

RESEARCH VISA

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This visa allows research professors or scholars to conduct research work in India.

Generally, the Embassy of India issues a visa valid for the duration of the planned research, with multiple entries. The Research Visa permits unlimited stay during the validity of the visa but any stay exceeding 6 months requires a registration at the FRO (Foreigner's Registration Office in Delhi) or the FRRO (Foreigner's Regional Registration Office) within the 14 days of your arrival in India.

LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A RESEARCH VISA

- 1 Original passport valid for a minimum of 6 months (or for the validity requested, if greater) and having at least 3 blank visa pages
- 2 A photocopy of the data page of the passport
- 3 Two photographs conforming to Indian Government norms (detailed specifications can be found on our website)
 - Photos should be glued on your forms in the box provided
 - **Please note photographs available in photo booths in France are not compatible with Indian norms**
 - Photo booths complying to the Indian norms are available in our Paris and Marseille offices
- 4 Two Indian Government visa application forms duly filled in online
 - Your form should be signed in the box under the photograph on page 1. This signature will be scanned and should match the signature on your passport.
 - You should validate the data on your form and accept the declaration on page 2 by signing at the bottom of page 2.
- 5 A letter in English from a French institution acknowledging that the applicant is a bona fide researcher in their institute
- 6 An official letter, written in English, confirming the applicant's admission or invitation to an Indian Institution
- 7 A detailed summary written in English by the applicant regarding the research work to be done in India
- 8 A bank guarantee letter issued by the bank in the name of the applicant, testifying their ability to meet expenses of a minimum of 500 € per month to cover accommodation and living expenses in India for the duration of the stay
- 9 The service fees, additional consular charges, the ICWF fee and the visa fees

LIST OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

If you are sending your visa application by post

- Checklist for postal applications

If you are holding a non-French passport or a French travel document

- Reference Form as per your current or previous nationality
- If resident in France: copy of your resident card or an EDF/France Télécom bill (optional but recommended)
- Additional documents as per your current or previous nationality, as applicable

If you are holding a French passport being of Pakistani, Chinese, Bangladeshi or Afghan origin

- Reference Form as per your origin
- Additional documents as per your origin, as applicable

I hereby certify that I have submitted a complete application and that I know and accept the minimum processing times required for my visa application.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

CENTRE DE DEMANDE DE VISA POUR L'INDE

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