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THE GRADUATE SCHOOL
भारतीय कृषि अनुसंधान संस्थान, नई दिल्ली-110 012
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(A Deemed to be University Under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)
NEW DELHI - 110 012 (INDIA)

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NOTIFICATION

The Academic Council, at its 426th Meeting held on 22nd June 2026, approved the adoption of a comprehensive Prospectus for International Academic Programmes of The Graduate School, encompassing both inbound and outbound student mobility under the various internationalization initiatives of the Institute.

The approved Prospectus for International Academic Programmes of The Graduate School is appended to this notification and shall come into effect immediately.

(Suresh Kumar)

Sr. Registrar & Joint Director (Admin.)

Distribution:

1. Directors of the Hub Institutes
2. All Project Directors/Project Coordinators/Head of the Divisions.
3. All Professors of the teaching disciplines of IARI
4. Associate Deans (UG/PG/Int. Affairs/Hubs/SOONI/Placement Cell)
5. In-charge, AKMU for uploading this notification on the website of IARI
6. PS/PPS to Director/Dean & Joint Director (Edn.)/J.D. (Res.)/J.D. (Extn.)/Sr. Registrar
7. Tech. Assistant (IT Cell), The Graduate School for inclusion of the above modification in the Graduate School Calendar.
8. Dealing Assistants concerned/Guard File

**The Graduate School
ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute
New Delhi 110 012**

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS PROSPECTUS

A. INTRODUCTION

The ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) has a long record of excellence in higher education and training in Agricultural Sciences. Right from its inception in 1905, this institute has been developing trained man-power for the country. In the beginning it played an important role in training the senior officers of the then provincial Departments of Agriculture. High demand for such trainings led to the starting of formal training courses leading to a two years Diploma of Associateship of IARI in 1923. The Associateship of IARI was recognized as equivalent to the M.Sc. degree of Indian Universities by the Ministry of Education, Government of India (GoI), since 1949. Upto 1957, 903 scientists were awarded Associateship of IARI in various fields of agriculture. In 1958, the University Grants Commission (UGC) accorded the status of a Deemed University to the Institute so that the post graduate teaching leading to the degrees of M.Sc. and Ph.D. could be started.

The foundation of the Post Graduate School of the IARI was laid in October, 1958 by Shri A.P. Jain, the then Minister of Food and Agriculture. Under the guidance of Dr. R.W. Cummings, the first Dean of Post Graduate School of IARI, the post graduate instructions were started in six disciplines *viz.* Agronomy, Entomology, Genetics, Horticulture, Mycology & Plant Pathology, and Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, modelled on the course credit systems of the Land Grant Colleges of the USA. Post Graduate School was renamed as the Graduate School in 2023.

IARI is an ISO 9001:2015 certified institution renowned for education, research, and training in agriculture. Internationally, in 2026, IARI is ranked in the 151–200 band globally in the QS World University Rankings by subject for the Agriculture & Forestry placing her among the elite global institutions for agricultural sciences. It has been ranked No. 1 in the National Institutional Ranking Framework (NIRF) for Agriculture and Allied Sectors since 2023. Besides, in various NIRF categories, IARI holds the second position for the sustainable institutions category and has consistently excelled in research, innovation and overall categories, securing a spot among the top 50 universities in India. Additionally, it holds a Class A+ accreditation from the National Agricultural Education and Accreditation Board (NAEAB) under ICAR and National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) under the UGC. It has also won the prestigious ICAR Sardar Patel Outstanding Institution Award three times in the past decade. Beyond NIRF, IARI has performed well in other rankings. IARI also tops in several independent international ranking systems. IARI also has a strong Alumni network across the globe.

Since inception, IARI has played a pivotal role in transforming Indian Agriculture by providing the country highly trained manpower for agricultural research, teaching and extension. Being a renowned center for higher education, IARI has been attracting students from all across the globe since becoming a Deemed University. India's vast natural and geographical diversity has provided IARI with unique opportunities to conduct agricultural research across a wide range of climates and ecosystems, that are translatable across the world. International Students of IARI comes from 47 countries and have pursued higher education at IARI, both in Masters and Doctoral levels, excelling in various research domains and securing prominent positions in their home countries. Recognized as a higher education institution (HEI) by the University Grants Commission (UGC), IARI has established an Office of International Affairs (OIA) to oversee and manage its international academic collaborations and activities.

B. ACADEMIC DISCIPLINES

IARI offers Post Graduate Education leading to the award of M.Sc./M.Tech. & Ph.D. degrees in the following 26 agricultural disciplines:

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| 1. Agricultural Chemicals | 14. Fruit Science |
| 2. Agricultural Economics | 15. Genetics and Plant Breeding |
| 3. Agricultural Engineering | 16. Microbiology |
| 4. Agricultural Extension Education | 17. Molecular Biology & Biotechnology |
| 5. Agricultural Physics | 18. Nematology |
| 6. Agricultural Statistics | 19. Plant Genetic Resources |
| 7. Agronomy | 20. Plant Pathology |
| 8. Biochemistry | 21. Plant Physiology |
| 9. Bioinformatics | 22. Post Harvest Management |
| 10. Computer Application | 23. Seed Science & Technology |
| 11. Entomology | 24. Soil Science |
| 12. Environmental Science | 25. Vegetable Science |
| 13. Floriculture and Landscape Architecture | 26. Water Science & Technology |

C. INTERNATIONAL ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES

The international academic programmes of IARI involve both inbound and outbound mobility of students under various internationalization initiatives of the Institute.

The inbound mobility component includes, admission of international students through the Study in India Programme; and admission/exchange of students under international collaborative academic programmes, including Dual Degree and Joint Degree programmes. Whereas, the outbound mobility component includes movement of IARI-enrolled students to foreign partner institutions under approved international collaborative programmes.

