



GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY

**FOREIGN STUDENT ADMISSION
REGULATIONS**

AY – 2026-27 AND ONWARDS



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Foreign Student Admission Regulations for AY – 2026-27 and Onwards

Preamble

In exercise of the powers conferred under sub-section xxvii of Section 7 and to fulfil the objectives prescribed in sub-section vi of Section 5 of the Gujarat Technological University Act, these regulations are hereby framed to govern the admission & administration of foreign students to Gujarat Technological University.

WHEREAS the earlier guidelines for foreign student admission, initiated in 2013, were operational in nature but with the implementation of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, and the growing scope of international student mobility through ICCR, Study in India, and other governmental initiatives, it has become imperative to amend foreign student regulations 2013-14 with required modifications and updates.

ACCORDINGLY, these Foreign Student Admission Regulations for Admitting Foreign Students in AY – 2026-27 and Onwards' are framed to give statutory clarity and procedural transparency while retaining the essence and operational continuity of the previous regulations.

THEREFORE, Gujarat Technological University hereby notifies the following Regulations for the admission of Foreign Students, duly approved by the Academic Council at its 57th Meeting, vide Agenda Item No. 57.10, and subsequently approved by the Board of Governors (BoG) at its 71st Meeting, vide Agenda Item No. 71.05.

Chapter 1: General Provisions

1.1 Short Title and Commencement

These regulations may be called the "Gujarat Technological University Foreign Student Admission Regulations" and shall come into force upon formal approval by the competent authority of Gujarat Technological University.

1.2 Definitions

For the purpose of these regulations, unless the context otherwise requires:

1. **"University"** means Gujarat Technological University (GTU) established under the Gujarat Technological University Act, 2007
2. **"Foreign Student"** means a student holding citizenship of a country other than India, including OCI/PIO card holders with foreign passports and CIWG (Category : FN, OCI, PIO, CIWG)

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3. **"Affiliated Institute"** means any institute affiliated to GTU for conducting academic programs approved by GTU
4. **"Constituent Institute"** means institutes directly administered by GTU (GTU ITR or any such constituent institute in future)
5. **"GTU Schools"** means Graduate Schools directly administered by GTU (SMS, SET, GSP, SAST & any other schools of GTU in future)
6. **"FSC"** means Foreign Students Cell of GTU
7. **"ICCR"** means Indian Council for Cultural Relations
8. **"SII"** means Study in India
9. **"Supernumerary Seats"** means seats over and above the "Approved Intake" for the admission of students from Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)/Foreign Nationals(FN)/ Children of Indian Workers in the Gulf Countries (CIWG)
10. **"Foreign Student Fee"** means tuition fee (TF) for foreign students (program wise) defined by competent authority of University for respective Academic Year

1.3 Objectives of Foreign Student Regulation - 2026

These regulations aim to achieve the following objectives:

1. **Formalization and Statutory Clarity:** Since the admission of the first batch of foreign students in 2013 under the Foreign Students Admission Regulations, 2013, various amendments have been made over time based on specific requirements and with due approvals. These updates are consolidated and incorporated into the Foreign Student Regulation 2026.
2. **Alignment with National Policies:** Ensure compliance with National Education Policy (NEP) 2020 and governmental initiatives.
3. **Structured Admission Process:** Maintain and harmonize the already refined and standardized processes across all institutes under a unified regulatory framework.
4. **Enhanced International Collaboration:** Facilitate partnerships through ICCR, Study in India (SII), and other international programs.
5. **Quality Assurance:** Strengthen evaluation mechanisms to promote higher rankings and accreditations among affiliated institutes.
6. **Student Support Framework:** Establish comprehensive support systems for foreign students.

Chapter 2: Applicability and Coverage

2.1 Scope of Application

These regulations shall apply to all foreign students seeking admission into programs offered by GTU under the following categories:

- i. ICCR Scholarship Schemes
- ii. Study in India (SII) Program and other Government/Semi-Government sponsored programs
- iii. Self-financed (direct) foreign student applications through GTU Foreign Students Cell (FSC)
- iv. Any other mode as approved by GTU from time to time

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2.2 Applicable Programs

These regulations cover admission of foreign students into the following programs offered by GTU:

Diploma Programs:

- Diploma in Engineering
- Diploma in Pharmacy

Undergraduate Programs:

- Bachelor of Engineering
- Bachelor of Pharmacy
- Bachelor of Architecture
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Business Administration
- Bachelor of Computer Application
- Pharm D.

