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Samvaad Overseas Editorial

It is with great pleasure that the Dean International Relations Office and the Students International Relations Cell at PCCOE present to you volume 2, issue 11 of "Samvaad- Overseas", under the esteemed guidance of our honourable Director, Dr. Govind N. Kulkarni.

In "Samvaad-Overseas" our aim is to highlight PCCOE's global engagement endeavours, partnerships with universities or organisations worldwide, collaborative initiatives, academic exchanges, and research engagements that enhance cross-border knowledge sharing.

This newsletter showcases academic and research exchange opportunities, highlights international conferences, guest visits, and celebrates faculty and student achievements on the global stage. It also covers key events that enhance our institute's global presence and foster international collaboration. We hope Samvaad-Overseas is both informative and inspiring as we strengthen global ties. Thank you for your continued support and encouragement.

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Visa-Rule Changes (2025-2026) for Indian Students

United States (USA)

- Expanded screening for F, M, and J visas now includes requests for social-media handles/ usernames from the past five years as part of consular vetting.
- A new fee ("Visa Integrity Fee") has been introduced for certain student/exchange visa applications.
- Additional entry/exit administrative fees (for example, for I-94 records) have been updated in recent policy announcements.
- Several consulates temporarily paused scheduling of new student-visa interviews while implementing expanded screening procedures, increasing processing uncertainty.
- Result: stricter scrutiny and more documentary checks – applicants should expect deeper background and online-presence reviews.

Practical tips: list all social-media handles on your visa form, clean up public profiles, and prepare detailed documentation proving academic intent.

United Kingdom (UK)

- Digital/e-Visa systems replaced some physical vignette processes, moving toward online visa-status issuance for students and workers.
- Financial proof (maintenance funds) requirements have increased; applicants must demonstrate higher living-cost reserves.
- The post-study work window under some routes has been reduced in recent policy updates (e.g., shorter Graduate Route duration for some graduates); exceptions may apply for PhD holders.
- Stronger English-language evidence requirements are being phased in for certain immigration categories.

Practical tips: ensure proof of sufficient funds is current and robust.

Australia

- Authorities tightened student-visa vetting under "genuine student" assessments, increasing documentation and scrutiny of intent to study.
- Some universities/authorities have introduced additional checks for applicants from certain regions, leading to extra review time or deprioritisation in a few cases.
- Visa applicants are increasingly required to provide confirmed tuition receipts or Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) rather than only offer letters.
- Caps or tighter controls on new international enrollments have been applied in some contexts.

Practical tips: secure CoE and fee receipts before applying, prepare strong statements of purpose and academic plans.

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Canada

- Visa application scrutiny has been significantly tightened, with a marked rise in rejections in certain months of 2025.
- Broader national immigration recalibration (aimed at controlling overall intake) has indirectly affected study permits and pathways to post-study work/residence.
- Authorities are placing greater emphasis on verifying the authenticity of admission letters, source of funds, and intent to return/study.

Practical tips: verify your offer letter and university credentials, provide detailed and authentic financial documents, and consider backup destinations given variable approval rates.

New Zealand

- Steps to simplify credential assessment for degrees from some countries were introduced, reducing the need for separate qualification assessments in specific cases.
- These changes are designed to speed up visa and migration processes for graduates from recognised institutions and make New Zealand a more attractive alternative.

Practical tips: check if your degree or prospective programme falls within the simplified assessment categories to benefit from faster processes.

Germany & European Union (general trends)

- Several EU countries continue to refine student visa processing timelines and documentation rules; emphasis on genuine study intent and financial sufficiency remains.
- Some nations are piloting faster student-visa channels for STEM and research programmes to attract talent, while strengthening checks against misuse.

Practical tips: target STEM/research scholarship routes if eligible and keep financial and academic documentation thorough.

