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NOTIFICATION

The Graduate School, ICAR-Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI), invites applications from eligible international students for admission to the PhD programs for the academic session 2025-26. For the purpose of admission, international students include overseas citizens and candidates falling under the categories of Non-Resident Indian (NRI), Overseas Citizen of India (OCI), and Person of Indian Origin (PIO). Seats under this category are supernumerary.

Number of Seats: 12

Seat Allocation: Two seats per School is allocated. The number of seats may be interchanged between Schools in the event of non-availability of candidates.

Application Procedure: Apply only through the Study in India (SII) portal, <https://studyinindia.gov.in>. Please follow the guidelines provided in the SII portal while applying.

Visit the IARI portal, <http://iari.res.in> for details regarding eligibility criteria, including English language eligibility, and the detailed admission procedure for international students.

Admission Process: Admissions shall be direct, and international aspirants are exempted from writing the national competitive examination, ICAR AIEEA(PG). They are, however, required to attend a virtual interview during the screening process. If the student is already in India, they may optionally be called to appear for a written test and/or interview. Selection will be based on academic merit and interview/written test performance. (detailed Admission Process in **Annexure-II**)

Application and Academic Fee: There shall be no application fee. Upon admission, international students are required to pay academic and residential fees as prescribed, as well as should ensure necessary financial resources to self-support themselves during the entire program. (detailed Fee Structure in **Annexure-I**) For more information on fees, please visit, <https://iari.res.in>

Fellowship Information: International students are not provided fellowships from IARI. Candidates are encouraged to secure financial support from Government of India-sponsored programs, international organizations such as the Agricultural Development Corporation, FAO, CGIAR, etc.

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Jt. Director (Adm) & Sr. Registrar

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NOTIFICATION

The Academic Council, in its 422nd meeting held on 26/11/2024, approved the following admission guidelines and protocols for implementing the Study in India (SII) Programme in IARI.

A. Number of seats

IARI plans to admit international students in compliance with the SII guidelines for this initiative. Since there is a constraint on housing and other logistics, the program shall be offered only to the doctoral program initially. The seats designated for this initiative shall be supernumerary, and as per the UGC guidelines and shall not include international students under exchange programmes or/and through a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between institutions or between the Government of India and other countries.

For the 2024-25 academic sessions, 15 seats shall be earmarked for doctoral programs across all disciplines, making up approximately 7.5% of the total 200 seats available annually. Admissions shall exclusively take place at the IARI campus in New Delhi, in the first phase.

B. Eligibility

Age: The minimum age requirement shall be 22 years for the doctoral degree programme.

Nationality: Applicants must be Foreign Nationals. Overseas residents who qualify for the status of Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) or Non-resident Indian (NRI) are also eligible to apply under this program.

Passport: Candidates must possess a valid passport with at least 6 months validity remaining from the date of program completion.

C. Academic qualifications

Doctoral Program: Applicants must have completed 12 years of formal education at the school level with a minimum of 60% of the total marks. A pass with a minimum of 60% marks/ cumulative grade points in a 4-year undergraduate program as evidenced by a certified Bachelor's Degree and a pass with a minimum of 60% of the total marks/ cumulative grade points in the 2-year Master's Program with research in the area of specialization as evidenced by the certified Degree certificate and dissertation certificate,

(or)

A pass with a minimum of 60% of the total marks/cumulative grade points in the 5-year integrated master's program with research in the area of specialization as evidenced by the certified Degree certificate and dissertation certificate.

Qualifying subjects in the Master's Programme shall be as per the general subject guidelines of IARI. Applicants are required to submit certified academic transcripts.

D. Additional qualifications

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

English Language Proficiency: 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. If any of the above certificates are not available, the student needs to take an IARI-English Proficiency Test (IEPT).

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)

Minimum score requirements conditions for IEPT shall be updated later.

E. Other desirable requirements

Demonstrated proficiency in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities validated by certified recognitions/ awards.

F. Annual Fees

The annual fee and the total fee* (excluding hostel fees) are outlined below. All amounts are in USD.

No.	Academic stream	SAARC		Non-SAARC	
		Annual fee	Total	Annual fee	Total
(i)	Doctoral	\$ 2355	\$ 7065*	\$ 4355	\$ 13065*

*Total for 36 months. Pro rata fees shall be chargeable on a semester basis for any additional time the student stays in the program.

G. Fellowships

No institutional fellowships are available under this program. IARI does not guarantee any fellowship to students selected under this program, in any manner.

H. Living costs and hostel charges

Annual hostel and living expenses for different categories are as follows.

b) Food costs	USD 900 (~₹ 72000)
c) Accommodation cost	USD 2250 (~₹ 180000)
d) Maintenance cost	USD 750 (~₹ 60000)
e) Miscellaneous cost	USD 600 (~₹ 48000)

I. Fee waiver

SII advocates for Indian institutions to extend support to talented international students. Following tuition fee waivers may be offered to outstanding students.

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

J. Overseas students medical Insurance (OSMI)

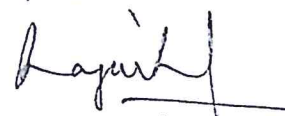
It shall be compulsory for the students to have medical insurance coverage that is valid within India, before getting admitted into this programme. Students need to purchase medical insurance for foreign students directly from the insurance providers. IARI does not provide any insurance purchase facility.

K. Residential facilities

IARI plans to accommodate the international students on campus, with its limited student housing facilities in the international boys' and girls' hostels. Hostel accommodation shall be optional to students and shall be provided on a single or twin-sharing basis. Given the plan to accommodate 15 international students annually under this programme, over the next four years, the institute anticipates hosting a minimum of 60 students simultaneously on campus. A studio apartment with essential amenities shall be provided. The living expenses shall be borne by the students.

L. Flexibility options

The authority to make flexibility on the above conditions, if deemed fit, shall be vested on the Director and Vice Chancellor, IARI.



(Rajeev Lal)

Sr. Registrar & Joint Director (Admin.)

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Admission Process:

Applications received through the Study in India (SII) Portal will undergo an initial review at the Office of International Affairs (OIA). Following this, applications will be forwarded to the concerned subject divisions for further assessment with the approval of the competent authority.

The Board of Studies (BoS) in each division will evaluate the academic eligibility of applicants, including English language proficiency and financial capacity (in cases where external funding is not available). Candidates will be required to appear for an interview—either online or in person (if already in India)—to assess their academic preparedness and research interests. Please note that no financial compensation will be provided for attending these interviews.

Applicants are encouraged to submit a Statement of Purpose (SoP) highlighting their research aptitude and interests. Based on the assessment, the BoS will recommend eligible candidates to the Graduate School, along with the identification of potential academic mentors. The Graduate School will then undertake the final enrolment process.

Important Note:

Direct admission under the self-financing scheme will not be available for the Master's Program during the Academic Year 2025–26.