D. INBOUND PROGRAMS

1. ADMISSION POLICY

International students are admitted in any one of the academic programs and academic disciplines listed above. The admission policy is decided every year in the month of November/ December by the Academic Council well before the starting of the Academic year. It is possible that in a particular academic year there may not be admission in some disciplines, depending upon the availability of Faculty and other facilities.

2. ACADEMIC SESSIONS

IARI currently encourages to admit students once per academic year, which consists of two semesters. However, international students are also permitted to join in both the semesters, if required on case-to-case basis, depending up on their visa and fellowship processes (if any). The academic session typically begins on October 1, though the exact date may vary annually. Applications for admission are accepted until 60 days before the admission date and are finalized up to 30 days prior to the admission date. Applicants are advised to refer to the Academic Calendar on the IARI website (<https://iari.res.in>) before initiating the application process.

3. ELIGIBILITY

International applicants include foreign nationals (or) persons of Indian origin (PIOs) (or) overseas residents who qualify for the status of overseas citizen of India (OCI) (or) non-resident Indian (NRI) (or) Children of Indian Workers in Gulf Countries (CIWG). International students must typically possess a valid passport with at least 6 months validity remaining beyond the date of program completion.

(i) Age

The minimum age requirement for admission, as of September 30 of the admission year, is 21 years

for M.Sc./ M.Tech programs and 23 years for Ph.D. programs.

(ii) Minimum academic requirements

- (a) Applicants must have completed 12 years of formal schooling or equivalent with a minimum of 60% marks in the terminal year examinations.
- (b) For admission to the Master's program, a Bachelor's Degree in a subject as prescribed in the Section D(ii) below from a 4-year undergraduate program (or) equivalent with at least 60% marks or equivalent cumulative/overall grade points average (CGPA/OGPA) is required.
- (c) For Ph.D. programs, candidates must hold a Master's Degree in the prescribed speciality as given below in the Section D(iii) Subject guidelines. Candidates must have secured a pass with a minimum of 60% marks or equivalent CGPA/OGPA, supported by a degree certificate (provisional/ original) and a dissertation certificate. It is essential that the candidate has undergone a regular Masters' program with research for a minimum duration of 24 months; (or) have completed a 5-year integrated Master's program with research in the subject specified in the Section D(iii) below. Additionally, doctoral applicants must fulfil the minimum qualifications specified for the Master's programs, as specified in ii(b) above.

Note: When applying with CGPA/OGPA, following guidelines may be followed. At the Bachelor's degree level, candidates must have a minimum CGPA/OGPA of 6.60 out of 10.00, 5.88 out of 9.00, 5.23 out of 8.00, 4.57 out of 7.00, 3.92 out of 6.00, 3.25 out of 5.00, or 2.60 out of 4.00. At the Master's level, the minimum requirement shall be 6.50 out of 10.00, 5.85 out of 9.00, 5.20 out of 8.00, 4.55 out of 7.00, 3.90 out of 6.00, 3.25 out of 5.00, or 2.60 out of 4.00. Direct conversion of CGPA/OGPA in to percentage is not accepted.

(iii) Academic qualifications

The academic qualifications for the various disciplines will broadly follow the general subject guidelines of IARI, but not limited to the specific terms/ terminologies/ subject names provided in the table below. Equivalence of international degree shall be specifically examined on case-to-case basis, by the Graduate School during admission process. The Board of Studies (BoS) of each Division is empowered to decide on the subject equivalence, while processing international applications. Applicants must submit apostilled/legally certified academic transcripts to establish they meet the requirements for the relevant discipline to which they are applying.

Discipline	M.Sc./M.Tech. requires a Bachelor's Degree in	Ph.D. requires a Master's Degree in
Agricultural Chemicals	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Chemical Engineering/ Chemistry/ Organic Chemistry	Agricultural Chemicals / Agricultural Chemistry/ Chemistry/ Agricultural and Environmental Chemistry/ Food Science and Agricultural Chemistry
Agricultural Economics	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Sericulture/ Agricultural Marketing and Co-operation/Dairying/ Dairy Technology/Veterinary Sciences/ Animal Husbandry/ Animal Sciences/ Fishery Sciences	Agricultural Economics / Dairy/ Animal Husbandry Economics/ Veterinary Economics/ Fisheries Economics/ Agricultural and Food Economics/ Agricultural Economics and Management/ Agricultural and Applied Economics
Agricultural Engineering	Engineering degree in Agricultural/ Agriculture & Food / Mechanical/ Civil/ Electrical/ Electronics/ Food / Process and Food / Chemical/ Production	a) Processing and Food Engineering Agricultural Engineering with Agricultural Processing/ Processing & Food / Food Process / Dairy / Post Harvest Technology / Renewal Energy as specializations b) Farm Machinery & Power

