

Assam Agricultural University

Greener Pastures for International Students

- Pre-eminent University in the entire North East India in the field of Agriculture and allied sectors
- Offering UG, PG and PhD programmes in more than
 52 specialized disciplines
- Lush green campus with state of the art infrastructure, ICT support and excellent faculties
- MOU with 209 national and international institutes and universities
- Accredited by National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board, ICAR and ranked 19 under National Institutional Ranking Framework
- Blending of traditional knowledge and modern sciences
- Oldest and unique degrees in Tea Husbandry & Technology

- Up to date course curricula prescribed by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research with much emphasis on quality education, research, technology dissemination and entrepreneurship development
- Co-curricular and extra-curricular activities for holistic development
- Dedicated Advisory Cell to take care of international students
- Exclusive support for international students in terms of fee waiver, travel grant and fellowships
- The University has the unique distinction of hosting students from the countries like Afghanistan, Lesotho, Uganda, Vietnam, Fiji, Egypt, Syria, Ghana, Nigeria, Guyana, Bangladesh, Nepal and the Middle East

The International Students' Advisory (ISA) Cell in AAU was established in the year 2016 with the sole purpose of facilitating the entire process of admission, logistics and general governance of international students. Prior to establishment of the designated Cell, quite a large number of students from the Middle East and South Africa also graduated, more particularly from the Department of Tea Husbandry & Technology, a unique specialization ever offered across the globe. Currently, a sizeable number of foreign students are pursuing degree programmes in different Colleges.

Academic strength of the University is well evident in the areas of forensic entomological studies on domestic animals, birds and wildlife; bio-prospecting of soil microbes; next generation phyto-pathological bio-pesticide formulation, RNA-based vaccines against plant viruses; remote sensing and GIS, live food culture system; fish feed formulation; biodiversity assessment; e-DNA; ecosystem modelling; quality standardization and assurance of fish and fishery products; psychometry; multi-sensory stimulation; Agri-business; marketing & finance; entrepreneurship development; community mobilization; gender & youth study, to name a few.

The international students are entertained in the University under two distinct channels, subject to fulfilment of the prescribed eligibility criteria, *viz.* a) admission through various bilateral and multi-lateral agreements through ICAR/ICCR/Govt. of India, and b) direct admission. The admission procedure for both the channels are comprehensively outlined in the Admission Bulletin designed for the purpose and is available in the official website of the University (www.aau.ac.in). The University maintains an open admission portal year-round to cater to the needs of the international students.

The recent guidelines introduced by the UGC pertaining to admissions and allocation of super-numerary seats for international students in undergraduate and postgraduate programs in Higher Educational Institutions underscore the Government's sincere commitment for making India an attractive destination for higher education. Accordingly, the Assam Agricultural University is all set to attract international students through multiple of promotional initiatives, such as offering fellowships, free airfare, fee waivers and other incentives.

Support to International Students under AAU

(Direct channel)

Support Programme	Deree Program	Fellowship amount	Additional Benefits 1	Additional Benefits 2	Remarks
1. International Fellowship Program (IFP)	Master's Degree	₹10,000.00 per month	Return Economy airfare (only once) up to a maximum of ₹50,000,00 (for both ways) for the SAARC countries and ₹75,000.00 for other than SAARC countries	Academic Fee waiver: 75 per cent of International student's admission fees	Fellowship will be provided for 2 years with the provision of extension up to a maximum of 3 months
	Ph D Degree	₹12,000.00 per month	Return Economy airfare (only once) up to a maximum of ₹50,000,00 (for both ways) for the SAARC countries and ₹75,000.00 for other than SAARC countries	Academic Fee waiver: 75 per cent of International student's admission fees	Fellowship will be provided for 3 years with the provision of extension up to a maximum of 6 months
2. International Assistanceship Program (IAP)	Master's Degree		Nil	Academic Fee waiver: 100 per cent of International students admission fees	Fee waiver will be for a period of 2 years plus one additional semester
	Ph D Degree		Nil	Academic Fee waiver: 100 per cent of International students admission fees	Fee waiver will be for a period of 3 years plus one additional semester