



Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women

(Deemed to be University Estd. u/s 3 of UGC Act 1956, Category A by MHRD)

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Coimbatore - 641 043, Tamil Nadu, India

Guidelines for Admissions of International Students 2025-2026

Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women has set up 'Avinashilingam Centre for International Education' (ACIE) to facilitate admission and guidance of international students. ACIE plays a key role in facilitating foreign student admissions, offering support, and addressing any queries from students. Additionally, ACIE promotes internationalization on campus, enhancing the academic experiences of international students to ensure their success and integration within the institution.

All letters relating to international students admission will be addressed to '**The Registrar, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore**', mentioning "**International student admission Application**"

Categories of Foreign Students:

- **Foreign Nationals (FN):** Individuals with passports from countries other than India.
- **People of Indian Origin (PIO):** Individuals of Indian descent but holding foreign nationality.
- **Non-Resident Indians (NRIs):** Only NRIs who studied and passed qualifying exams abroad are considered foreign students.

Students in foreign institutions linked to Indian Boards/Universities aren't foreign students.

Students in India studying in foreign-affiliated schools/colleges aren't foreign students.

Dependents of NRIs in India aren't eligible.

- *Overseas Citizenship of India (OCI) Card (if applicable) The candidates MUST have secured the OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021.
- As per the decision dated February 03, 2023 passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in Writ Petition (Civil) 891 / 2021, the OCI/PIO candidates who have secured OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021 shall be considered as Indian nationals.

General Instructions:

- a. Foreign students wishing to pursue a course at AIHSHEW must register in "**Study in India**" portal.
- b. All correspondence related to foreign students should be directed to:

The Registrar, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher Education for Women, Coimbatore-641043. India

- c. The admission of foreign students will be treated as supernumerary, meaning it will be in addition to the sanctioned intake.

Up to 25% supernumerary seats for international students are allocated in undergraduate and postgraduate programs, in addition to the total sanctioned enrolment, as per the regulations. The decision to create these seats is made in accordance with specific guidelines and regulations, taking into account infrastructure, faculty, and other requirements.

These supernumerary seats do not include international students admitted under exchange programs or through Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) between institutions or between the Government of India and other countries.

Eligibility and Academic Qualifications:

All foreign students/NRI/PIO should have passed the examination in the concerned subjects and should fulfill the minimum eligibility criteria for admission as per the requirement of programme from a University/Board included in the list of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) Refer <https://aiu.ac.in/> for full list of foreign qualifications, as equivalent to the Pre-University or 12th Grade qualification of India, for the purposes of admission in Indian Universities

In case the University/Board is not included in the said list, the candidate has to obtain and submit an equivalence certificate to this effect from AIU subject to its final verification by the respective Department. If the candidate has a non-Indian bachelor's degree not recognized by AIU/AICTE, she is required to produce proper certification from a national body in the country concerned, constituted for certifying equivalence of degrees.

The following foreign examination have been recognized by AIU, as amended from time to time as equivalent to +2 stage qualification of an Indian Board giving access to the Bachelor Degree programme at Indian Universities, including Professional Courses.

- i. 12 years Baccalaureate Certificate of Afghanistan, France, Iraq and Tunisia.
- ii. 12 years General Secondary Education Certificate of the Ministry of Education – Bahrain, Egypt, Iran, Jordan, Kuwait, Oman, Saudi Arabia, United Arab Emirates, and other Gulf countries.
- iii. GCE/IGCSE examinations of the approved British Examining Bodies in UK, Singapore, Hong Kong, and Mauritius with passes in 5 subjects at 'Ordinary Level' and 2 subjects at 'Advanced Level'. For admission to professional courses- medical / engineering Advanced Level Passes in Physical, Chemistry, Biology, Mathematics and English are essential besides 5 (five) passes at GCE 'Ordinary Level'.
- iv. High School Diploma from accredited School of USA.
- v. Intermediate/Senior Secondary/Higher Secondary of the approved Boards in Pakistan, Bangladesh, and Nepal.
- vi. 12 years Secondary stage qualification of National Examination Board/Council in of the Ministry of Education – Kenya, Nigeria, Ethiopia, Sudan, Uganda, and Tanzania.
- vii. 12 years secondary stage Examination conducted by various provinces in Australia and Canada.
- viii. GCE 'Ordinary and Advanced' level examination of the Department of Examination, Govt. of Sri Lanka
- ix. 12- year STPM examination of Malaysia.
- x. 12- year Secondary Stage qualification of Indonesia, Japan, Korea, Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and Yemen Arab Republic.
- xi. 'Abitur' of Germany.
- xii. 12- year High School Diploma awarded by the accredited American School /Foreign Schools in other countries following American pattern of education.
- xiii. Any other qualification determined as equivalent by AIU from time to time 5.

