

Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children (SPDC) for academic year 2022-23

The Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India has launched 'Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children' (SPDC) for academic year 2022-23 for the Children of NRI/PIO/OCI community in **all countries across the globe** for pursuing undergraduate courses in several disciplines (except Medical and related courses) in India.

2. The following are the main features of the SPDC for academic year 2022-23:-
 - i. The SPDC Scheme is now extended to eligible candidates from NRI/PIO/OCI community in all Countries across the globe
 - ii. The Scheme is open to two categories of applicants in the age group of 17 to 21 years as on July 31, 2022.
 - a) Children of PIOs/OCIs/NRIs who have studied outside India in any of the countries across the globe; and
 - b) Children of Indian Workers of ECR countries (*who have studied in India or abroad*).
 - iii. The number of seats for scholarships is 150, out of which 100 slots are reserved for the category at (ii)(a), and the remaining 50 slots are reserved for the category at (ii)(b). Out of the 50 slots reserved for the category at (ii)(b), 1/3rd slots shall be reserved for children who have studied in India. Further, 50% of slots in all categories are reserved for female applicants subject to fulfilling other eligibility conditions. If slots are not filled up in any of the categories, they will be made available to applicants from other categories under SPDC and vice-versa.
3. The amount of scholarship admissible would be 75% of the total Institutional Economic Cost (IEC) subject to a maximum of US\$4000 per annum. IEC includes tuition fees, Hostel fees & other institutional charges (Food charges are excluded). **The scheme is applicable to fresh 1st year students.**
4. The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the candidate should not exceed an amount equivalent to US\$5000/- and the total monthly income of the parent(s) of the Indian Workers in ECR category applicants should not exceed an amount equivalent to US\$3000/-.
5. After obtaining admission in selected courses in any of the following institutes, students who fulfill all other eligibility conditions can complete and submit the online application form on the SPDC portal at (<https://spdcindia.gov.in/login>):-
 - National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs), Schools of Planning and Architecture.
 - 'A' Grade Institutions accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognized by UGC
 - Other Institutions covered under the Direct Admission of Students Abroad (DASA) scheme.

Detailed information about SPDC for Academic year 2022-23 is available at <https://spdcindia.gov.in/login/guideline.php>.

The last date for submission of duly filled application form online on SPDC portal is 30th November 2022.