

SRI SIDDHARTHA ACADEMY OF HIGHER EDUCATION

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OFFICE OF THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS

Introduction:

International Affairs Cell which caters to the needs of foreign students from various countries. The Institute has always been welcoming towards students aspiring for world-class education which we believe is our forte and Working in collaboration with all the Faculties, Colleges, Institutes and Administration of the University, the OIA facilitates and implements SSAHE mission of global engagement and efforts to further enhance the international visibility and its recognition as a major international educational and research centre.

OIA is a single-window to deal with the admission and guidance of International /NRI/foreign nationals with Indian origin students. It also facilitates the admission of international students with the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarship.

This office controls the admission of foreign students to Certificates/Diploma, UG, PG, Post-Graduate or Ph.D. programs and provides necessary guidance for securing admission along with registering the students with FRRO (Foreigners' Regional Registration Office).

Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education has a large number of collaborations and partnership agreements with various well-known universities and educational institutions across the world. These collaborations focus on the mobility of teaching faculties and students through exchange programs, joint research and training programs.

Purpose:

The International Affairs Cell would strive for the welfare of the international student community; organize interactive discussions, seminars, program on the themes of cultural integration, generating awareness about unity in diversity

About International Affairs Cell

The International Affairs Cell is constituted with a purpose to take utmost care of International Students during their stay, from the time of their admission to completion of their study.

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Guidelines for Admission of Foreign / International Students:

- Should be an international student (Foreign Students /Non Residents Indians (NRI)
- For foreign students, student Visa is mandatory (for NRI not a mandatory option)
- Students have to obtain prior security clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the approval of Department of Higher Education, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India and this must be on the student Visa/research visa endorsed to this University.

.Objectives:

- To coordinate all matters relating to welcoming and supporting foreign students.
- To disseminate information related to admission process among prospective foreign students.
- To engage in promotional activities and brand building campaign abroad.
- Single point contact for carrying out all collaborative activities with foreign institutions
- Act as a liaison body between the foreign students and the sponsoring agency
- To address the grievances of foreign students in all matters
- Single point contact for registration with FRRO/e-FRRO
- To facilitate networking with fellow students.
- To extend all possible help to the foreign students to adapt to the new cultural environment and make their stay in India comfortable and enriching.

Roles and Responsibilities:

The roles and responsibilities of the Office of International Affairs of Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education include:

1. Foreign student admission process:
 - a. Self-financed international students seeking admission in any of the Certificate, Diploma, Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate, Ph.D. courses offered by Sri Siddhartha Academy of Higher Education.
 - b. Admission of the international students with Indian Council Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarship in any of the Certificate, Diploma, Under-Graduate, Post-Graduate, Ph.D. courses offered by SSAHE.

- c. FRRO registrations: OIA is responsible for the foreigner registration of all the international students seeking admissions in constituent colleges of SSAHE, having a long term visa (more than 180 days) in the Bangalore regional Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO) within 14 days of arriving in India.
2. Exchange programs for students and staff: Incoming and Outgoing Exchange Programs for Students and Faculties with International Institutions.
3. International Strategy Development and Deployment perspective plan: Enhancing the International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU) and academic collaboration documentation, travel and meetings: for Research and Study Programs through the Go- MSU- International (GOMSI) plan.

Organogram

- The Office of International Affairs works under the leadership of Hon. Vice-Chancellor of the University, Dr. K.B. Lingegowda, as a Chairman.
- The office-bearers of the International Affairs are Sri. Vivek Veeraiah as the Director, Dr. Malini S as the Deputy Director.
- The office nodal officer
- The OIA office has one project officer, clerk and 3 peons to handle day to day activities and also offers paid internships to student volunteers.

Status of the activities at the office of international affairs (OIA).

- 1) Enhancing the International Memorandum of Understanding (IMOU) and academic collaboration – Over 50 MOUs with various academic institutions and bodies for various subjects across the 13 faculties of the SSAHE have been signed with the help of OIA.
- 2) Travel and meetings for Research and Study Programs- OIA Director and Deputy Director have been engaged in pursuit of enhancing the global visibility of SSAHE. OIA routinely organizes interactive sessions, workshops and webinars with visiting faculties and organizations and hosts international delegations. It also hosts events from associations such as USIEF, DAAD, British Council and alike for the benefit of its staff and students.