# Swami Vivekananda Scholarship for Academic Excellence Scheme (SVS) Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. **Who can apply in the Scheme?**
   * Students of Rajasthan State domicile.
   * Less than 35 years as on 1st July of the financial year.
   * Offer letter (All pages) from one of the top worlds 1-50 Universities (Times Higher Education Rankings) for 150 seats.
   * ***Offer letter/Allotment letter/Admission letter (All Pages) from one of the top Indian 1-50 Universities (NIRF Rankings) for 350 seats (For E1 and E2 category)***
   * Candidate must have scored 60% marks in the last exam passed.

# Which courses are allowed in the Scheme?

* + Post Doc (Max Course Duration: 1.5 Years)
  + Ph. D. (Max Course Duration: 3 Years)
  + PG (Max Course Duration: 2 Years)
  + UG (Max Course Duration: 4 Years)
  + MBBS (Max Course Duration: 4.5 Years)

# Which subjects are allowed in the Scheme?

* + For Post Doc/ PhD/PG/ UG, all subjects as prescribed by the top 1-50 Times Higher Education University rankings are allowed (For 150 seats for E1, E2 & E3).
  + *For Post Doc/ PhD/PG/ UG, all subjects as prescribed by the top 1-50 NIRF ranked Indian Universities (For 350 seats; For E1 and E2 category)*

# Which documents are required to fill the application on portal?

1. Jan Aadhar Number
2. Offer letter of the applicable foreign university/Indian university
3. Bonafide/ Domicile certificate
4. Gross family Income affidavit (authenticated by executive magistrate and witnessed by two gazetted officers)
5. ITRs of last 3 years will be assessed of Mother, Father and candidate (ITR of F.Y 2021-22 Assessment Year- 2022-23; F.Y. 2022-23, Assessment Year- 2023-24; and

F.Y. 2023-24, Assessment Year-2024-25) (No ITR required for E3 category candidates)

1. Affidavit for not filing ITR (given format)
2. 10th marksheet
3. Qualifying Degree, Mark sheet/Certificate of last passed exam
4. Self-Declaration for Scholarships/ financial help etc. from other sources.
5. Aadhar Number
6. AIS (Annual Information Statement) and TIS (Taxpayer Information Summary)
7. Affidavit for not filling revised ITR
8. Other Income Affidavit (Managing Director, Proprietorship and Share in company)

# Which Universities are allowed in this scheme?

Top 50 Times Higher Education ranked universities and *top 1-50 NIRF ranked Indian universities/ institutions available latest as on 1st April of that financial year are allowed.*

# Will the list of applicable universities change during opening to closing of the portal?

No, university list available as on 1st April of a financial year and as decided by the government will be applicable for the whole financial year.

# Will this scholarship help me in getting admission in foreign universities?

No, this scholarship scheme only provides financial assistance after getting admission in foreign university. For admission you will have to make efforts on your own. You are advised to visit the websites of the respective universities for admission details.

# How to apply for this scholarship?

You can apply online on the portal. Website link: https://hte.rajasthan.gov.in/online- scholarship.

# What do I need to login to the portal?

You need Janaadhar number and SSOID. Please get Janaadhar number and create a SSOID if not already available.

1. **Do I have to submit any documents offline while submitting my application form?** No, at the time of application form submission you need not to submit any document in offline mode, but after provisional selection you have to submit documents in offline mode as mentioned in the revised Guidelines dated July, 2025

# What happens if a student/parent provides any false / misleading information or documents before and after the selection in this scheme?

In such cases, penalty as well as recovery will be imposed and action will be taken as per relevant laws.

# Will I be able to change my personal information in the application form which is already fetched from Jan Aadhar Data?

To update your personal information, you will need to update Jan Aadhar details.

# Will I be able to fill application if my qualifying degree result is awaited?

No

# After completing the ONLINE application process and generating a PDF file, will I be able to change my application data?

Yes, you can change as per guidelines clause 5(v).

# What will be the last qualifying exam document if I am applying for Post Doc?

It will be your PG degree.

# Can I edit the information already saved on the online portal and up to what time?

Yes, You can edit information after final submission as per guidelines clause 5(v).

# Is passport/visa mandatory requirement for filling the application form

No, you don’t require passport/visa while filling the application form but after application selection you will require to submit passport and visa to avail financial benefits in the scheme.

# How many new scholarship awards are allocated for financial year 2025-26?

Total 500 new scholarship awards, bifurcation is as follows: -

* + 150 awards for foreign universities and
  + 350 awards for Indian Universities (For E1 and E2 category students).

# Will previous financial year’s awards (If lying vacant) be carried forward to next financial year?

No, previous financial year’s awards/seats (If lying vacant) will not be carry forwarded to next financial year. Selections for each financial year’s awards/seats will be made as per prevailing guidelines.

