerial visits. A commitment at such a high level needs to be honored.

3. According to time lines set (copy enclosed) by ICCR, Offer letter to Missions for announcement of scholarship during 2018-19 A.Y. is 25th November. Indian Embassies abroad shall send applications of foreign students to ICCR by 30th December. After due processing, ICCR shall send these applications to Universities by 30th January. You are kindly requested to ensure that ICCR gets a response on these scholars request by 01st April*. This will provide the students sufficient time to plan their journey, obtain necessary visas

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and tickets, arrival in India well within time before classes begin in June/July 2018 as per the last date of joining given by concerned University. Since a large number of ICCR scholars come for Under Graduate studies adhering to this time-line is important to enable a foreign student to adjust to a new environment. The success of ICCR's Scholarship Scheme also depends on this.

4. Vice-Chancellors/Directors are requested to kindly ensure that ICCR students are admitted only to Central/States Govt. Colleges / Institutes of repute covered by NAAC accreditation, with hostel facilities, and arrangements of proper hygienic food etc. Since it is mandated by the ICCR that such students should stay in hostels of the Institutes or University campus and not outside, proper attention may be given to this aspect by the College and University Authorities while allocating the colleges.

5. It may also be ensured by the concerned authorities to intimate the names of applicants who have not been admitted to courses/universities of their choice by 30th April so that provisions can be made for their admissions beyond their three choices of academic courses and Universities.

6. ICCR has informed that an admission portal named A2A Scholarship Portal is ready for operationalization by mid December 2017. This will provide students from foreign countries a digital platform to apply under ICCR sponsorship in Universities and Courses of their choice, thus bringing Transparency and minimizing time-gaps in the system.

7. As per the requirements of ICCR's financial controller, Universities are required to provide utilization certificates for individual student. Universities are requested to issue a circular to all the institutes under it to provide student-wise

expenditure details/receipts/utilization certificates to the Regional officer of ICCR.

8 In all these activities International Students Advisors (ISA) play a pivotal role, hence all Universities may assign a dedicate ISA to attend to ICCR scholarships who can liaise with ICCR's Regional Director in the Region ISAS may be properly sensitized on such matters by the Vice-Chancellors/Directors.

Vice-Chancellors/Directors

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Time line for Scholarship Applications

S. No.	Particulars	Date
1	Offer Letters to Missions	25 th November
2	Applications to be received through Portal from Missions	<u>30th December</u>
3	Applications to be forwarded to concerned Universities	30 th January
4	Confirmation of Admissions from Universities/Institutes	1 st April
5	Intimation regarding non-admission of students	7 th April