

Revised Guidelines/instructions for grant of Visas to foreign research scholars, visiting faculty and foreign participants coming to India for international conferences, seminars, workshops etc.

I. Issue of visa to foreign research scholars:

Power to issue visas to foreign research scholars has been delegated to Indian Missions abroad. The foreigners who desire to undertake research in India, should therefore, apply to the concerned Indian Missions abroad with the brief synopsis of the research project to be undertaken in India, the details of places to be visited, previous visits, whether the scholar has secured admission into a recognized or reputed institution and evidence of financial resources.

II. Issue of visas to foreign professors/other teachers and scholars:

For professors/teachers and scholars who are invited as visiting faculty, the powers to issue visas have been delegated to Indian Missions abroad, on the same lines as for research scholars. The Indian Missions are authorized to issue visas based on an invitation from a Central Educational Institution or Publicly Funded State University.

III. Issue of visas to foreign participants to attend conferences/seminars/workshops in India:

Indian Missions have been authorized to issue conference visas to delegates if they are able to produce an invitation to a conference/seminar/workshop being organized in India by a Ministry or Department of the Govt. of India, State Govts., Public Sector Undertakings, Central Educational Institutions, Public Funded Universities, or an organization owned and controlled by the Government of India or State Governments, United Nations or its specialized agencies and a reputed NGO.