# Is there any classification according to annual gross family income?

Yes, following are the details:

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| **Gross family income (INR)** | **Income Category** |
| Less than Rs. 8.00 Lakh/annum | E1 |
| Rs. 8.00 - 25.00 Lakh/annum | E2 |
| Above Rs. 25.00 Lakh/ annum | E3 |

# What is the different financial assistance under this scheme?

Tuition fee, bench fee, living expenses to the students studying abroad (eligible on 150 seats) will be payable as follows:

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| **INCOME CATEGORY** | **ANNUAL ASSISTANCE\*** |
| E1: Family gross annual income less than Rs. 8.00 Lakh | Tuition Fees and Bench fee: 100% tuition fees (Max 50 lakh) |
| Living Expenses for Foreign universities: 12 Lakh Rupees (1,00,000/- P.M.)  Living Expenses for Indian universities: 3.00 Lakhs Rupees (25,000/- P.M.) |
| One time advance of 3 Lakh to students who will start their course after application on portal (adjusted against living expenses) for foreign universities students only |
| E2: Family gross annual income Rs. 8.00 – 25.00 Lakh | Tuition Fees and Bench fee: 85% Tuition fees (max up to 42.5 lakhs)  (candidate will bear 15% of tuition fees on their own) |
| Living Expenses for Foreign universities: 06 Lakh Rupees (50,000/- P.M.)  Living Expenses for Indian universities: 1.80 Lakhs Rupees (15,000/- P.M.) |
| E3: Family gross annual income above Rs. 25.00 Lakh | Tuition Fees and Bench fee: 70% Tuition fees (max up to 35 lakhs)  (candidate will bear 30% of tuition fees on their own) |
| No Living Expenses |

\* For more details refer clause no 10 of guidelines dated July, 2025

# What is included in Living expenses?

'Living Expenses’ are such as contingency allowance, equipment, medical insurance, accommodation, flight, visa, TCS etc. (These living expenses are indicative)

# Is there any upper limit for tuition fee?

Yes, for E1, Maximum Rs. 50.00 Lakh, E2 Maximum 85% of tuition fee or Rs. 42.5 Lakh and for E3, Maximum 70% of tuition fee or Rs. 35.00 Lakh

# Will E3 category students not be considered in first phase?

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| **Phase** | **Evaluation** |
| I | * Only E1 Category applications |
| II | * First consider E1 Category applications * Then after E2 category applications received in Phase-1 * If seats remain vacant then E2 category applications received in Phase-2 * After this if seats remain vacant then E3 category application received in Phase-1 and Phase-2 |

# My university charges bench fees other than the tuition fee. Will it be payable under this scheme?

Yes, Only Ph.D. and Post Doc students are eligible for this. This amount will be paid as per the financial assistance clause of SVS guidelines inclusive of tuition and bench fee.

# Who are eligible for one-time advance payment of Rs. 3 lakh per annum?

Advance payment is a facility given to only E1 category foreign students. Such students can use this advance payment for expenses such as Air fare, Visa, laptop purchase and other expenses as per their need before leaving to foreign university. This advance payment will be adjusted from their payable living expenses. It will be payable only once for the entire course duration before commencement of the course.

# I am an availing some other scholarship/fellowship/award/grant/ financial assistance from some other sources, will this financial assistance be deducted from payable financial benefits?

Yes, all such financial assistance will be deducted from payable financial benefits in the scheme. Self-declaration in this regard will also be required in this regard as per norms.

# Is question no. 27 is applicable to existing students who were not receiving any financial assistance from other sources at the time of selection but started availing later on during course period.

Yes, deduction of any financial assistance from other sources will be made for the new as well as existing selected students. New as well as existing selected students have to update these details after 6 months.

# From which date I will get the financial benefits of the scheme, If I am already studying at the time of application?

From the date of application on the portal. No payment will be made for the period before application date in this scheme. For more details refer clause No. 11 of scheme guidelines.

# From which date I will get the financial benefits of the scheme, if I will start my course after my application?

Tuition fees from course start date and living expenses from starting date of the course or the date of reached in the concerned country, whichever is later. For more details refer clause No. 11.

# From which date, I will be eligible for getting living expenses?

Only E1 and E2 category students will be eligible for living expenses from starting date of the course or the date of reached in the concerned country, whichever is later.

# What do you mean by Evaluation phases for Selection?

Applications submitted prior to the evaluation date will be reviewed and processed based on the relevant income category applicable to that specific phase in order to determine the selection.

# How many evaluation phases are there and the procedure to process the applications?

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| **Phases** | **1st Phase** | **2nd Phase** |
|  | **15 July to 31 August** | **01 October to 15 November** |
| Categories to be evaluated | Only E1 | E1, E2 and E3 (Firstly E1 will be considered, if Seats remain vacant after selection of E1 category students then E2 will be considered, after E2, E3 will be considered) |

# Will selections in one evaluation phase are dependent on other phase?

No, selections in each phase are independent from other phases.