International Boards

The eligibility is based on the qualifications recognized by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi. Refer www.aiu.ac.in for full list of foreign qualifications, as equivalent to the Pre-University or 12th Grade qualification of India, for the purposes of admission in Indian Universities

University of Cambridge GCE 'A' Levels / Edexcel GCE 'A' Levels / British Examining Bodies

| Board | Equivalent |
|--|----------------------------|
| International General Certificate of Secondary Education (IGCSE) | 10th Grade of Indian Board |
| General Certificate of Secondary Education (GCSE) | |
| GCE 'O' Levels (11 years of schooling) | |
| Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level (12 years of schooling) | 11th Grade of Indian Board |
| GCE 'A' Levels (13 years of schooling) | 12th Grade of Indian Board |

Candidate seeking admission to the Undergraduate (UG) programs offered by should have completed

1. Minimum 5 (Five) passes at IGCSE / GCSE / GCE 'O' Levels including English
2. Minimum 2/3 (Two / Three) subjects at GCE Advanced Level ('A' Levels), depending on the program requirement
3. Average of 'D' grade in 2/3 subjects at GCE Advanced Level ('A' Levels), depending on the program requirement
4. Should meet subject-wise eligibility as laid down by the respective statutory bodies /council / university

Note

5. Candidates with 2 'A' level subjects should have 5 (Five) passes at IGCSE / GCSE / GCE 'O' Levels with 'C' grade or above, including English
6. Candidates who have completed 10th Grade of Indian Board and completed GCE Advanced Level ('A' Levels), should have taken English at the Advanced Subsidiary (AS) Level
7. Candidates who have completed 10th Grade of Indian Board and completed GCE Advanced Level ('A' Levels), should have minimum 3 subjects at GCE Advanced Level ('A' Levels)

International Baccalaureate (IB) Diploma

1. IB Diploma candidate should take 3 subjects at Higher Level (HL) and 3 subjects at Standard Level (SL)
2. Candidate should have secured a minimum of 3 points in a subject
3. Candidate should have secured an overall minimum of 24 points, with 12 points in HL and 12 points in SL
4. Should meet the subject-wise eligibility as laid down by the respective statutory bodies / council / university

International Baccalaureate (IB) Certificate

1. Candidate should have taken minimum 3 subjects in HL and 3 subjects in SL
2. Candidate should have secured a minimum of 3 points in a subject
3. Candidate should have secured an overall minimum of 24 points
4. Should meet the subject-wise eligibility as laid down by the respective statutory bodies / council / university

For all Undergraduate programs valid IELTS/TOEFL/SAT score whichever is applicable is needed especially for students from Non English Speaking countries.

Post Graduate (PG) Admission

Candidate shall be eligible for admission to a Master's degree program on successfully completing the prescribed Under Graduate (UG) program of minimum three years' duration from a recognized University and is eligible for the award of degree. For MBA programs a Valid GMAT/GRE score is mandatory.

Admission will be considered only if the candidates fulfil the eligibility conditions for admission as laid down for the respective programmes. There will be **NO** entrance test or interview conducted.

Ph.D Admission

Students applying for Ph.D. programme should submit the following

- a. An abstract stating aim and objectives of the doctoral research project
- b. No objection certificate if applicable
- c. Postgraduate and graduate certificates duly attested by authority
- d. Guide consent letter forwarded through the head of the department.
- e. Co guide from the home country
- f. Entrance exam marks with the meeting minutes of the departmental committee (if needed)

IMPORTANT:

- District authorities concerned expect the international students to obey the law of the land, as any negligence in this regard will be dealt with by the authorities as per law.
- If passport of international student is lost, complaint should be registered immediately at concerned police station. Further such student is advised to approach concerned embassy to obtain temporary passport facilities.
- Overstaying by international students beyond the permissible limit is not allowed.

At the time of submitting the application:

- All the Foreign nationals under self-finance category should submit their application on prescribed format along with all relevant documents, which can be downloaded from the website, www.cutn.ac.in.
- The applications of scholarship – holding Foreign Nationals (under various schemes) are routed through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations/ Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Educations), Govt. of India, New Delhi. The antecedents of the candidate have been verified by the forwarding Agencies/Ministry and found in order.

