

Step-by-Step Guide to Applying for an Indian Student Visa (S-4)

Before You Begin

Before starting your visa application, please keep the following documents ready in **PDF format** (except your passport-size photograph).

File requirements:

- All documents should be in **PDF format**
- Each file should preferably be **less than 300 KB**
- Passport-size photograph should be in **JPEG format (10 KB–300 KB)**

Documents Required

- Passport front page (photo page)
- Fulbright-Nehru Grant Document (issued by USIEF) – **first two pages**
- Certificate of Affiliation (CoA) from your host institution
- Cover Letter from your host institution
- Fulbright-Nehru Grant Authorization Sheet (issued by USIEF) – **last two pages**
- Visa Support Letter (issued by USIEF)
- Recent colour passport-size photograph (JPEG)

Photo specifications:

<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/instruction.html>

Step 1: Start Your Visa Application

- Visit the Indian Visa Portal:
<https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>
- Click **Regular/Paper Visa Application**.
- Start the online application using your passport details.
- Carefully fill in your personal information.

Step 2: Complete the Student Visa Details

When you reach the **Student Visa** section, enter the following information.

Visa Application Question	What You Should Enter
Type of Visa	Student Visa
Student ID	S-4
Number of Entries	Multiple
Visa Duration	6 months or 12 months (depending on your grant duration)
Expected Date of Journey	Your tentative arrival date in India

Port of Arrival	City where you will first arrive in India
Port of Exit	City from which you expect to depart India
Are you coming to India for a short-term training programme offered by the Government of India?	No
Name of the Institution	Enter the name of your affiliating institution in India.
Institution Address	Enter the address of your affiliating institution.
Phone Number	Use the phone number listed on your Certificate of Affiliation (CoA).
Email	Use the institutional email address listed on your CoA.
Describe the Course Applied For	Fulbright-Nehru program.
Duration of Study	Enter your grant duration (in numeric value)
Course Start Month	Enter your expected grant start month (in numeric value)
Course Start Year	Enter your grant start year (in numeric value)
Compliance Officer	Use the details of your academic faculty coordinator listed on your Certificate of Affiliation (CoA) • Name • Mobile number • Email address
Are you joining a medical or paramedical course?	No
Purpose of Visit	Select: FOR RESEARCH SCHOLAR, VISITING RESEARCH FACULTY, RESEARCH SCHOLAR ON BILATERAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMME, MEMBERS OF BOTANICAL, SCIENTIFIC,

	ANTHROPOLOGICAL ETC. EXPEDITIONS AND G-20 TALENT VISA
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Step 3: Save Your Temporary Application Number

Once you complete the application form, **note down your Temporary Application ID**.

You will need this number if you wish to return to your application later.

Step 4: Upload the required documents

Upload the documents as shown below.

Visa Portal Requirement	Upload This Document (from the files you prepared before beginning the application)
1. Copy of Passport page containing personal particulars	Passport front page
2. Letter of admission from a recognised Indian educational institution with duration of the course	Fulbright-Nehru Grant Document (first two pages)
3. Bonafide letter from the school/college	Certificate of Affiliation (CoA)
4. Receipt of fee paid to the school/college	Cover Letter from your affiliating institution
5. Document showing financial support for the tuition fee and stay in India	Fulbright-Nehru Grant Authorization Document (last two pages)
6. Duly filled Student Visa Undertaking Form	Visa Support Letter issued by USIEF

Step 5: Upload your passport photograph

Upload your recent passport-size colour photograph in **JPEG format**.

Make sure it meets the specifications mentioned on the visa portal.

Important Notes

- Save a copy of your completed visa application for your records.
- When naming your PDF files, **avoid using numbers or special characters**. Use simple file names such as:

- Passport
 - Grant Document
 - Affiliation Certificate
 - Cover Letter
 - Grant Authorization
 - Visa Support Letter
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Step 6: Submit the below documents to the consulate that serves your state, either in person or through post

Once your documents are uploaded successfully, proceed to submit your visa application and follow the instructions provided by the Indian Embassy/Consulate or Visa Application Centre in your country.

- Copy of online submitted visa application form and [Additional Particulars Form](#) , both duly signed.
- Grant Award Letter issued by United States-India Educational Foundation (USIEF), New Delhi.
- Letter from the host institution accepting you as a Fulbright Scholar.
- Certificate of Affiliation from the Host Institution in India.
- Research Project Report/Proposal Abstract/Fulbright Application (Statement of Grant Purpose) with details of the project.
- Two 2X2 inches photographs as per specifications available at <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/instruction.html>. 
- Original current Passport (Passport should have a validity of at least 6 months).
- A copy of the current passport (biographical pages only).
- A copy of address proof: (US Driver Licence, State Identification Card, Lease Agreement, Mortgage Deed, Income Tax Return or Utility Bills - Electricity, Water or Gas).
- A pre-paid return shipping envelope.

No Visa fees shall be charged for issuance of visas to Fulbright-Nehru Scholarship awardees and their dependents.