Discipline	M.Sc./M.Tech. requires a Bachelor's Degree in	Ph.D. requires a Master's Degree in
		Engineering Agricultural/ Mechanical Engineering with Farm Machinery and Power/ Renewal Energy/ Robotics as specializations c) Soil & Water Engineering Agricultural Engineering with Soil and Water/ Soil and Water Conservation/ Civil/ Irrigation and Drainage/ Water Resources/ Water Science and Technology as specializations
Agricultural Extension	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Sericulture/ Agricultural Marketing and Co-operation/ Dairying/ Dairy Technology/ Veterinary Sciences/ Animal Husbandry/ Animal Sciences/ Fishery Sciences/ Community Science/ Food Science/ Biotechnology	Agricultural Extension / Extension Education / Agricultural Communication / Veterinary Extension / Dairy Extension / Fisheries Extension/ Community Science Extension/ Agricultural Extension and Innovation/ Rural Resource Management/ Agricultural Education/ Agricultural Economics/ Communication for Development/ Communication Management
Agricultural Physics	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Physics/ Applied Physics/ Meteorology/ Climatology/ Climate Science	Agricultural Physics / Physics/ Biophysics/ Agricultural Meteorology /Soil Science / Environmental Science / Remote Sensing / Geo- informatics/ Environmental Physics and Solar Energy
Agricultural Statistics	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Sericulture/ Agricultural Marketing and Co-operation/ Dairying/ Dairy Technology/ Veterinary Sciences/ Animal Husbandry/ Animal Sciences/ Fishery Sciences	Agricultural Statistics / Statistics / Bio-Statistics/ Mathematical Statistics / Applied Statistics/ Statistics and Agricultural Experimentation
Agronomy	Agriculture / Horticulture/ Agronomy	Agronomy / Soil Water Management/ Forage Production/ Water Science and Technology/ Crop, Soil & Environmental Sciences/ Soil and Crop Sciences, Plant Breeding and Genetics/ Sustainable Crop Production
Biochemistry	Agriculture / Horticulture/ Biochemistry/ Chemistry/ Food Science	Plant Biochemistry / Biochemistry/ Agricultural Life Sciences/ Life Sciences/ Agricultural Chemistry
Bioinformatics	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Dairying/ Dairy Technology/ Veterinary Sciences/ Animal Husbandry/ Animal Sciences/ Fishery Sciences/ Agricultural Engineering/ Biotechnology/ Computer Science/ Agricultural Statistics/ Applied Statistics	Bioinformatics/ Molecular Biology/ Biotechnology / Computer Science/ Computer Application/ Agri-informatics/ Agricultural Statistics/ Statistics/ Mathematical Statistics/ Bio-Statistics with Bioinformatics
Computer	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/	Computer Science/ Computer

Discipline	M.Sc./M.Tech. requires a Bachelor's Degree in	Ph.D. requires a Master's Degree in
Application	Sericulture/ Dairying/ Dairy Technology/ Veterinary Sciences/ Animal Husbandry/ Animal Sciences/ Fishery Sciences/ Agricultural Engineering/ Biotechnology/ Computer Science/ Agricultural Statistics/ Applied Statistics	Application/ Information Technology
Entomology	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry / Sericulture	Agricultural Entomology / Entomology / Plant Protection/ Agricultural Entomology and Pest Control/ Plant Protection and Pest Management/ Entomology and Insect Science/ Entomology and Nematology
Environmental Sciences	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Environmental Science/ Environmental Engineering	Environmental Science/ Agroforestry/ Agriculture/ Forestry/ Environmental Sciences and Policy/ Environmental Science and Climate Change/ Ecotoxicology/ Environmental Pollution Management/ Energy Policy and Climate
Floriculture and Landscape Architecture	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry	Floriculture and Landscaping/ Floriculture and Landscape Architecture/ Agriculture or Horticulture with specialization in Floriculture and Landscaping/ Horticulture and Crop Science/ Gardening and Floristry
Fruit Science	Agriculture / Horticulture	Fruit Science/ Pomology/ Horticulture with specialization in Fruit Science/Horticulture and Crop Science
Genetics and Plant Breeding	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Biotechnology/ Plant Breeding/ Plant Molecular Biology/ Genetics	Genetics/ Plant Breeding/ Genetics and Plant Breeding/ Horticulture and Crop Science/ Global Plant Breeding/ Plant Breeding and Seed Science/ Plant Genetics and Crop Improvement/ Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics/ Plant Biology/ Plant Biotechnology/ Agricultural Biotechnology/ Soil and Crop Sciences, Plant Breeding and Genetics
Microbiology	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Biotechnology	Agricultural Microbiology / Microbiology/ Soil, Water, and Environmental Sciences/ Crop and Soil Sciences/ Soil Microbiology
Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Sericulture / Biotechnology	Agricultural Biotechnology/ Biotechnology / Molecular Biology and Biotechnology/ Biomolecular Sciences/ Molecular and Cell Biology/ Cellular and Molecular Biotechnology/ Biochemistry and Molecular Biology
Nematology	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/	Nematology / Plant Protection with

Discipline	M.Sc./M.Tech. requires a Bachelor's Degree in	Ph.D. requires a Master's Degree in
	Entomology/ Plant Pathology/ Zoology	specialization in Nematology/ Entomology and Nematology/ Plant pathology/ Plant and Soil Sciences/ Plant Protection/ Plant Disease Biology
Plant Genetic Resources	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Biotechnology Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Biotechnology/ Plant Breeding/ Genetics	Plant Genetic Resources / Plant Breeding/ Genetics/Agricultural Botany/ Soil and Crop Sciences, Plant Breeding and Genetics/ Plant Genetics and Crop Improvement/ Plant Breeding, Genetics, and Genomics
Plant Pathology	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Biotechnology/ Botany/ Agricultural Botany	Plant Pathology/ Plant Protection/ Plant Science/ Plant Biology/ Mycology/ Plant Virology/
Plant Physiology	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Biotechnology/ Botany/ Agricultural Botany	Plant Physiology / Crop Physiology/ Crop Production and Physiology/ Crop Science/ Agricultural and Environmental Plant Science/ Plant Biology/ Plant Physiology and Biochemistry/ Crop, Soil, and Environmental Sciences
Post Harvest Management	Agriculture/ Horticulture	Postharvest Engineering/ Postharvest Technology/ Postharvest Technology and Management/ Postharvest Technology and Innovation
Seed Science and Technology	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Biotechnology/ Plant Breeding/ Genetics/ Seed Biology	Seed Science and Technology/ Seed Technology/ Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Horticulture and Crop Science/ Seed Technology and Business/ Seed Systems/ Plant Breeding and Seed Science/ Global Plant Breeding
Soil Science	Agriculture / Horticulture / Forestry/ Geology	Soil Sciences/ Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry/ Agricultural Physics/ Water Science and Technology/ Soil and Crop Sciences/ Plant and Soil Science/ Sustainable Land Management/ Soil Science and Land Management/ Soils and Sustainability
Vegetable Science	Agriculture / Horticulture / Biotechnology/ Plant Breeding/ Genetics	Vegetable Science/ Olericulture/ Horticulture/ Horticulture and Crop Science
Water Science and Technology	Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Forestry / Agricultural Engineering	Water Science and Technology / Agronomy/ Soil Science/ Water Science and Management Agricultural Engineering/ Soil and water Engineering/ Irrigation and Drainage/ Water Resources/ Water, Society, and Policy/ Hydrology and Hydrodynamics/ Water Management and Hydrological Science/ Hydrology and Water Quality/ Water Resource Science and Management/ Freshwater Science

