

AICTE launches "Support to Students for Participating in Competitions Abroad" (AICTE SSPCA) scheme
Financial grant of up to Rs 2 lakh per student will be provided



The All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE) today launched the "Support to Students for Participating in Competitions Abroad" (AICTE SSPCA) scheme, an innovative initiative aimed at fostering global competitiveness among Indian students.

While launching the scheme AICTE Chairman Prof. T.G. Sitharam highlighted that “With the world becoming increasingly interconnected, participation in international competitions provides students with invaluable opportunities for skill enhancement, knowledge exchange, and cultural enrichment. Recognizing the significance of such experiences, AICTE is committed to empowering students to showcase their talents on a global stage.”

AICTE SSPCA scheme is a travel grant scheme for an individual student or a team of students, willing to participate in an international competition. The scheme aims to foster a culture of research, innovation and competition amongst the students. The scheme offers comprehensive support to students who aspire to represent India in prestigious international competitions. This support encompasses financial assistance, mentorship and logistical guidance. Moreover, through this scheme, students will get an opportunity to network with peers, industry leaders, and academicians from around the world, fostering cross-cultural understanding and collaboration.

The scheme provides financial assistance up to 2 Lakh per student on reimbursement basis, which includes International travel, domestic travel, registration fee, Visa application fee, Lodging & boarding, Airport tax, travel health insurance and cost incurred for taking equipment related to competition.



Under the scheme, a student or a team of students (minimum 2 and maximum 6 participants in a team) enrolled in Diploma, B.E/B.Tech, Integrated M.Tech, M.E/M.Tech, MBA,MCA and Hotel management courses in AICTE approved Institutions are eligible to participate in an international competition under two proposed categories of SSPCA. The category A proposes participation in a renowned competition abroad announced by the AICTE expert committee periodically. However, in Category B, students are allowed to participate in their own proposed international competition.

The AICTE SSPCA scheme underscores AICTE's unwavering commitment to nurturing talent, promoting excellence, and enhancing India's standing on the global stage. By empowering students to pursue their aspirations and represent the nation with pride, AICTE aims to cultivate a generation of future leaders and innovators who can contribute meaningfully to the global community.

For more information about the AICTE SSPCA program and eligibility criteria, visit: <https://www.aicte-india.org/schemes/students-development-schemes> UPL