



SYMBIOSIS

INTERNATIONAL UNIVERSITY

Symbiosis International Scholarships

Scholarships offered to meritorious foreign students

Scholarship Policy

OVERVIEW

The Chancellor of SIU Dr. S. B. Mujumdar believes that education is the only way of bringing about international peace and understanding. Set up in 1971, Symbiosis was created to offer a *home away from home* for foreign students.

Symbiosis is keen to offer scholarships* to foreign students to give them the opportunity to take advantage of the educational programs available at Symbiosis. The scholarships are offered preferably in conjunction with the education ministries / embassies of participating countries. Close cooperation with these foreign governments will assist in ensuring the scholarships are awarded to the most deserving candidates.

The Symbiosis International Scholarships are funded by the Symbiosis Society Foundation and offered to deserving and meritorious foreign students from various African, Asian and Middle Eastern countries. All scholarships are administered by the Symbiosis Centre for International Education (SCIE) Office in conjunction with the office of the Symbiosis Society Foundation. The Scholarship Committee shall endeavour to maintain gender balance and include students from diverse backgrounds while selecting candidates.

Please refer to the SCIE website for a list of current participating countries and list of available programs. Under this policy, the following scholarships are available for participating countries:

- One Partial (50%) Academic Scholarship for a Post Graduate Program at any Institute of SIU.
- One Full (100%) Academic Scholarship for an Under Graduate Program at any Institute of SIU.
- One Partial (50%) Academic Scholarship for an Under Graduate Program at any Institute of SIU.
- Two Partial (25%) Academic Scholarships for an Under Graduate Program at any Institute of SIU.

*These scholarships cover only academic fees. Students must bear all additional costs including application fee, IELA exam fee, administrative fee, travel, housing, food, etc.

SELECTION CRITERIA AND PROCESS

Who is eligible to apply for Scholarship?

APPLICANT ELIGIBILITY

International Scholarships are only for 'Foreign Nationals' of participating countries. (Person of Indian Origin (PIO) and Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card holders are not eligible to apply for this scholarship).

APPLICANTS MUST:

- Hold a valid foreign passport.
- Have obtained more than 75% as a qualifying grade in 12th Std. Those appeared for final exams and awaiting final results should submit predicted results (in case of Undergraduate programs).
- Have obtained more than 60% as a qualifying grade in Graduation (in case of Postgraduate programs).
- Have appeared for an English Proficiency Test conducted by British Council (IELTS) with a minimum score of 6 or the IELA Test with a minimum band of 3.
- Fulfil the specific eligibility criteria (if any) of the desired program. (Please log on to <http://www.scie.ac.in/admissions/under-graduate/ug-basic-eligibility> in case of Undergraduate programs and <http://www.scie.ac.in/admissions/post-graduate/pg-basic-eligibility> in case of Postgraduate programs)

EXCEPTIONS:

This policy does not cover the following categories:

- Indian, NRI, OCI and PIO students
- International Students on short term programs
- Doctoral programs
- Part time programs

SELECTION CRITERIA

The following criteria will be applicable for evaluating applications:

- Academic Transcripts to support the record of sustained academic excellence.
- Letter of Recommendation from the Ministry of Higher Education of the respective Country/ The Embassy/High Commission of the Country in India
- Statement of Purpose
- Specific Eligibility Criteria: Students must verify and satisfy the specific eligibility for a program for which he/she is applying including English language requirement.

*Please note Applications without the recommendation of the Ministry of Higher Education of the Country/ The Embassy/High Commission of the Country in India will not be entertained under any circumstances.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- The Selection Committee will select the candidate for scholarship on the basis of academic achievements, statement of purpose and references submitted. The decision of the Selection Committee will be final. Reasons for not being awarded the scholarship will not be given.
- Scholarship holder shall bear application and administrative charges and it is mandatory for the student to make all transactions in USD.
- The student shall not be allowed to change the program or the Institute for which he/she is given scholarship even if the duration and the tuition fee is the same.
- Scholarship holder is responsible for securing an appropriate Student Visa to SIU and for any fee associated with the visa, including medical examination (visa purpose). The offer of a scholarship does not guarantee that a student visa will be granted.
- The scholarship holder has to bear all other expenses, such as application fee, IELA exam fee, administrative fee, uniform charges, books, examination fee, medical insurance, security deposit (if any).
- Recipients must satisfy basic criteria of good behaviour, 75% attendance in each semester and at least 60% aggregate marks at the end of each semester with no backlogs in any subject (Must pass all courses in all semesters). Students may not have a Terms Not Granted (TNG) in any semester. Directors of the institute they belong to must provide a good behaviour / character certificate at the end of each year so as to facilitate the continuance of the scholarship. Scholarship recipients may be asked to participate in media activities for the promotion of these scholarships, SCIE and SIU.
- Students shall finish their program within a stipulated duration. Delay in completion of program will not be covered under the scholarship. In case of delay in completion, the scholarship holder shall be responsible for paying additional charges.
- SCIE reserves the right to cancel the awarded scholarship with immediate effect if any document lacks authenticity. Student is required to show original transcripts and documents submitted with scholarship application.
- The scholarship duration will not be extended if the scholar is detained /debarred from appearing in the examination due to shortage of attendance. Suspension from the University will result in immediate withdrawal of the scholarship.
- Students on scholarship are permitted to go to their home country only during vacations without any financial liabilities on SIU and must ensure compliance with all attendance criteria.

- Symbiosis International University reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship, if there is an adequate proven evidence of serious allegations of illegal activities against the scholarship holder. In such cases, SIU will not have any role to play when the FRRO investigates the case.
- In case a scholarship holder violates the code of conduct of Symbiosis International University, **his/her scholarship would be cancelled immediately.**

SCHOLARSHIP MONITORING, PAYMENT AND CESSATION

1. **Scholarship Monitoring** will be undertaken by SCIE and SSF to ensure that scholarship recipients are abiding by the terms and conditions of their scholarship.

This monitoring will include but is not limited to:

- Academic performance.
 - Re-assessment of personal circumstances, if required.
 - Any feedback or new information received from the concerned embassies /ministries.
2. **Scholarship Payment** will not be made to the recipient directly in the form of money or any other financial benefits. Payments will be made by the Symbiosis Society Foundation directly to the institute where the recipients are enrolled. This payment will be made continuously for each year of the duration of the program as long as the recipient is abiding to the terms/conditions.
 3. **Scholarship Cessation:** In case a student violates any terms / conditions of the undertaking, the scholarship will immediately cease. Amounts already disbursed in that year will be liable to be paid back to the Foundation. In case a student leaves the program halfway through the academic year, the scholarship will cease immediately and the amount already disbursed for that year will be liable to be paid back to the Foundation. In case a student leaves the program at the end of an academic year, without completing it fully, the scholarship will cease.

Where there is any doubt as to the interpretation or administration of the policies and procedures contained within this document, the Principal Director, Symbiosis and the Executive Director, SCIE will be responsible for making decisions.

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