(iv) English language proficiency

A good knowledge of English is essential. Proficiency in the English language as certified by any one of the following tests is required: IELTS-Academic, ToEFL iBT, PTE Academic and CAE. Additional skill tests such as SAT and ACT are also acceptable. A certificate of proficiency in English issued by the Indian Mission located in their respective country (or) apostilled English language proficiency certificate issued by a legal authority is also accepted. If any of the above certificates are not available at the time of application, the student must take the tests/obtain certificates before the date of issue of admission letter. International students who have completed the qualifying degree from any Indian University with English as the medium of instruction are also accepted.

Minimum qualifying scores shall be as follows:

Test	Listening	Reading	Speaking	Writing	Overall
IELTS	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.0	6.5
TOEFL iBT	12	18	25	23	80
PTE Academic	55	55	55	55	-
CAE	185	185	185	185	-
SAT*	-	-	-	-	1100
ACT**	-	20	20	20	21

* SAT has other skill bands such as mathematics along with verbal, and written skills; **ACT has skill tests on English, Mathematics, reading, science, and writing (optional)

(v) Additional qualifications

Publications: Peer-reviewed publications having JCR impact factor/ awarded patents as evidenced by reprints, or certifications shall add weightage during the selection process, but not a mandatory requirement. Publications/patents with the candidate as the first author shall only be considered.

Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities: Demonstrated proficiency in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities validated by certified national/international recognitions/ awards, may add value to the candidature.

4. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All inbound students, whether admitted directly, sponsored or under exchange are mandatorily required to apply for admission through SII portal (www.studyinindia.gov.in).

(i) Direct admission

International students at IARI are directly admitted only through the Study in India (SII) portal (www.studyinindia.gov.in), managed by the Ministry of Education, Government of India (GoI). This flagship initiative aims to guide foreign students to India's top educational institutions. Under the existing framework, 10-15% supernumerary seats are allocated annually for international students, ensuring no impact on seats available for Indian students. Launched on April 18, 2018, the SII portal facilitates the enrolment of international students to various Indian institutions, provides Visa assistance, and other requirements such as registrations to Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) etc. SII registration is mandatory for any international students seeking admission in India.

Students seeking admission must register on the SII portal and select IARI from the list of available institutions to apply for their desired program. Each year, IARI updates the portal with a list of programs and the number of seats available in each. Applicants are advised to review the detailed application procedure provided in this document or on the website at www.iari.res.in before submitting their applications.

(ii) Sponsored candidates

General application forms meant for foreign nationals under GoI sponsored programmes are available with each Embassy and Ministry of Education in each country. Notifications for

sponsorships are released by Embassy/ Missions annually through various information media. International students seeking admission to IARI are required to send their applications along with certified copies of all the documents as specified under sections D(ii) and D(iii) along with a certified copy of the passport either through the Indian Embassy / High Commission located in their country or through their respective Embassy / Diplomatic Mission located in New Delhi. The applications duly sponsored under Government Cultural Exchange and other Technical Assistance Programmes, shall be sent to the Assistant Director General (HRD)/(EQR), Indian Council of Agricultural Research, Krishi Anusandhan Bhawan, Pusa Campus, New Delhi 110 012 or to the Department of Agricultural Research and Education, Ministry of Agriculture, GoI, Krishi Bhavan, New Delhi 110 001 (INDIA). In addition, candidates are also required to apply for admission through the SII portal (www.studyinindia.gov.in) and upload all the above specified documents in to the portal. Candidates while applying through SII may specify whether the application is a part of the sponsored program.

Foreign students sponsored by international organizations like the Agricultural Development Corporation, FAO, etc., are also considered for admission to this Institute, provided their applications in the prescribed form are received through the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) or the Department of Agricultural Research and Education (DARE), GoI, New Delhi. Sponsored students are admitted under both Master's and Doctoral programs at present.

(iii) Exchange Students

Inbound students may also be admitted through collaborative academic programmes such as Dual Degree and Joint Degree programmes. The admission procedures and related academic provisions for such programmes shall be governed by the respective Memorandum of Study Agreement (MoSA) executed between the partner institutions. International collaborative programs are established in adherence to (i) UGC (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022, (ii) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and collaborating FHEI, and (iii) specific MoSA between IARI and the FHEI.

Candidates joining IARI from foreign institutions shall additionally comply with Government of India regulations relating to international student registration and stay in India. All candidates shall maintain valid medical insurance coverage in the host country throughout the duration of the programme; students joining IARI may be covered under the institutional group insurance policy subject to prescribed procedures. Candidates shall also undergo mandatory medical examination at the designated institutional health facility wherever required.

5. NUMBER OF SEATS

All international admissions shall be made against supernumerary seats. As per the directives of the Government of India, supernumerary seats may be created and allotted in addition to the approved intake capacity, subject to an upper limit of 25% of the total number of seats notified for admission in a given academic year. However, the number of such seats to be offered in a given academic year shall be determined based on the availability of infrastructure, faculty, and other academic resources.