Advice for Indian Applicants

1. Complete and accurate documentation: Verified offer letters, confirmed tuition receipts (where required), bank statements, and sponsor declarations.
2. Be transparent about social media and background: If asked, provide usernames; ensure your public profiles are professional.
3. Financial proof: Keep funds proofs conservative and well-documented—show sufficient maintenance funds beyond tuition.
4. Academic intent: Prepare a clear, convincing statement of purpose and a research/study plan showing serious intent.



JSPS International Academic Collaborations

Postdoctoral Fellowships (Short-term (PE) – 2nd Call), FY2026

The Japan Society for the Promotion of Science (JSPS) has opened applications for the FY2026 Postdoctoral Fellowships for Research in Japan (Short-term (PE) – 2nd Call), continuing its mission of fostering international cooperation in the scientific community. Recognized globally for supporting cutting-edge research, JSPS offers early-career researchers the chance to immerse themselves in Japan's world-class research ecosystem, known for its precision, innovation, and academic excellence.

Application Deadline

9 January 2026

(Applicants must apply through Japanese host institutions)

Key Features & Benefits

The JSPS Postdoctoral Fellowship offers a highly supportive platform for academic growth:

- **Flexible Research Period:** Fellows may undertake research for 1 to 12 months, depending on the project and host institution's requirements.
- **Financial Support:** The fellowship provides a monthly maintenance allowance, round-trip airfare, and additional allowances to support research activities and daily living in Japan.
- **Eligibility:** Open to non-Japanese postdoctoral researchers who obtained their Ph.D. within the last six years, ensuring that the program benefits emerging scholars at the early stage of their academic careers.

This combination of academic and financial support makes the program ideal for researchers looking to broaden their expertise, publish impactful work, and expand their international presence.

Application Process

The path to securing a JSPS Fellowship begins with identifying a suitable host researcher in Japan. Applicants should reach out to potential hosts well in advance to discuss research plans, timelines, and documentation. Once both parties agree on the research proposal, the host institution is responsible for submitting the official application through the JSPS electronic platform. Candidates are encouraged to follow JSPS guidelines carefully, ensuring all documentation—such as research statements, curriculum vitae, and reference materials—is complete and well-prepared.

Know more :- <https://www.jsps.go.jp>



8-Week Engineering Internship at the University of Southern California (USC)

IUSSTF–USC Viterbi School of Engineering Program | Summer 2025

The Indo-US Science and Technology Forum (IUSSTF), in partnership with the prestigious USC Viterbi School of Engineering, has announced an extraordinary opportunity for Indian engineering students: an 8-week fully supported research internship at the University of Southern California. Scheduled for Summer 2025, this program is designed to identify and nurture future innovators by offering them exposure to world-class research environments in the United States.

Program Benefits

Participants receive a fully funded scholarship package, ensuring that financial constraints never hinder learning or exploration. The benefits include:

- Stipend covering contingencies such as computing resources, lab equipment usage, and network access
- Round-trip airfare between India and Los Angeles
- Accommodation for the entire 8-week duration
- Hands-on research experience under USC faculty
- Exposure to advanced engineering practices in the U.S.

Eligibility Criteria

Applications are invited from academically strong students currently enrolled in a Bachelor's or Master's program in India. Eligible disciplines include:

- Electrical Engineering
- Computer Engineering
- Computer Science
- Computational Science and Engineering
- Electronics & Instrumentation Engineering

Applicants must be studying at a recognized Higher Education Institution in India and possess a minimum GPA of 8.5—reflecting the highly competitive nature of the program.

How to Apply

Detailed program information and the application link can be found at:

http://49.50.66.168/Program_Details.aspx?ProgramFor=3

Application Deadline

15 December 2025



Graduate Scholarships 2026 at Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), Qatar

Hamad Bin Khalifa University (HBKU), a distinguished member of the Qatar Foundation, has opened applications for its fully funded Master's and PhD scholarships for the 2026 academic year. Known for its commitment to innovation, advanced research, and global academic collaboration, HBKU stands as one of the Middle East's fastest-growing and most impactful universities. This scholarship welcomes talented international students who aspire to pursue cutting-edge research and build transformative careers in science, engineering, and related fields.

