Pre-visa form

All students on this program will be required to have visas for entry into India. You will be provided instructions and supporting clearance letters for this process in June for fall programs, and December or early January for spring programs.

You will be acquiring a multiple-entry student visa that is good for up to six months (including the 3.5 months you will be participating in SIT’s program). Should you want to stay on in India beyond the six-month period, you will need to leave India and apply for an Indian tourist visa outside of the country.

In order to start the approval process, we will submit the completed form below to the American Institute of Indian Studies (AIIS). This form must be submitted with your Confirmation Materials.

If you have a new passport, make sure to sign above Signature of Bearer before copying and submitting to SIT Study Abroad. We prefer to have passport copies submitted by mail, or scanned and sent as an email attachment (applications@sit.edu)

Note: Students should obtain student visas before leaving the United States. Our sponsor in India is only able to recommend student visas to Consulates in the U.S., Canada and the United Kingdom.

Students whose parents were born in Pakistan or Bangladesh should apply for student visas at Indian Consulates in the United States at least three months before the anticipated date of departure. There will be a delay in the issuance of these visas.

COMMON MISTAKES OF PAST APPLICANTS
Pencil: All official documents should always be filled out with blue or black ink, ballpoint pens. Please do not use a gel pen.
Streaking printer: Please print on a high quality printer using black ink.
Bad penmanship: Remember that being granted a visa is a privilege; do what you can to make it easier for the Immigration staff reviewing your application. Use BLOCK letters for this application.
Dating convention: should be day/month/year or day Month year: 12 June 2015.
Not following instructions: if you have questions, please call!
Answer all questions

INSTRUCTIONS

1-2. Self-explanatory
3. “Validity” means when does your passport expire?
13. For “educational status,” you can write undergraduate student. “Department” means the department of your major.
15. Do not worry about “degree earned,” if you are an undergrad, as you are still completing your degree. For “dates,” an example would be 09/2014-Present
16. Self-explanatory. If not applicable, write “N/A”
17. Self-explanatory
18. Please check the box for the location of the Indian consulate or Embassy where you intend to mail in your India visa application. To determine which Consulate or Embassy covers your jurisdiction, please check the website under “Consular Jurisdiction.”
https://www.indianembassy.org/pages.php?id=27 Please note that your jurisdiction is determined by your permanent address.
19. Answer the question and sign your name by hand and date

Note: Your signature is required for this form. You do not need to attach any additional photos; please refer to the Confirmation Checklist for all materials required to guarantee your spot on the program.

Undertaking (at bottom of form)
Please leave this section blank, as I will be completing this for you.
AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES
INTERNATIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM

Application for a Student Visa

Program with which affiliated in USA       SIT Study Abroad

Program with which affiliated in India     AIIS Study Abroad Program for Indian Languages
and Culture related programs

1. Name of the Participant: __________________________________________________________
   Last name          First Name          Middle Name

2. Social Security Number: ______________________

3. Passport Number: ________________ Issued on ____________
   Place of Issue ________________ Validity ________________

4. Citizenship ____________________________

5. Sex   Female [ ]  Male [ ]

6. Age______ Date of Birth: _______ _______ _______
   Day    Month    Year
   Attach Photo with name written on the back

7. Place of Birth_____________________

8. Father’s Name____________________

9. Mother’s Name____________________

10. Mailing Address:___________________________
    _______________________________________

11. Permanent Address:___________________________
    _______________________________________

12. Telephone Number _________________________ Email___________________________

13. University________________________ Department________________ Educational Status___________

14. Faculty Advisor (name, address, email)________________________________________
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15. College and/or Universities attended

1. __________________________________________________________________________

2. __________________________________________________________________________

3. __________________________________________________________________________

16. Please list any previous visits you have made to India:

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17. Intended duration of stay in India: From: __________ To: ________ Total Months: ______

18. Indian Consulate (i.e. Atlanta, Chicago, Houston, New York, San Francisco, Washington DC) where you obtain your student visa __________________________________________

19. On a separate sheet, explain in one paragraph how the proposed program of study will benefit your previous language/area and disciplinary training and how it will contribute to your immediate and long-range academic and professional goals.

Signature of the applicant________________________ Date of application______________

UNDERTAKING

We take full responsibility for the activities and conduct of Mr./Ms. ____________________________
national of ________ during his/her stay in India. If anything adverse comes to notice during this period, we undertake full responsibility to repatriate him/her on our cost. AIIS will not be held responsible if the participant indulges in any unlawful activity or if anything adverse comes to notice.

Date: __________________________ Signature of competent authority (Such as the program Head): __________________________

Name: __________________________
**Note:** Students should obtain student visas before leaving the U.S. Indian Consulates outside the U.S. will be unfamiliar with the special provision created for American students participating in programs in India. Applications for student visas at non-U.S. Indian Consulates have encountered extended delays and misunderstanding, disrupting the travel plans of some students.

Students who are Pakistan/Bangladesh Nationals OR born in Pakistan/Bangladesh OR whose parents are of Pakistan/Bangladesh origin should apply for student visa at Indian Consulates in the United States/UK/Canada at least three months before the anticipated date of departure as there will be additional checks in such cases.

Now there is a new system of registration called **FSIS - Foreign Students’ Information System** is in place. According to the new system, the Sponsoring Institute (AIIS) is responsible for submitting online information for all foreign students irrespective of length of visa after their arrival in India. On the basis of that information, student will be registered with FRRO, if required.

Students will also need to inform AIIS before their EXIT from India to inform the FRRO; otherwise, they will face problems while leaving the country. The students are also required to update the AIIS about their program activities and any credits if they score while in India.