Postgraduate Programs:

- Master of Engineering
- Master of Science
- Master of Pharmacy
- Master of Computer Applications
- Master of Business Administration

PG Diploma Programs:

- Post Graduate Diploma Programs

Doctoral Programs:

- Ph.D. Programs (Full Time)

Other Programs:

- Any other programs offered by the University from time to time.

Chapter 3: Admission Process Framework

3.1 Application Channels

Foreign students may apply through the following authorized mechanisms:

1. **ICCR Portal** - For scholarship recipients under ICCR schemes
2. **Study in India Program Portal** - Students applying under SII Program through SII Portal
3. **Foreign Student Cell (FSC) Portal** - For direct admission/self-financed foreign students
4. **Any other such admission portals / platform** of respective Govt./Non Govt. Organizations
5. **Other approved channels** as notified by the University

3.2 Expression of Interest from Institutes

1. GTU shall invite **Expressions of Interest (EOI)** from affiliated institutes, GTU Schools and Constituent Institute through the FSC portal for admission of foreign students in every Academic year.

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2. Institutes intending to admit foreign students must submit their Expression of Interest (EOI) to the FSC and adhere to GTU's foreign student admission process, in addition to their existing admission procedures under ACPC, GCAS, or any other applicable councils, committees & authorities.
3. Institutes shall be evaluated and ranked based on specific criteria established by the University for Foreign Student Allocation, especially for the students applying under Govt. Schemes like ICCR / SII etc.
4. Allocation of foreign students to GTU Schools and constituent colleges shall be given the priority.

3.3 Institute Evaluation Criteria

Only institutes with AICTE/PCI/other statutory bodies–approved supernumerary seats (for FN, OCI, PIO, and CIWG) are eligible to apply.

Additionally to the above mandatory clause, Institutes shall be evaluated based on:

- Institute Ranking and accreditation status
- Faculty cadre ratio
- Result of previous year and admissions
- Infrastructure facilities including hostel accommodation
- Any other parameters defined by GTU time by time

Chapter 4: Seat Allocation and Distribution

4.1 Supernumerary Seat Allocation

1. The percentage of supernumerary seats shall be determined as per the norms of the respective governing councils or authorities.
2. GTU may admit students to its own GTU Schools and constituent institutes, with university approved supernumerary seats leveraging GTU's NAAC accreditation and SII empanelment in case if the approval of statutory council / body is delayed and applications are to be confirmed w.r.t. timeline of concerned scholarship council / body.

4.2 Priority Allocation System

1. **Primary Preference:** GTU Schools and Constituent Institutes shall receive initial preference for foreign student allocation.
2. **Secondary Allocation:** Upon filling available seats in GTU Schools/Constituent Institutes, remaining applications shall be allotted to top 50% affiliated institutes based on their branch wise ranking.
3. **Balanced Distribution:** Any applications remaining after the first two stages shall be distributed uniformly among the remaining affiliated institutes to ensure optimal utilization of available infrastructure and resources.

4.3 Application Allocation Strategy

1. Confirmed applications in each branch shall be allocated only to the top 50% of ranked institutes at the initial stage.

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2. If additional applications are available, they shall be allocated to the remaining 50% of institutes as per defined strategy.
3. **Initial Allocation Limit:** Maximum of one application per institute per branch shall be allocated initially.
4. **Subsequent Rounds:** If applications remain unallocated, the process shall be repeated until all applications are appropriately placed.

Chapter 5: Fee Structure and Financial Provisions

5.1 Foreign Students fee Determination:

Program wise Tuition Fees (TF) & other fees (like hostel, etc.) shall be decided by the competent authority of the university for each academic year.

5.2 Disbursement Mechanism (For students admitted under ICCR Scholarship & other sponsoring body)

The disbursement of tuition fees shall be decided as per the decision of the competent authority.

5.3 Fee Stability

The tuition fees determined for each student admitted in respective academic year of his/her enrollment shall remain unchanged for the entire duration of the course, ensuring financial predictability for students / sponsoring body.