Comprehensive Scholarship Benefits

HBKU offers one of the most generous scholarship packages in the region, ensuring that financial constraints never hinder academic ambition. The fully funded scholarship includes:

- Full tuition fee waiver
- Monthly stipend (amount varies by program and degree level)
- Accommodation support within Education City
- Health insurance coverage
- Access to advanced research labs, digital libraries, collaborative spaces, and a multicultural campus community

This comprehensive support allows students to concentrate entirely on their academic and research pursuits.

Eligibility Criteria

While the specific requirements may vary across programs, general eligibility includes:

- Strong academic record
- Relevant Bachelor's or Master's degree (depending on the program level)
- Proof of English proficiency (TOEFL/IELTS)
- For PhD applicants: research interests that align with HBKU faculty expertise

Applicants are encouraged to review their chosen program's specific prerequisites before applying.

Application Deadline

1 February 2026

Know more here: <https://www.hbku.edu.qa/en/scholarship>



Australian Government RTP Stipend Scholarship at ANU

The Australian National University (ANU)—consistently ranked among the world's top research universities—invites exceptional domestic and international students to apply for the Australian Government Research Training Program (RTP) Stipend Scholarship for the 2026 academic year. This distinguished scholarship empowers high-achieving researchers to pursue advanced degrees in an environment recognized globally for innovation, scientific excellence, and impactful research.

Programs Offered at ANU

ANU offers fully supported Master by Research and Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs across a diverse range of academic fields, ensuring students can pursue research aligned with their passions:

- Engineering & Computer Science
- Science & Environment
- Mathematics & Statistics
- Interdisciplinary & Emerging Fields

Comprehensive Scholarship Benefits

The RTP Stipend Scholarship provides a robust support package, ensuring scholars can dedicate their full focus to academic excellence and research impact. Key benefits include:

-Full Tuition Fee Waiver

-All tuition fees for the entirety of the program are covered—removing financial barriers for both domestic and international students.

-Generous Living Stipend

-A tax-free stipend of approximately AUD \$39,000 per year supports daily living expenses, enabling scholars to engage in their research without financial strain.

-Relocation Allowance

-Financial support to help international students transition smoothly to life in Australia, covering moving and travel expenses.

-Thesis Allowance

Funding for essential research costs, including materials, data acquisition, and preparation of the final thesis.

Application Deadline

Apply by: 15 April 2026

More details available at the [.https://study.anu.edu.au/scholarships/find-scholarship/australian-government-research-training-program-rtp-stipend](https://study.anu.edu.au/scholarships/find-scholarship/australian-government-research-training-program-rtp-stipend)

Ongoing Events

Indradhanu : International Grand Challenge



THEME : AI FOR CLIMATE CHANGE

Co-Organisers



The Indradhanu International Grand Challenge 2025, received huge response with more than 1000+ registrations. This grand challenge themed “AI for Climate Change”, is organised by Pimpri Chinchwad College of Engineering (PCCoE)

The challenge offers attractive prizes – ₹1,00,000 for the 1st place, ₹60,000 for 2nd, and ₹40,000 for 3rd – along with trophies and special category awards. Winning teams will also earn a two-week mentorship program at PCCoE, providing them with expert guidance to refine their projects.

Through International Grand Challenge 2025, PCCoE continues to empower young innovators.

1st PRIZE	2nd PRIZE	3rd PRIZE
₹ 1,00,000/- & Trophy	₹ 60,000/- & Trophy	₹ 40,000/- & Trophy

- First two winning teams will be awarded a two week mentorship program at PCCOE
- Two special category Awards (₹ 20,000 each)
- No registration fees
- Participation Certificates to all eligible teams
- Deadline for Registration and first round is 10th September '25.

Scan to Register!



For more details:- <https://pccoe-igc.vercel.app/>

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