- Copy of the grade transcripts with the explanation of the assigned grades including certificate of secondary school, Diplomas and Degrees of examination passed. Original Certificates should not be sent.
- Attested copies of the syllabi and curricula of the qualifying degree adopted in the Colleges/ Universities attended with full details
- Copy of the passport indicating your nationality and personal details
- Financial undertaking either a letter of recommendation from the Govt. certifying that the fees will be paid by the Govt. or a copy of the student's bank statement showing a balance of US \$1000 (in case of the undergraduate and post graduate program) or US \$ 2000 (in case of a Ph.D. and integrated program)
- That they have adequate knowledge of English as per requirements of the Course
- If English is not the first language or language of medium of instruction (during secondary & tertiary education), a pass in any of the following two tests will be required:-
 1. The test of English as a foreign language (TOEFL), administered by the Educational Testing Service in the US, in which scores of at least 580 overall and 4.0 in the test of written English are required. The computer based test requires scores of at least 240 overall and 4.0 in essay writing. The internet based test requires scores of at least 95 overall with a minimum score of 20 in writing.
 2. The International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) test, administered by the British Council, in which scores of 6 in each section and an overall score of 6.5 are required
 3. Test scores more than two years old will not be accepted for consideration

At the time of admission:

- They have valid Residential permit in India granted for studies/SII ID /Student Visa/Research Visa for the prescribed duration of the concerned Course.
- They fulfill the minimum eligibility requirements
- Candidates must submit medical fitness certificate duly verified by the Ministry/Agencies
- The Degrees / Certificates of the candidates must be recognized and approved by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) / Commonwealth Universities/ International Association of Universities (IAU) as equivalent to the corresponding Indian Degrees /Certificates
- The inter-se merit among the applicants of various foreign nationals will be decided by the university, which shall be deemed as final
- All the eligible foreign nationals are required to fill up the Registration Form prescribed by the University at the time of admission

Admission – Procedure

- Certificates of previous studies and a proof of the current registration at the Institute (a copy of the student card or any other documentation).
- All the applications received will be screened by Admission Division of Avinashilingam Centre for International Education (ACIE) based on the availability of elective school slots. The University will decide on the approval/denial of the application.
- After scrutiny of the applications for eligibility, the University issues a 'Provisional Admission Letter' for the purpose of obtaining a 'Student Visa' from Indian Consulate/Embassy endorsed to Avinashilingam Institute for which SII ID is mandatory.
- On obtaining the Student Visa endorsed to Avinashilingam Institute, the students must report for 'Final Admission' along with Original Certificates and Course fee as stipulated in the course-wise fee details. A copy of all these documents must be sent to the Co-ordinator, Avinashilingam Centre for International Education (ACIE).

- The admission process will be initiated and a letter of final admission addressed to the Deans of the concerned Schools will be issued. The candidate shall report to the Dean of the allotted School along with the final admission letter and join the allotted programme.
- After fulfilling the admission process at the allotted Dean's Office, the student should get the S certificate (residential permit) issued by the Foreigners Regional Registration Office, Coimbatore.

VISA

- Only persons with the purpose of studying in India and entering the country on STUDENT VISA AND RESEARCH VISA shall be eligible to apply for admission to a particular course.
- Foreign students seeking admission to Ph.D programmes must obtain **RESEARCH VISA** from Government of India, Ministry of Home Affairs.
- The candidates should **submit a copy of their Passports and Visa** to the Institute at the time of joining in the Institute.
- The student should also register in the Study in India Portal <https://studyinindia.gov.in/>

Registration

e-FRRO Portal: This is an online portal for Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) services in India. It's where international students register their stay in India within 14 days of arrival.

OCI Card: Overseas Citizen of India cardholders have certain privileges and are exempt from FRRO registration.

However, they still need:

Form C: This form is generated by an Indian citizen or the owner of the residence where the student is staying. It's a way of reporting the foreigner's stay to the authorities. The student cannot generate this form themselves.

Form S: Provided by the college office, this form is necessary for students to officially confirm their enrollment and residence.

Residential Permit

- Residential permit will be issued by the concerned FRRO for a period of maximum one year or visa expiry date, whichever is earlier
- Residential permit / stay visa shall be renewed / extended at least one month prior to the expiry of the current RP/RC/Stay Visa. The students have to comply with the same.
- Any change in residential address / course / college / passport of international student should be registered online immediately by the student concerned.
- International Students have to submit copy of the RC/RP to the ACIE of Avinashilingam Institute.