Chapter 6: Student Support and Welfare

6.1 Accommodation Requirements

1. **Institute Hostel:** Institutes should provide hostel facilities for foreign students with separate arrangements for male and female students.
2. **Alternative Arrangements:** If hostels are unavailable, institutes must assist students in finding suitable nearby rental accommodations.
3. **Financial Responsibility:** Students shall be responsible for paying rent/hostel fees as applicable/ defined by respective institute/ rental property owner.

6.2 Academic Mentorship System

1. **Mentor Assignment:** Institutes must nominate a mentor and assign co-mentors for each branch based on academic and student requirements. All mentors and co-mentors must have excellent communication skills.
2. **Gender-Specific Mentoring:** For female students, a female mentor must be assigned by the Institute.
3. **Responsibilities:** Mentors shall provide academic guidance, cultural orientation, and personal support to foreign students.

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6.3 Student Support Services

Institutes shall provide:

- Orientation programs for cultural acclimatization
- Academic counselling and guidance
- Health and medical support assistance
- Emergency contact and support systems
- Personal counselling and guidance

Chapter 7: Legal and Administrative Framework

7.1 Document Verifications and Legal Status:

1. **Legal Status of the student (under Scholarship):** ICCR or concerned bodies shall certify the legal status of students and verify their credentials.
2. **Academic Evaluation:** GTU shall evaluate academic eligibility based on information provided by ICCR, concerned authorities, or students in line with the minimum academic eligibility criteria defined by the concerned authority of the admission.
3. **Direct Admission Requirements:** For direct admissions, student needs to furnish equivalency certificates and other supporting documents as per the norms.

7.2 Code of Conduct and Discipline

1. **Institutional Rules:** Foreign students must adhere to the code of conduct and discipline of their allocated institution.
2. **University Regulations:** Students shall comply with all GTU regulations, policies & Code of Conduct.
3. **Legal Compliance:** Students must observe all applicable Indian/state laws and regulations.

7.3 Institute Transfer Provisions

1. **Transfer Categories:** Institute transfers are permissible between:
 - Self-Finance Institute to Self-Finance Institute
2. **Compliance Requirements:** All transfers must comply with GTU's Institute Transfer Norms.
3. **EOI Prerequisite:** Transfers are only possible to institutes that have submitted Expression of Interest for foreign student admission in the particular academic year.
4. **Availability of Supernumerary Seats:** For a student transfer, the receiving institute must have available supernumerary seats and must have submitted the EOI for the academic year in which the student was originally admitted.
5. **Final Approval:** The final approval for any institute transfer shall rest with the University authorities.

Chapter 8: Direct Admission Process

8.1 Eligibility for Direct Admission

Foreign students (outside ICCR/ other scholarship schemes) may apply for direct admission self-payment mode to GTU as per following process:

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1. Apply through the FSC Online Portal
2. Submit all required documents and application fees
3. Meet the academic eligibility criteria for their chosen program

8.2 Institute Recommendation Process

If an institute wishes to recommend a foreign student for admission based on the preferences of both the institute and the student, the institute must have submitted an EOI for the respective academic year, and the student must apply through the FSC Portal to obtain the Provisional Admission Letter.

8.3 Admission Procedure

1. **Fee Structure:** Students under direct admission category shall be charged fees as per the Foreign Student Fees decided by GTU in respective AY.
2. **Application Scrutiny:** DIR FSC shall scrutinize applications based on AICTE or other governing council / authority.
3. **Provisional Admission:** Eligible students shall receive a Provisional Admission Letter for visa application purposes.
4. **Post-Arrival Reporting:** Upon arrival, students must report to their allocated institute within the stipulated timeframe as per the directions from GTU.

8.4 Fee Determinations:

Program-wise tuition fees and other applicable charges (such as hostel fees, etc.) shall be determined by the competent authority of the University for each academic year. Students shall pay the prescribed fees to the GTU FSC account, in a maximum of two parts per year.

8.5 Fee Structure for Direct Admission

Institute Type	Tuition Fees Disbursement
Application Fee	USD 100 in relevant INR - Non-refundable (DIR shall communicate to the student the applicable admission fee as approved for the respective academic year.)
Disbursement of the Fees in Government & GIA Institutes, Self-Finance Institutes, GTU Schools & GTU Constituent Institutes	The disbursement of tuition fees shall be decided as per the decision of the competent authority.

