

**Annexure**

**GOVERNMENT OF ARUNACHAL PRADESH  
DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
ITANAGAR**

**Guidelines for Scheme of Arunachal Pradesh Scholarships  
for Academic Excellence**

**I. Short Title and Commencement**

1. These guidelines may be called the 'Arunachal Pradesh Scholarship for Academic Excellence Scheme Guidelines, 2024'
2. They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the official gazette.

**II. Introduction**

The Government of Arunachal Pradesh has dedicated the financial year 2024-25 as the **'Year of Youth'** in a tribute to youth aspirations energies and the significant role to be played by our youth in achieving the cherished goal of, building a Viksit Bharat and a Viksit Arunachal. As part of the Year of Youth, the Government had decided to launch the innovative **Arunachal Pradesh Scholarships for Academic Excellence** scheme from FY 2024-25.

The Innovative Arunachal Pradesh Scholarship for Academic Excellence Scheme aims to provide essential financial support to meritorious APST students from Arunachal Pradesh, enabling access to top-tier global institutions and enhancing their academic and professional prospects.

By removing financial barriers to educational aspirations, the scheme will ensure talented students from economically disadvantaged backgrounds can pursue their educational aspirations. It will contribute to the state's socio-economic development by nurturing skilled students.

**III. Objectives**

The primary objectives of the Innovative Arunachal Pradesh Scholarship for Academic Excellence Scheme are:

1. To assist APST students to pursue educational opportunities for Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Courses at top global universities
2. Provide financial support, scholarships, or grants to reduce barriers for underprivileged APST students

3. Facilitate opportunities for students to engage with diverse cultures, enhancing their global perspective
4. Build collaborations with international universities to create future pathways for student enrolment and exchange programs
5. Help create internship and job placement opportunities for students to gain global work experience
6. Support students in engaging in international research projects, enhancing their academic and professional experience

#### **IV. Eligibility**

1. The applicant should be a citizen of India, who shall be a permanent resident of Arunachal Pradesh and belong to such a tribe that has been recognized as a Scheduled Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh under the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 and its subsequent amendments made therein from time to time.
  - a. Provided that in case of a minor, the father must belong to such a tribe that has been recognized as Scheduled Tribe of Arunachal Pradesh under the Constitution (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1950 and its subsequent amendments made therein from time to time.
2. The applicant must have obtained a letter of acceptance or been admitted to any of the Universities in the overall top 150 QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World Universities Rankings (or)
3. Obtained a letter of acceptance or been admitted to any of the Universities in the top 150 150 QS (Quacquarelli Symonds) World Universities Rankings of the specific subject in which s/he desires to gain admission
4. Provided that the list of top 150 Universities (overall and subject-wise) published by the QS World Universities Rankings as of 1st April of that year shall be applicable for ascertaining eligibility of candidates for that Financial Year
5. These guidelines will be applicable to students securing admission into full-time Undergraduate, Postgraduate, Doctoral and Post Doctoral courses in any of the Universities as per clauses (3) and (4) above.
6. **Benefits under the scheme shall not be applicable to any student who has secured admission into any such University prior to the date of notification of these guidelines.**
7. Preference shall be given to the student(s) enrolled in Science, Technology, Engineering and Management (**STEM**).

#### **V. Applicable Courses and Duration**

1. Post-Doctoral (Maximum Course Duration: 2 years)

2. PhD (Maximum Course Duration: 5 years)
3. PG (Maximum Course Duration: 2 years)
4. UG (Maximum Course Duration: 4 years)
  - The extension of stay beyond prescribed period for courses as mentioned above, may be considered without financial assistance of any kind except the air passage to return to India
  - If a candidate seeks an extension solely due to academic failure, no additional financial assistance for the extension will be granted. However, in cases where failure is accompanied by justifiable reasons, such requests may be considered with the approval of the competent authority, based on recommendations from the respective university. However, the final decision lies solely with the Department of Higher and Technical Education

## **VI. Admission Assistance**

1. This scheme does not in any way or manner provide or aim to provide for assistance in seeking admission into a university.
2. Applicants must secure admission or a letter of acceptance from the University of their choice prior to seeking benefits under the scheme.

## **VII. Benefits**

1. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh will bear 75% of the cost incurred by the student every year for the course in which s/he is admitted.
2. The following costs will be considered as part of the cost incurred by the student:
  - The tuition fee charged by the University
  - On-campus residence fees charged by the University
  - Personal health insurance premium of the applicant availing scholarship
  - Visa charges, as applicable, for the country/region in which the University is located
  - One time trip airfare during the entire duration of the course in economy class from nearest Airport to Hometown to the nearest Airport to the educational institution and back to subject to the condition that the ticket purchased must be of the shortest route on date of booking
3. The applicant will further have an option to choose from the following:
  - a. Subsistence allowance of Rs 12 Lakhs per academic year (or)
  - b. A soft loan for the remaining 25% of the cost incurred guaranteed by the Government of Arunachal Pradesh
4. The scholarship amounts other than the subsistence allowance will be directly credited to the institution upon the verification of all the requisite

documentation or to the concern student's bank account in case of difficulties payment to the host institution(s).