# What is the selection criteria for selection in the scheme?

* There will be two evaluation phases for selection (15 July to 31 August, 01 October to 15 November & 01 January, 2026 to 15 January, 2026 if seats remain vacant).
* Applications received till evaluation dates, will be processed for selection in the scheme.
* Maximum 500 (150 + 350) new seats are allocated for financial year 2025-26.
* In first phase, only E1 category students will be considered, in second phase priority for selection will be in order of E1, E2 and E3 category.
* The merit of the student will be determined on the basis of top 50 Times Higher Education universities/ 50 NIRF institutes ranking. (irrespective of the course applied for)
* In case of equality of merit, preference will be given to the students of Post Doc, PhD, PG and UG courses respectively. Even after this, in case of equal merit, the student older in age on the basis of date of birth will be given preference.
* 30% seats of 500 (150 + 350) seats are earmarked for E1 and E2 category female students only. This will not apply to E3 category female students. Preference will be given to E1 category female students over E2 category female students for these earmarked seats.

# Which documents need to be submitted after provisional selection?

The student is required to submit the following:

1. Indemnity bond (as per the given format and instructions)
2. Abide by rules affidavit (as per the given format)
3. Unconditional offer letter within 2 months after provisional selection letter as per clause 6 (iii).

# What is annual gross family income?

Annual Gross family Income includes income from all sources for student and his family as defined in clause 8(i) of the guidelines.

# Whether the income earned from/in foreign countries shall also be included in the total family gross income?

Yes, students and his/her family income earned from/in foreign countries shall also be included in the total family gross income.

# Can I get gross family income certificate authenticated from notary instead of executive magistrate?

No, it must be authorized from executive magistrate and also be witnessed by two gazetted officers.

# Will the income category be changed once it is finalized at the time of selection?

No, in subsequent years it will remain same during the course of study in scheme.

# Is income from HUF (Hindu Undivided Family) or income from independent director has to be mentioned in gross family income calculation?

Yes, this will be applicable for all family members

# If my parents or I don’t file ITR then which document we will need to be uploaded regarding income?

In this case, an affidavit for not filling ITR on 100 Rs. Non-Judicial stamp needs to be furnished. Format is provided at portal/website. Family Income certificate is also required to be authenticated by Executive Magistrate and to be witnessed by two gazetted officers.

# What will happen if I am not able to provide unconditional offer letter at the time of application?

You can fill application with conditional offer letter but after 2 months of provisional selection list, you will have to provide unconditional offer letter/admission letter for final selection. After this given time, you will have to apply afresh in the forthcoming phases with the unconditional letter.

# I am a working professional, whether I have to resign before final selection in the scheme?

You have to provide relieving letter after provisional selection within 2 months. Refer clause 6 (vi).

# I am a resident of Rajasthan and permanently working in a state university in Uttar Pradesh (or in Rajasthan), am I eligible for the scholarship?

No.

# I am working as a permanent employee in a Govt. organization, am I eligible for this scholarship?

No.

# I am working as a permanent employee in a private organization, am I eligible for this scholarship?

Yes. Refer clause 6 (vi) of the guideline.

# What is the provision for more than one award in a family?

To encourage female students, for E-1, E-2 category family, if the second applicant from the same family/same parents is a female then she will be eligible for the scholarship. **E3** category family will not be eligible for two awards.

* Only one scholarship award will be granted for an applicant of a family.
* One student will be eligible only once in his/her lifetime for this scheme.

# How can I see status of my application?

You can access the portal to view the status of your application. Status of an application will change during the evaluation process for the application. It will also be informed through SMS and email on your registered mobile number and email-Id.

# I am a E3 category student, if I am selected in second/last phase of evaluation from which date I will be eligible for financial benefits in the scheme?

Your benefits will accrue as per the guidelines from the date of application or start of the course as the case may be after fulfilling all norms of the prevalent guidelines at the time of evaluation for selection.

# When can I expect confirmation for provisional selection?

After evaluation of proper documents provided by candidate within 2 months after provisional selection.

# Can I upgrade my university or change my course of study after being selected in the scheme?

Yes, after selection only one time as per the provisions of scheme guidelines clause 7 (viii) Upgrade can only be done in the applicable higher rank Times Higher Education /NIRF ranking university and also course change within 2 months after provisional selection.

# Can I take transfer/ exchange program if my university permits it after being selected in the scheme?

Yes, as per the university policy and scheme guidelines.

# When will a student be eligible for subsequent instalments?

A student will be eligible for subsequent instalments only after satisfactory progress report of the current semester/year.

# What is expected from the selected students?

* + Student shall not provide any false/ misleading information or documents
  + To abide by the scheme guidelines and the rules/ laws of the respective residing country
  + Research work/ paper presented/ project report during the course will have to be submitted
  + Students will seek jobs in Rajasthan on first priority basis to benefit the state from their academic talent
  + Student who applied for the “Young Intern Program” may be considered on priority by the State Government
  + To promote culture, heritage and build image of Rajasthan state in respective university
  + To participate and encourage philanthropic activities in Rajasthan
  + Student must be present mandatorily for online interaction (Video Conferences, Zoom Meetings etc.) whenever required
  + To guide prospective SVS beneficiaries
  + Act as ambassadors in promoting the scheme to increase its reach and impact
  + Students shall abide by the guidelines and the indemnity bond

**Note: Above frequently asked questions (FAQs) are for guidance purpose only. In case of any discrepancy, scheme guidelines July, 2025 will be followed and department’s decision will be final.**

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