

MEMBERSHIP CONDITIONS AND GUIDELINES TO JOIN INDIAN MEMBERS' COUNCIL

1. BACKGROUND

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. The member institutions have also played a role in generating interest in Canada and in collaborating with Canadian Institutions in areas that are mutually beneficial.

2. MEMBERSHIP

(a) **Category of Institutions eligible to become member.**

Broadly, the membership of Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute can be categorized or classified as follows.

- Centre of excellence / Autonomous Institutions
- Central Universities
- State Universities
- Deemed Universities
- Private Universities
- Research Institutions

Centre of excellence / Autonomous Institutions: These are institutions of excellence in India in the field of technical, management and other areas of professional education and research and many of them are members of Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute such as IITs, IIMs, XLRI, NID among others.

The institutions those are granted the permission to autonomously award degrees, and while not called "university" by name, act as Autonomous Institutions. They usually fall under the administrative control of the Department of Higher Education and include institutes like NITs, IIMs, IITs & NLU's.

Central Universities: The majority of members of Shastri Indo- Canadian Institute fall under this category. **Central universities** are established by an Act of Parliament and are under the purview of the Department of Higher Education in the Union Human Resource Development Ministry. They are governed by UGC (University Grants Commission), such as Jawaharlal Nehru University, Delhi University, Jamia Millia University and Visva Bharti University.

State Universities: These are the public universities run by the state government of each of the states and territories of India, and are usually established by a local legislative assembly act. These include Ambedkar University, SNDT, Mangalore University and Mysore University etc.

Deemed University or Deemed-to-be-University : An Institution of Higher Education, other than universities, working at a very high standard in specific area of study, is declared by the Central

Government on the advice of the UGC, as an Institution 'Deemed-to-be-university. Few of these are NMI, Indian Law Institute, ICFAI and NUEPA.

Private Universities: These are approved by the UGC. They can grant degrees but they are not allowed to have off-campus affiliated colleges, such as Ahmedabad University, Amity University, Shiv Nadar University & Sikkim-Manipal University among others.

Research Institutions: These are the institutions of higher education/ learning that take up or encourage research in focused areas of interest in Humanities & social sciences, Science & Technology, Agriculture, Industrial research and Fundamental research. These include the institutes like ICPR, University of Agricultural Sciences, TIFR and Bhabha Atomic Research Center.

(b) Process of becoming a SICI member

Any institution that falls in any of the above categories and desires to join Indian Member Council of SICI needs to submit a letter of interest along with the membership application form. On receiving the same, the application shall be placed before the Executive Council of Shastri Institute for consideration. The Executive Council may consider the application depending on the alignment of the Institution in any of the categories laid down and analyzing worthiness of particular Institution to be part of Indian Members' Council.

The criterion for determining the eligibility of the Institutions to join the Indian Member Council (IMC) are:

- Minimum 10 years of existence
- Should have NAAC 'A' accreditation or NIRF Ranking in top 100 universities/institutions in the year or previous year of applying of membership
- Fall under the categories of Institutions mentioned above
- National and International reputation
- A demonstrated commitment to promote Canada India education cooperation and collaboration with statement of planned activities to be undertaken.
- Institutions willing to collaborate with Canadian academia and research

The applications once reviewed by the Executive Council, would be placed to the Audit & Finance Committee for approval. SICI, India office will inform the Committee's decision to respective University / Institute.

(c) Membership Fees

The Annual Membership Fee is Rs. 50,000/-.

(d) Membership Rights and Obligations

1. Rights of Members

- a. 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.

- b. Each member and member institute will have the right to access all programmes and services offered by or through the Institute.
- c. Each Member shall have the right to one vote at any meeting of Members.
- d. Decision making authority shall reside with the Members except when specifically delegated to the Executive Council by this By-Law or any other by-law or resolution passed by the Members.

2. Members' obligations

A member institution of SICI is expected to fulfill the following requirement for continuation of membership.

- Payment of annual membership fee,
- Participation and/ or collaboration in local programmes organized by SICI,
- Participation in annual IMC (Indian Member Council) meeting and Annual General Meeting
- Promoting India Canada education collaboration by encouraging its faculty, researchers, students to develop such linkages with Canadian Institutions
- Providing to the Institute on annual basis a report on its India-Canada Education collaborations and activities.

(e) Disqualification / Termination from membership

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

- Non-payment of annual membership fee for three years in continuation
- An adverse circular or notification issued by the Government of India or the State Government against the Institution.
- 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.

(ii) 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.

(iii) The Membership of any Member may be terminated by Special Resolution of the Indian Members' Council.