6. ADMISSION PROCESS

Applications submitted through the SII portal, as well as those received via ICAR/DARE with sponsorship, will first be processed by the OIA. Initial review at OIA shall include verification of all required documents, SII application status and checking seat availability for the chosen discipline in the relevant academic year. Successful applications will be forwarded to the respective subject divisions for further assessment. At this stage, the Board of Studies (BoS) within each division will carefully evaluate the candidate's academic eligibility, including their English language proficiency and ability to support themselves financially if they do not have external funding. BoS may conduct interviews— either online or in person (if the candidate is already in India)—to assess their proficiency and research interests. Please note that no financial compensation will be provided to the candidates for attending these interviews. During this process, Candidates shall be asked by BoS to file a Candidate Dossier along with a Statement of Purpose (SoP) indicating their research aptitude and interests. BoS will document all interactions with the

candidate. Based on their assessment, BoS will then recommend eligible candidates to the Graduate School, along with details of faculty members who may be suitable as academic mentors. Once this recommendation is made, the Graduate School will proceed with the final enrolment process.

7. COURSE DELIVERY AND DURATION

All course programs are conducted in offline mode under the direct supervision of IARI faculty. No portion of the coursework or research is carried out remotely or by online mode. The Master's program at IARI spans for a minimum of 24 months and consists of four semesters. Doctoral programs have a minimum duration of 36 months, divided into six semesters. Both programs require students to complete coursework and engage in research.

8. FEES AND FELLOWSHIPS

(i) Fees

The table below provides an estimate of the annual and total fees, including tuition and institutional economic fees, but excluding hostel charges. All amounts are listed in USD and may be subject to change based on international exchange rate fluctuations and/or on periodical fee revision.

No.	Academic stream	Duration*	SAARC		Non-SAARC	
			Annual fee	Total [†]	Annual fee	Total [†]
(ii)	Masters'	24 months	\$ 2310	\$ 4620	\$ 4310	\$ 8610
(iii)	Doctoral	36 months	\$ 2355	\$ 7065	\$ 4355	\$ 13065

*Duration specified is the minimum requirement in the respective stream.

[†] Total for the duration indicated. Pro rata fees shall be chargeable on a semester basis for any additional time the student stays in the program.

(ii) Institutional Economic Fee

An Institutional Economic Fee is applicable to international students. For students from SAARC countries, the fee is USD \$2000 per annum for the first three years and USD \$200 per month after three years. For students from non- SAARC countries, the fee is USD \$4000 per annum for the first three years and USD \$400 per month after three years. Candidates sponsored by the Government of India with a fellowship are exempt from paying the Institutional Economic Fee, however, they are required to pay the usual fees and charges of the Institute.

(iii) Detailed Fee structure

The detailed fee structure is outlined below. Sponsoring authorities or the concerned student must pay the specified dues at the beginning of each semester and before the due date. Failure to do so will result in the student being barred from attending academic sessions. Fees are subjected to periodical revision.

Sl. No.	Head	Amount in INR (₹)	
		Ph.D.	M.Sc./ M.Tech.
One-time fee, payable at the time of admission			
1.	Registration Fee	500	500
2.	Caution Money	10000	10000
3.	Qualifying Exam	2000	1000
4.	Thesis Evaluation Fee	2000	1000
5.	T.G. School Calendar Charges	200	200
6.	IARI Alumni Life Membership Fee	2000	2000
7.	Identity Card Fee	100	100
	Total	16800	14800
First Semester Fee			
8.	Tuition Fee	6000	5000
9.	Examination fee (Annual)	1000	1000
10.	TGS Journal Subscription Fee (Annual)	200	200

11.	PGSSU Union Fee (Annual)	300	300
12.	PGSSU Magazine Fee (Annual)	100	100
13.	Students' Sports Fund (Annual)	200	200
14.	PGSSU Cultural and Literary Activities Fee (Annual)	600	600
15.	Student Welfare Fund (Annual)	200	200
	Total	8600	7600
Second Semester Fee			
16.	Tuition fee	6000	5000
	Total Annual Fee	30400	26400

Note: The one-time fee, payable at the time of admission, must be remitted along with the 1st Semester fee at the time of admission. The fees are subjected to change as approved by the Competent Authority.

(iv) Other charges

Additional charges may apply for services provided to students who require special assistance during their academic program.

No.	Services	Amount in INR
1.	Duplicate Identity Card	100.00
2.	Late Registration	400.00
3.	Transcripts*	100.00
4.	Provisional Degree Certificate*	100.00
5.	Convocation Fees	200.00
6.	Award of Degree in Absentia	1000.00
7.	Duplicate Degree	2000.00
8.	Miscellaneous Certificate	100.00
9.	Verification of Degree Certificates (For Indian)	500.00
10.	Verification of Degree Certificates (For foreign agency)	USD \$50

*The Graduate School will issue transcript and provisional degree certificate free of charge once on successful completion of the entire programme. However, students can request additional copies on payment basis.

(v) Bank details

The above fee and other charges shall be payable to following Bank Account.

Name of the Bank: Canara Bank
Address: Pusa Campus, IARI, New Delhi 110012 (India) Account
Name: Post Graduate School
Account No.: 90292010004314
Account Type: Saving Bank Metro-Urban
IFSC Code: CNRB0019029
MICR Code: 110015391
Currency: INR

(vi) Tuition fee waiver

SII advocates for Indian institutions to extend support to talented international students. Following tuition fee waiver is offered to outstanding students.

