

POLICY

SHASTRI INDO- CANADIAN INSTITUTE

MEMBERSHIP AND CONDITIONS GOVERNING MEMBERSHIP

CANADIAN MEMBERS COUNCIL

SHASTRI INDO- CANADIAN INSTITUTE IN CANADA

TAB I

Preamble:

Ninety per cent of Shastri members in Canada are comprehensive universities that focus on research and collaboration with India. Our four founding members are McGill, UBC, Toronto and the Canadian Museum of Civilization. Although the Canadian Museum of Civilization is not a university, as a founding member, its participation within Shastri has been crucial in its success. Shastri Executive Council has admitted to Canadian Members Council 5 other institutions that are not comprehensive universities. These are specialized professional institutions involved in specialized professional teaching and research and have interest in education collaboration with India: Ontario College of Art and Design, the Canadian Centre for Architecture, L' Enseignement des Technologies de L'Informatique (HEC), Ecole Polytechnique De Montreal and, the Nova Scotia Agricultural College.

1. PURPOSE

The strength of Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute (SICI) lies in its membership base that comprises of Universities and Institutions that contribute towards making the academic and cultural exchange between India and Canada successful. This policy will serve as a guide to current and prospective SICI members and assist the members of the SICI Executive Council in its deliberations concerning membership in the Institute. The policy is consistent with the Bylaws of the Institute.

2. MEMBERSHIP ELIGIBILITY

- a.** Membership in the Institution shall be open to Canadian academic institutions of higher learning and related research councils, institutes, commissions and national museums located in Canada, with such credentials as approved by the Executive Council.
- b.** Any institution that falls in any of the above categories and desires to become a member of SICI, needs to submit a letter of interest or request for membership to the SICI office in Canada.
- c.** Only institutions that are comprehensive universities or have active academic undergraduate and graduate teaching research programs in specialized fields and interest in collaborative mandate with India may be considered for membership.

The letter of interest and all other supporting documentation shall be placed before the Executive Council of Shastri Institute for consideration. The letter of interest should provide the following information to facilitate their admission request. **The Executive Council will base its decision for eligibility on the following criteria:**

- National and International reputation
- Profile of Faculty members engaged in Canada-India educational cooperation and collaboration.
- Profile of past and current Educational collaboration involving Indian institutions.
- A demonstrated commitment to promote Canada India education cooperation and collaboration with statement of planned activities to be undertaken.
- Recommendation from an EC member (based on his/ her visit to the Institution) that the Institution meets the criteria.

d. The Executive Council shall have the authority to admit new Members. A new Member shall become a Member on the date set by the Executive Council.

3. MEMBERSHIP FEES

The Executive Council shall have the authority to set the fees for Membership to be ratified by the Members' Council in Canada. The Membership fees for all Canadian Members shall be the same, unless otherwise specifically authorized by Ordinary Resolution of the Canadian Members' Council.

Current membership fees as of January 2012:

Category One	Category Two
Fees for Institutions more than 6000 students	Fees for Institutions less than 6000 students
1) Membership Fees is \$ 5, 233	1) Membership Fees is \$ 3,140
2) Library Fees is \$ 498	2) Library Fees is \$ 299
Total is \$ 5, 731	Total is \$ 3, 439

Note: Category one receives approximately \$ 3 000 to \$ 4 000 worth of books.

4. MEMBERSHIP RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS

a. A member institution of SICI is expected to fulfill the following requirements for continuation of membership:

- Payment of annual membership fee.
- Participation and/ or collaboration in local programs organized by SICI whenever possible.
- Participation in annual Canadian Member Council meetings whenever possible.

- Promoting Canada India education collaboration by encouraging its faculty, researchers, and students to develop such linkages with Indian Institutions.
- Providing to the Institute on an annual basis a report on its Canada-India Education collaborations.

b. The Members of the Institute shall at all times observe and be bound by the provisions of the Letters Patent, the By-laws and the Resolutions of the Institute.

c. Each member, and only members, will have the right to access all programs and services offered by or through the Institute.

d. Each Member shall have the right to one vote at any meeting of Members.

e. All decision making authority shall reside with the Members except where specifically delegated to the Executive Council by this By-Law or any other by-law or resolution passed by the Members.

5. TERMINATION OF MEMBERSHIP

a. A member institution of SICI shall cease to be a member on any of the following grounds:

- Non-payment of annual membership fee (for two years in continuation).
- Involvement in activities that are in contravention or against the mission and objectives of SICI.
- Lack of evidence of significant commitment to promoting Canada India Education Collaboration.

b. Members may withdraw from the Institute at any time by filing a written resignation with the Institute but such withdrawal shall not relieve the withdrawing Member from any dues or assessments that may have become due and payable to the Institute prior to such withdrawal.

c. The Membership of any Canadian Member may be terminated by Special Resolution of the Canadian Members' Council.

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