5. The scholarship awardees will be permitted to supplement their prescribed allowances by undertaking Research/Teaching Assistantship, as per the rules of the concerned University.

## **VIII. Documents Required**

1. Domicile Certificate
2. Unconditional Acceptance letter from the applicable foreign university
3. Fee details/documents issued by the University
4. Passport (Copy).
5. Visa as applicable for the category of admission (Copy)
6. Aadhaar Card (Copy)
7. Self-Declaration regarding any pending case/Non conviction of offense
8. Any other document supporting the claims.
9. Post the first year of admission into any of the applicable courses under the scheme, applications for financial and other assistance must be accompanied by a duly certified mark sheet/ grade card for the immediately preceding academic year

## **IX. Application and Disbursement Process**

1. Applications, along with support documentation, as mentioned in Section VIII above, are to be submitted by the applicant to the office of the Commissioner/ Secretary, Department of Higher and Technical Education or to the nodal officer appointed by the Department in this regard.
2. The Department of Higher and Technical Education will take the final decision on approval or rejection within 7 (seven) working days of receipt of application, and in case of approval of the application, intimate the same to the applicant, concerned University and concerned Indian Mission/Consulate. In case the application is rejected by the Department, such rejection will invariably be accompanied by a speaking order listing the reasons for such rejection.
3. Tuition and other fees, as applicable as per the guidelines of the scheme, will be remitted directly by the Department to the concerned University, under intimation to the applicant and the concerned Indian Mission/Consulate, as per the currency exchange rates prevailing on the date of such remittance. Subsistence allowance etc. will be remitted by the Department directly to the bank account of the applicant.

4. For applications for financial support post the first year of admission, applications may be submitted physically/electronically by the applicant to the Commissioner/Secretary, Department of Higher and Technical Education or the nodal officer appointed by the Department in this regard.

## **X. Implementing Department**

The scheme "Innovative Arunachal Pradesh Scholarship for Academic Excellence" will be implemented by the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Arunachal Pradesh.

## **XI. Default under the Scheme**

In case a candidate pursuing studies abroad has adverse reports on studies and/or conduct and/or that the candidate leaves for any other country or absconds or joins any other university or course/programme or/and returns to India in case of exigency without intimating the concerned authority, he/she will be declared defaulter and will become liable for refund of entire amount spent on him/her along with the interest which will be 12% per annum and in case an awardee fails to repay the amount within six months from the date on which a demand for such refund is made, penal interest at the rate which is 2.5% higher than the above normal rate of interest on the outstanding amount would be charged.

## **XII. Furnishing of False Information and Willful Suppression of Facts**

If any candidate has furnished any false information/document and it is established as false, he/she will be debarred from the scholarship and if he/she has availed of it or is availing, an action will be initiated for recovery of the amount spent with 15% compound interest thereon. Such candidate will also be blacklisted for future.

## **XIII. Restriction from availing similar benefits under any other scheme**

1. The candidate shall be precluded from availing any other scholarship benefits of similar nature under any scheme of the Centre or State Governments or any other Non-Government Institution, without prior approval of the Department of Higher and Technical Education.
2. The number of students shall be limited to a maximum of **25 (Twenty-Five)** numbers per academic year.

## **XIV. Monitoring**

1. The student and the department of Higher and Technical Education will inform the concerned Indian Mission once admission is secured in the University. The Government of Arunachal Pradesh may seek necessary assistance of Indian Mission of the concerned country as necessary.
2. Release of payment of scholarship amount of subsequent year of the course after the first year will be linked to the furnishing of progress report or grade card by the candidate as may be applicable and will only be released on successful completion of the previous academic year.
3. The release of payment of first and subsequent tranches of tuition fees etc. shall invariably be accompanied by a letter from the concerned University mentioning such fees etc.
5. The number of students shall be limited to a maximum of **25 (Twenty-Five)** numbers per academic year.

#### **XV. Relaxation**

1. The Department of Higher and Technical Education may with prior approval of the Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Department, for reasons to be recorded in writing, may relax on needs cum merit basis, the requirement of the University being placed in the top 150 Universities list of the QS World University Rankings to the University being in the top 200 Universities.
2. Such relaxation will be applicable only in exceptional circumstances and may preferably be extended only to female candidates.

#### **XVI. Modification of Guidelines**

The Hon'ble Minister in charge of the Department of Higher and Technical Education, Government of Arunachal Pradesh may from time to time, issue amendments/corrigendum for compliances of various stakeholders as may be necessary for the smooth implementation of the scheme.

This issues with approval of Finance Department vide No. **U.O. No. Est-II-20015/162 /2023-ESTT-II- FPID Computer No.145368 dated 23/12/2024.**

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