Quantum of waiver	Eligibility*	Living/ travel/ insurance
25%	>95% marks	To be paid by students

*Eligibility shall be considered only on the last qualifying examination

(vii) Living expenses

Living expenses are to be borne by the student themselves. Hostel accommodation is mandatory for all international students. Approximate annual living expenses are categorised as follows.

a) Food costs	USD 900
b) Accommodation cost	USD 2250
c) Maintenance cost	USD 750
d) Miscellaneous cost	USD 600

Hostel charges may vary with type of accommodation provided. Hostel and food charges are paid to Office of the Master of Halls of Residence (MoHR) on semestrial basis. Maintenance and Miscellaneous costs include personal expenses, purchase of books, stationary, minor health expenses and other statutory charges such as water, electricity and phone bills. Statutory charges, if any, are paid to respective service providers directly, depending on the type of hostel accommodation.

(viii) Fellowships

This institute does not offer financial assistance through fellowships or tuition fee waiver to international students, except provided under the section G(vi) above. IARI encourages students to get sponsored through GoI's Cultural Exchange or Technical Assistance Programs, or by GoI recognised international organizations for the entire duration of their studies. There are several GoI fellowships available for international students. Candidates may check availability of assistance with Indian Missions in their country or through following websites.

- BIMSTEC Scholarship on Agriculture (<https://bimstec.org>)
- Nepal Aid Fund (<https://www.indembkathmandu.gov.in>)
- COMPEX Nepal Scholarship Scheme (<https://www.indembkathmandu.gov.in>)
- ASEAN-India Fellowship (<https://education.icar.gov.in/AseanNotification>)
- Netaji Subhas - ICAR International Fellowship (<https://education.icar.gov.in>)
- ICCR Scholarships (<http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>)
- Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (<https://spdcindia.gov.in>)
- India-Africa Fellowship Scheme (<https://education.icar.gov.in>)
- Government of India Scholarship to Sri Lanka (<http://mohe.gov.lk>)

9. VISA AND TRAVEL REGULATIONS

Students are responsible for covering the costs of their visa and travel tickets. They can apply for a Student Visa at Indian Missions/Embassies in their home country after receiving an admission offer letter from IARI. While applying, they may be required to provide their SII registration details. The GoI, through its Missions/Embassies, grants Student Visas to candidates admitted to IARI for regular, full-time programs such as PG and PhD. If a student is accompanied by a spouse or dependent family members, they must apply for an Entry Visa (not a Tourist Visa). The Entry Visa's validity will match the duration of the principal visa holder's Student Visa. Student Visas are issued for up to five years, depending on the course duration, and can be extended in India if needed. Holders of a valid Student Visa can enter India through any designated immigration check post, whether by air or sea. For further details, candidates should contact the Indian Mission/Embassy in their country or visit the official Indian Visa Application Portal: <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in>.

Before traveling to India, students must ensure they have the necessary immigration clearance, which is required at all international airports and seaports. The specific documents needed for clearance may vary by country, so candidates are advised to check the latest travel regulations and requirements in advance.

10. FRRO REGISTRATION

Students travelling to India on a Student Visa valid for more than 180 days for joining IARI are required to register with the Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), New Delhi, within 14 days of their first arrival in India, irrespective of the intended duration of stay.

Prior to registration on the FRRO portal, students shall report to the Office of International Affairs at IARI within 24 hours of their arrival on campus for enrolment in the Foreign Students Information System (FSIS) maintained by the Bureau of Immigration, Ministry of Home Affairs,

Government of India.

Students are also required to report to the Hostel Management Office at IARI within 24 hours of admission to the hostel and submit the prescribed C-Form provided by the office.

The FRRO registration process may be completed online through the e-FRRO portal, thereby eliminating the need for physical visits to the FRRO/FRO office unless specifically required by the concerned authorities. Through the online system, the student's Registration Permit/Residential Permit Certificate (RP/RC) is processed by the competent FRRO authority. Following registration, students may avail various visa and immigration-related services online using their registered User ID.

All immigration and visa-related documents shall be communicated electronically through the registered email ID and, where applicable, by post to the address furnished during registration. For further details and online registration, students may visit the official e-FRRO portal: <https://indianfrro.gov.in/efro/home>

11. STUDENT RESTRICTIONS

Students travelling to India on a Student Visa are strictly prohibited from undertaking any form of employment or engaging in any kind of business activity during their stay. This restriction, however, does not apply to participation in academic internships or the receipt of fellowships. Furthermore, students are not permitted to engage in any activities, individually or collectively, that may be construed as political in nature, seditious, or anti-national.

12. MEDICAL INSURANCE

It shall be mandatory for all international students admitted to IARI to maintain valid medical insurance coverage operative within India for the entire duration of their study programme. International students shall be covered under the existing Group Health Insurance Policy of IARI, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed enrolment formalities. For inclusion under the policy, students shall be required to submit the following documents through the Graduate School, IARI:

- Copy of valid passport and visa;
- Admission/offer letter issued by IARI; and
- Student identity card or proof of enrolment.

The insurance premium shall be charged at the group rates applicable under the institutional policy and shall be processed through IARI, since the master insurance policy is maintained in the name of the Institute.

Further, at the time of joining IARI, all international students shall be required to undergo a mandatory medical examination at the Institute Health Centre or any other health facility designated by the Institute.

13. JOINING IARI

The candidates are advised to join IARI one week before the commencement of session which will enable them to become acquainted with the Campus, and complete all the preliminary requirements.

14. RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES

IARI accommodates all the international students on campus, in the international boys' and girls' hostels. Married students are provided accommodation in the married students' apartments.