Travel

- No international student can travel abroad / within India without valid Residential Permit (RC/RP)
- Students need to produce Residential Permit (RC/RP) at the time of departure / arrival wherever such travel documents are required.
- Students need to surrender the Residential Permit (RC/RP) to the immigration officer at the concerned airports at the time of final departure on course completion

Medium of Instruction

The medium of instruction at Avinashilingam Institute is ENGLISH only. Those candidates who have studied the subjects in the English Language medium will only be considered for admission to the programme.

1. The Cheque/Draft should be drawn in favor of Registrar, Avinashilingam Institute for Home Science and Higher education for Women(India). **The fees once paid are not refundable.** Candidates are entitled for refund of expenses after deducting the actual expenses incurred as per rules in force from time to time at the Institute. The candidate is required to ensure his eligibility, fitness and documentation support for his admission to avoid any future inconvenience

Advisory

- Candidates are deemed to have read and understood the Eligibility requirements & Admission Process
- All admissions are subject to fulfillment of all the eligibility conditions by the candidate. It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility requirements for the course(s) applied, at the time of Merit List Preparation / Counseling (online / offline) / 1st year fee payment / Orientation / (online / offline) Class commencement (as applicable).
 - If it is found at a later stage, during active verification, that the candidate has given false information / qualification obtained from unrecognized Board / University or is found to have concealed some information regarding eligibility or deliberately delayed submission of marks / grade sheets in spite of multiple reminders, his / her admission will be cancelled without any notice and the paid fee will be forfeited.
- Mere inclusion in the merit list or call for online / offline counseling does **NOT** guarantee admission to a course.
- All admissions are through merit and Avinashilingam Institute has **NO** agents or middlemen or consultants, for admissions or related activities

Frequently asked questions:

Can foreign students come on a Tourist Visa to explore admission options and then get a Student Visa while in India?

No, they need to apply for a provisional Student Visa from an Indian Mission abroad before arriving in India

I am an NRI. Can I apply under the domestic category?

As per UGC guidelines, a candidate who has studied the qualifying examinations (11th and 12th) outside of India (even if affiliated to CBSE) must apply under the NRI category only and NOT under the domestic category. But if the candidate has studied the qualifying examinations (11th and 12th) within India (even if affiliated to foreign educational boards) can apply either under the domestic category or NRI sponsored category. They can apply only under any one category and not under both categories.

What formalities must foreign students complete upon arrival in India?

Students holding a Student Visa for more than 180 days must register with the local FRRO/FRO within 14 days of arrival

How can a foreign national apply for a Student Visa in the Indian Consulate / Embassy?

A foreign national who has confirmed admission and has paid the first-year course fee will be issued the Confirmed Admission letter by the Admission's Office of Avinashilingam Institute. With this letter, the student can apply for a Student Visa in the Indian Consulate / Embassy.

Can an NRI-sponsored student pay the course /tuition fee in Indian rupees?

No. Course/ tuition fee has to be paid in US Dollars only, by the sponsor.

In case both of my parents return to India after my admission, can I be treated under the domestic category from the subsequent year onwards?

No. The status of the student remains the same as that prevailed at the time of admission. Hence even if both the parents return to India once and for all, the student once admitted under the NRI / NRI sponsored category will remain under the NRI / NRI Sponsored category **only**.

Is there any provision for concessions or scholar**Do foreign students admitted to health science courses require 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from the Ministry of Health & Family Welfare (MHRD), Government of India (GOI)?**

Yes, as per the Government of India (GOI) regulations, all foreign students admitted to health science courses like medical, dental and nursing require 'No Objection Certificate' from the MHRD, GOI. International Admissions office of Avinashilingam Institute on behalf of all the foreign students admitted, will apply for the NOC from the MHRD, GOI after they officially register with the University and start the classes. With the NOC received, the student can apply for their long term 'Student Visa' at their Indian Embassy / Consulates.

Do foreign students admitted to other courses like engineering, management, etc. require 'No Objection Certificate' from the Government of India?

No. As per the Resolution dated June 1, 2004, issued by the Department of Secondary & Higher Education, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India (GOI), NOC is not required for foreign nationals who wish to pursue their higher studies in India in all institutions / university departments offering technical courses leading to Degree and Post-Graduate Degree in Engineering & Technology, MBA, MCA etc.

For any clarification, contact the International Admissions Office at **acie@avinuty.ac.in**

