

## NOTIFICATION

The Embassy of India in Asuncion is pleased to inform that the Ministry of External Affairs of the Government of India has declared 150 scholarship slots for under graduate courses (except medicine and related courses) under the "Scholarship Programme for Diaspora Children" (SPDC). SPDC is awarded to children of Non-Resident Indians (NRIs)/Persons of Indian Origin (PIOs)/Overseas Citizens of India (OCIs) in all countries across the globe.

2. 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)

3. SPDC provides up to a maximum of USD 4000 per annum which covers tuition fee, admission fee and post admission services except food charges. The scheme is applicable to fresh 1<sup>st</sup> year students.

4. **Income criteria:** Income criteria is applicable to all the four categories of candidates. The total monthly income of the parent(s) of the candidate should not exceed an amount equivalent to US Dollars Five thousand (US\$5000). Self-attested salary certificate from employer must be provided.

5. Only candidates securing admission in UG courses in any of the following institutions are eligible to apply for SPDC:-

- Central Universities of India offering UG courses;
- 'A' Grade Institutions accredited by National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) and recognized by UGC
- National Institutes of Technology (NITs), Schools of Planning and Architecture and Indian Institutes of Information Technology (IIITs) through DASA scheme.

6. Interested and eligible candidates in Paraguay are requested to check detailed application guidelines and submit applications online on SPDC portal at <https://spdcindia.gov.in>. All required documents must be uploaded on this portal during application. **Only online application forms will be accepted.**

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

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