15. STUDENT SUPPORT SERVICES

(i) Office of the International Affairs

The National Education Policy 2020 (NEP 2020) emphasizes the internationalization of higher education and as one of India's top-rated educational institutions under NIRF and NAAC, IARI has established the Office of International Affairs (OIA), a mandatory body to coordinate international

collaborations and support students involved in these programs. The OIA ensures seamless interactions between IARI and foreign higher education institutions (HEIs), and serves as a dedicated point of contact for all international students and collaborating institutions. The major mandate of OIA include serving as a nodal agency for foreign students, helping with their welcome and support services, addressing grievances of both Indian and foreign students involved in these programs, coordinating activities for students enrolled in collaborative programs with foreign institutions, assisting Indian students traveling abroad for academic programs, liaising with regulatory and statutory bodies, maintaining records and disseminating information on international collaborations, promoting IARI's brand globally and engaging in international outreach activities, and providing information about academic collaborations on IARI's website and to the UGC as required. For students, this means greater opportunities to engage in international education, including participating in collaborative research projects and to provide students with a global perspective and expand their academic and professional horizons.

(ii) Office of the MoHR

Master of Halls of Residence (MoHR) is responsible for overseeing and managing student accommodations/ hostels across the campus. This role ensures the smooth administration of hostel facilities, addressing student welfare, discipline, and residential amenities. MoHR works in coordination with wardens and hostel committees to maintain a comfortable and conducive living environment for students, promoting a balanced academic and social life. Additionally, the office plays a key role in implementing policies related to hostel allotment, infrastructure maintenance, and resolving student grievances related to residential life at IARI.

(iii) Library

Prof. MS Swaminathan library established originally in 1905 and relocated to New Delhi in 1936, has evolved into one of the top 10 agro-biological libraries in the world. Initially known as the Linlithgow Library, it is recognized as the National Agricultural Library of India. With over 600,000 publications, including 350,000 journal volumes, 100,000 books and monographs, 45,000 bulletins, 30,000 news clippings, 30,000 reports, 15,000 postgraduate theses, and 10,500 serial files, the library offers an invaluable resource for research in modern agriculture. Adding 9,000 to 10,000 documents annually and serving a growing community of 2,000 registered members, the library is also a hub of digital learning with access to resources such as the Consortium of eResources in Agriculture (CeRA), One Nation One Subscription (ONOS), e-Granth, and memberships with DELNET and INFLIBNET. Additionally, it provides CD-ROM workstations and C-DAC project resources, alongside a vast collection of digitized content and eResources.

(iv) Medical Facilities

A qualified Medical Officer, residing on campus, oversees student health and manages the Institute Health facility located near the hostels.

(v) Sports and Recreation

The Graduate School promotes extracurricular activities that enhance the cultural, physical, and social life of students. Spacious playgrounds near the hostels offer facilities for outdoor sports such as cricket, football, hockey, volleyball, tennis, badminton, and athletics. Each hostel is equipped with indoor game facilities. Additionally, a Students' Sports Fund is maintained, to which all students contribute at the start of each academic year.

(vi) Student Welfare Fund

The Student's Welfare Fund is designed to support students in need, ensuring their well-being and overall development. Contributions to the fund are made by students at the start of each academic year, and it is utilized for various welfare activities, including financial assistance, health services, and other student support initiatives. The fund aims to create a supportive environment that enhances the student experience both academically and personally.

(vii) Students' Counselling Cell

The Student Counselling Centre provides comprehensive support to students in their personal, academic, and professional development. It offers counselling services to help students manage stress, improve well-being, and address any challenges they may face.

(viii) Pusa Graduate School Students' Union

Pusa Graduate School Students' Union (PGSSU), earlier known as the Post-Graduate School Students' Union at IARI serves as a vital platform for fostering student engagement and well-being. It organizes a variety of cultural, academic, and recreational activities, including seminars, workshops, and social events, to enhance the overall student experience. PGSSU also acts as a liaison between students and the administration, addressing concerns and promoting a harmonious campus environment. Through these initiatives, the Union aims to cultivate leadership skills, encourage active participation, and contribute to the holistic development of students at IARI.

(ix) Internet facility

Internet, intranet, and Wi-Fi connectivity are available in all hostels and guest houses for students, trainees, and visiting faculty. This initiative enhances knowledge dissemination and fosters a productive relationship between scientists and students, contributing to national agricultural development. The facility is provided free of charge to IARI students, supporting their academic growth. Additionally, students' academic progress is seemingly integrated with the IARI Academic Management System (<https://iari.auams.in/>).

(x) Lady Students' Adviser

The Lady Student Advisor at IARI plays a crucial role in supporting the welfare and development of female students. She acts as a mentor and guide, offering counselling and assistance on various academic, personal, and social matters. The advisor works to ensure a safe and inclusive environment for female students, addressing any issues related to gender sensitivity, harassment, or discrimination. The role also involves facilitating communication between the administration and female students, helping them navigate their academic journey while ensuring their overall well-being. The Lady Student Advisor is an important resource in promoting a balanced and supportive campus experience for women at IARI.

E. OUTBOUND PROGRAMS

Outbound programs of IARI facilitate enrolled students to undertake joint/ dual program with collaborating foreign higher education institutions (FHEIs). These arrangements significantly broaden students' international competence, capacity building and advanced research opportunities. Meritorious students who wish to participate in this program are invited to submit expressions of interest (EoI) in the prescribed format every year. The call is based on the availability of programs that are being offered in a particular year.

Outbound program of IARI adheres to (i) University Grants Commission (Academic Collaboration between Indian and Foreign Higher Educational Institutions to offer Twinning, Joint Degree and Dual Degree Programmes) Regulations, 2022, (ii) Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and collaborating FHEI, and (iii) specific Memorandum of Agreement between IARI and the FHEI. Participants in this program are expected to conduct high-quality research at both institutions, leading to the development of impactful publications, patents, products, or protocols. These programs involve sharing of credit between IARI and partner FHEI.

Each of these programs involves a minimum period of study at IARI, followed by a designated period of study or research at the FHEI. The exact duration may vary depending on the specific academic arrangements between the participating institutions. The overall maximum duration permissible under the program shall be in accordance with IARI regulations. Students shall be concurrently registered at both IARI and partner FHEI during the duration of their enrolment in the FHEI.

