



**BU - CENTRE FOR INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (BU-CIA)**

**GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS ADMISSIONS**

(Academic Year 2021-22 onwards)

[Foreign / International/ Non Resident Indian (NRI) students]

These guidelines are based on the rules framed by University Grants Commission (UGC) and notified in its website [www.ugc.ac.in](http://www.ugc.ac.in)

Bharathiar University (BU) has set up Centre for International Affairs for the admission and guidance of international students. All letters relating to international students shall be addressed to:

**The Overseas Programme Coordinator,**  
BU-Centre for International Affairs,  
Bharathiar University (BU),  
Coimbatore District - 641 046.  
Tamil Nadu State, India  
Ph: 91-422 2428264  
Email: [internationalaffairs@buc.edu.in](mailto:internationalaffairs@buc.edu.in)

‘International Students’ includes:

- i) **Foreign Students:** Students holding passports issued by foreign countries and people of Indian origin who have acquired the nationality of foreign countries are included as foreign students.
- ii) **Non Resident Indians :**Wards of NRI parents are eligible for admissions to NRI category

**VISA for international Students:**

- i) **VISA:** All the international students will require a ‘Student VISA’ endorsed to BU for joining full time courses. No other endorsement is acceptable.

- ii) Students joining a research program will require a 'Research VISA' endorsed to BU.
- iii) The visa shall be valid for the entire duration of the course.
- iv) Visa shall be obtained only after issuing the offer of admission.
- v) Visa is not required for NRI students.
- vi) Entry level status of International students on entry to the country will be maintained, i.e., if the applicant entered the country through a student visa, it will remain the same throughout the duration of the course. The applicant cannot change the type of visa during the course of the study.
- vii) All International Students wishing to undertake any research work or join a P.G. or PhD program shall have to obtain prior security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the approval of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India
- viii) All the mandatory Forms recommended by Bureau of Immigration (BoI) namely: Form C, Form S, FRRO registration or any other documents, shall be completed and communicated to departments concerned and BU-CIA.
- ix) Proper Exit through BU-CIA shall be done at the time of completion of the course, for processing the results and Certificates of the international students.

**Eligibility:**

- i) Students who have qualified from foreign universities or Boards of Higher Education recognized as equivalent by the 'Association of Indian Universities' (AIU) are eligible for admission.
- ii) The candidate has to obtain and submit a Certificate of equivalence from AIU by paying the requisite fee.
- iii) ***AIU shall be contacted at :***  
AIU HOUSE 16, Comrade Indrajit Gupta Marg,  
New Delhi 110002, India.  
Phones: (91) -11- 23230059, (91)-11-23232429 Fax: (91)-11-23232131  
E mail: [aiu@del2.vsnl.net.in](mailto:aiu@del2.vsnl.net.in)  
Website: <http://www.aiuweb.org>

**Admission of International students:**

- i) Eligible applicants need to certify that the medium of instruction for the qualifying examination passed is English.
- ii) For applicants who have undertaken their studies in a language other than English need to have a valid IELTS/TOEFL score or equivalent assessment done by Bharathiar University.
- iii) Once this is submitted, the admission order will be issued.
- iv) All fees have to be paid in US dollars or equivalent in Indian rupees. Fee is payable at Bank of India, BU branch.
- v) A student who is admitted to a particular course shall not be allowed to change the course.
- vi) Transfer from one institution in India to another is also not allowed.

**Procedure for admissions:**

- i) Students shall apply on a separate form prescribed for foreign nationals/NRI/Sponsored candidates in the BU website.
- ii) The application with required documents shall be mailed to [internationalaffairs@buc.edu.in](mailto:internationalaffairs@buc.edu.in)
- iii) Working candidates have to obtain No Objection Certificate before the due date of admission.
- iv) Students shall obtain the 'Provisional Admission Offer Letter' from the Centre for International Affairs, in order to obtain the VISA.
- v) Submit the 'Provisional Admission Offer Letter' to the Indian Embassy of the respective country for obtaining the 'Student VISA' or 'Research VISA', as the case may be.
- vi)

**Categories of Foreign national Applicant who shall be admitted to various Programmes of Study in the University:**

- i. Students with relevant scholarships/ self-support.
- ii. Students sponsored by the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR),  
Copies of the following documents shall be submitted.

## List of Documents:

- i. Date of Birth Certificate
- ii. Document Supporting 12 years of School Education
- iii. Transcripts/ Mark sheets and Degrees of academic credentials
- iv. Research Proposal (For Ph.D.)
- v. Valid Certificate of TOEFL/Academic IELTS/ELPC, if applicable
- vi. Equivalency certificate from Association of Indian Universities (AIU) . Contact details are mentioned in eligibility section.
- vii. Copy of the Passport and the biographic pages of the Passport (valid for at least six months at the time of submitting the application)
- viii. PIO card wherever applicable.
- ix. NRI status Certificate wherever applicable
- x. Migration certificate or Transfer certificate
- xi. Proof of financial support for the duration of the Certificate/ Diploma/Under-Graduate/
- xii. Citizenship card by Nepalese nationals along with the biographic pages of the Passport
- xiii. Registration Card (Tibetan Nationals only)
- xiv. Refugee status Certificate from UNHCR (if applicable)
- xv. Working Diplomats: NOC from Protocol Division of MEA, Government of India
- xvi. No Objection Certificate from employer (if in regular job and availing of leave for the duration)
- xvii. Medical Insurance with evacuation clause
- xviii. Medical Fitness certificate from a registered medical practitioner.

## Selection Process:

- i. Foreign nationals fulfilling the eligibility criteria may be registered for programmes over and above the maximum admissible strength which shall not exceed 15 percent of the total admissible strength of the Department.
- ii. Foreign nationals may be admitted on the basis of their research proposal, subject to fulfilling the minimum eligibility criteria and shall be exempted from entrance test and interview for admission to Ph.D. Programmes. The decision regarding the same rests with the respective Boards of Study.
- iii. Provisional Admission will be given only to those applicants who fulfill the eligibility requirements and are recommended for admission by the respective admission committee.

**Please note:** Provisional admission letter does not guarantee a seat, unless the candidate satisfies the above requirements.

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