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**PRESS RELEASE**

**INDIA-AFRICA MAITRI SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27**

The Embassy of India, Bamako is glad to announce 20 scholarships under the India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme (formerly known as Africa Scholarship Scheme) for the academic year 2026-27. These scholarships offered by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) for Undergraduate, Postgraduate and PhD programs in selected Indian universities for Malian nationals.

**2. Interested candidates can apply online through A2A portal (<https://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in>) of the ICCR. The above portal will be open for applications from 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026. The last date for submission of applications will be 15<sup>th</sup> April 2026.**

3. For undergraduate/postgraduate courses, applicants must be between 18 to 40 years of age (18 years as on 01/07/2026). For Ph.D., applicants should not be more than 50 years of age. A valid passport for the duration of the course is essential for successful submission of applications.

4. Applicants have the option to apply for five universities/institutes in the order of the preference of study. The admission, as far as possible, will be given as per applicant's preference. Applicants are advised to visit the website of the universities/institutes offering the courses of their interest for obtaining details on courses offered, eligibility criteria and general information about the universities/institutes. The students should ensure that they are eligible for the courses and meet the eligibility criteria prescribed by the University/Institute. Relevant documents as required by the university in addition to the basic certificates mentioned in the application form should also be submitted along with the application.

5. Applications will not be considered without English translations of documents, if the original documents are in languages other than English. Applicants may please note that incomplete applications can be summarily rejected by universities. Therefore, students are advised to check their applications thoroughly and attach all requisite documents before submission of the application.

6. Admissions in Medical/Para-medical (Nursing/Physiotherapy/Anesthesia), Fashion/Law courses/undergraduate courses such B.A. LLB (5 years)/B.SC and M.SC (5 years) etc., are not admissible under this Scholarship scheme. Students are required to submit medical certificates supporting their physical and mental wellness at the time of final award of scholarships.

7. For any further queries on the India-Africa Maitri Scholarship Scheme, interested applicants may contact the Education Wing of the Embassy of India, Bamako by e-mail to [edu.bamako@mea.gov.in](mailto:edu.bamako@mea.gov.in).

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