Student admission to FHEI shall be governed by its prevailing regulations, unless specified. Mandatory requirements may include demonstrating proficiency in the English language, undergoing a medical health check, obtaining overseas student health insurance, and providing evidence of sufficient financial resources to support the duration of stay in the host country.

Fellowship and other support to the students will be as per the individual candidature agreements for each program. If no support is provided, student may require to support themselves for the duration of study in the FHEI. Although FHEIs may endeavour to provide support through stipends or fellowships, such assistance is not guaranteed. However, in no instance student will be allowed to receive two fellowships from both home and host institutions. However, unless specified, students are responsible for covering visa fees, travel expenses, medical insurance, academic supplies and living costs during their stay in the host country.

1. ADMISSION AND SELECTION PROCESS

Students selected under this program are admitted through the standard admission process, with no separate or special channel for collaborative program admissions. Accordingly, all students admitted to IARI, regardless of their mode of admission, have equal opportunity to participate in collaborative programs. Selection for such opportunities is primarily based on academic merit, demonstrated interest, and, in the case of doctoral students, the quality of their research proposals. The selection process follows multiple stages in alignment with the admission procedures of both collaborating institutions. Typically, the selection and admission process under this program consists of seven stages.

Students are required to complete the minimum academic requirements at IARI, which typically include successful completion of coursework and a qualifying examination. In the case of doctoral students, there is an additional requirement to complete a portion of their research work at IARI before proceeding to an overseas institution.

Stage 1: Depending on the availability of positions with collaborating FHEIs, each academic year, IARI will invite Expression of Interest (EoI) and research proposals to be undertaken at FHEI from students enrolled in a regular program in IARI. Research proposal must be in perfect alignment with their research program at IARI, and will form a part of their thesis submitted at IARI as well as the FHEI. Depending on the individual program requirements, proposals are solicited from a defined group of students at a particular stage of their academic enrolment. Stage 1 of the program may begin prior to the completion of the academic requirements as described in the previous para, wherever applicable. For doctoral students, research proposals for the program to be undertaken at the FHEI must be submitted along with an Expression of Interest (EoI). Details of the application procedures, along with the prescribed format, are provided with the invitation.

Stage 2: On receipt of the EoI and proposals, the Graduate School (TGS) at IARI will scrutinize the applications for shortlisting, either through a specially constituted committee or based on recommendations from the respective Division's Board of Studies. Student selection for this program is competitive and is based on the academic merit, communication skills, alignment to the topics communicated above, along with willingness and commitment to undergo this program. Winning EoI and research proposal shall be transmitted to FHEI for further evaluation.

Stage 3: Details of the shortlisted students along with their proposals are sent to FHEI for evaluation. FHEI will screen the proposals and will engage with the students through online discussions, involving prospective supervisor from FHEI as well as the supervisor from IARI. At the end of the discussions, the Supervisor from FHEI, if satisfied with student's potential, shall issue support letter to the students at this stage, enabling them to apply for admission at FHEI.

Stage 4: This stage involves the admission process at the FHEI, during which the student may be required to submit all necessary documentary evidence demonstrating eligibility for admission to the collaborative program including English language proficiency, along with passport details. Upon successful admission, an Individual Candidature Agreement (ICA) shall be signed as a tripartite agreement between the student and the designated authorities of both institutions.

Stage 5: Upon receipt of the signed ICA, the FHEI will issue an official Offer of Admission for the

higher degree research program, detailing any applicable fees and mandatory requirements such as medical insurance. The student will be required to formally accept the offer in the prescribed format and submit all required documents along with the acceptance. If the FHEI awards a scholarship, a separate scholarship offer letter will be issued alongside the admission offer, which must also be accepted by the student in the specified manner.

Stage 6: On acceptance of the admission offer, FHEI will issue a letter of enrolment enabling the students to apply for study Visa.

Stage 7: At this stage, upon receiving the visa, the student must apply for relief from IARI in accordance with the procedures prescribed by the Graduate School. The specific requirements may vary depending on the program under which the student is exiting IARI, and generally include submission of a document checklist, obtaining clearances from hostels and other service units, signing an indemnity bond, among other formalities.

2. STUDENTS EXCHANGE

The number of candidates to be admitted, under collaborative programmes shall be in accordance with the provisions of the MoSA. Admitted students shall complete the admission formalities prescribed by the respective host institution and obtain the necessary admission approvals and Letter of Admission (LoA). Students moving across international borders under such programmes shall obtain appropriate student visas valid for the prescribed duration of study and comply with all immigration and regulatory requirements of the host country, including mandatory registration with competent authorities wherever applicable. The academic programme shall be pursued continuously without interruption during mobility between partner institutions, and the subsequent residency requirements at the home or host institution shall be governed by the provisions of the respective MoSA.

3. PROGRAMME CANDIDATURE MANAGEMENT

The academic management, candidature progression, disciplinary matters, and dispute resolution shall be governed by the respective academic regulations, policies, and procedures of the participating partner institutions, as specified in the MoSA and individual candidature agreements (ICA).

Candidates enrolled under such programmes shall remain concurrently enrolled at both institutions during the approved mobility period and shall comply with all the academic requirements of the home and host Institutions unless otherwise provided in the applicable agreement.

4. FEES AND FELLOWSHIPS

The financial provisions relating to collaborative programmes, including tuition fees, fee waivers, fellowships, scholarships, duration of financial support, and liabilities towards travel, visa, insurance, accommodation, living, and other incidental expenses, payable to both partner institutions shall be governed by the mutually agreed terms specified in the respective MoSA between the participating institutions.

F. POWER TO MAKE CHANGES

The authority to make flexibility on the procedures, processes and regulations, if deemed fit, is vested on the Director and Vice Chancellor, IARI.

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