8.6 Scholarship Scheme for Direct Admission

Scholarship may be offered to foreign students applying directly to courses under GSET, GSMS, GSP, SAST, GTU - ITR, and future schools / constituent colleges of GTU. Scholarships will be awarded to eligible international candidates at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels, based on their academic

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performance in the base degree considered during the scrutiny of applications. The percentage of scholarship granted will be determined periodically by the Department of International Relations (DIR) Committee. The % of scholarship and applicable fees shall be mentioned in the provisional confirmation letter by the GTU.

Chapter 9: Suggested Areas for Fund Utilization for Institutes

Affiliated institutes and university departments may utilize the funds collected or allocated for foreign student-related activities in the indicative areas specified below:

9.1. Development of Hostel and Living Facilities:

Up gradation and maintenance of hostel infrastructure with improved amenities such as air-conditioning, pantry and cooking facilities, laundry/washing facilities, Wi-Fi access, recreational spaces, and other comfort-based provisions to ensure a conducive living environment for international students.

9.2. Academic Engagement and Skill Development Support:

Reimbursement or sponsorship of registration/participation fees for attending academic events such as conferences, workshops, short-term training, internships, and skill development programs that contribute to the student's academic and professional growth.

9.3. Industry and Institutional Exposure Visits:

Organizing industrial visits, field exposure trips, and interactions with relevant industry professionals to enhance practical learning and employability skills.

9.4. Cultural and Heritage Familiarization Activities:

Arranging guided tours or visits to heritage, cultural, and social landmarks of Gujarat and India to provide holistic exposure to the country's values, history, and traditions.

9.5. Participation in Government and Public Events:

Sponsoring or reimbursing the travel, logistics, or participation costs for students engaged in national/state-level events such as Vibrant Gujarat, G20 Summit, Kite Festival, Independence/Republic Day Celebrations, or other public outreach events that promote India's socio-cultural identity and international engagement.

9.6. Mentorship and Coordination Support:

Providing reimbursement or honorarium to faculty mentors/coordinators for their active involvement in the management, welfare, and support services for foreign students.

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9.7. Health, Safety, and Well-being Initiatives:

Allocation of funds for health insurance support, wellness programs, counselling services, and emergency medical contingencies to ensure safety and well-being of international students.

9.8. Language and Cultural Integration Programs:

Conducting Short-term language trainings, cultural immersion sessions, and orientation programs to facilitate better adoption of foreign students into Indian academic and social eco-system.

9.9. Communication, Outreach, and Branding:

Development of promotional materials, student handbooks, digital communication platforms, and events that strengthen the international student experience and enhance the visibility of the institution in global education networks.

9.10. Other initiatives for promoting internationalization, skilling, innovation and research activities

For utilization of funds received in terms of tuition fees of foreign students in any activities, the institute must take the necessary approval from its parent body as per the norms.

Chapter 10: Quality Assurance and Monitoring

10.1 Institute Performance Evaluation by DIR - FSC

1. Regular assessment of institutes based on foreign student satisfaction and academic performance
2. Monitoring of support services and infrastructure facilities
3. Feedback collection from students and faculty mentors
4. Personal visits if required

10.2 Continuous Improvement

1. Annual review of admission processes and procedures
2. Updates to evaluation criteria based on changing requirements
3. Enhancement of student support services based on feedback

10.3 SOPs for Students and Institutes

DIR FSC will publish the standard operating procedures and code of conduct for the foreign students time by time. These SOPs are available on the website of foreign student cell.

All students, institutes, mentors and stakeholders are required to follow the same.

Chapter 11: Validity and Transitional Provisions

11.1 Regulation Validity

These regulations shall remain in force until amended or repealed by a competent authority of GTU.

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11.2 Validation of Previous Actions

All actions, admissions, and decisions taken under the previous foreign student regulations (2013 and onwards) shall be deemed to be valid and continue to hold legal effect under these new regulations.

11.3 Continuity Provision

Students admitted under previous regulations shall continue to be governed by the terms and conditions applicable at the time of their admission, while these regulations shall apply to all new admissions from the academic year 2026-27 and onwards.

Chapter 12: Final Provisions

12.1 Power to Remove Difficulties

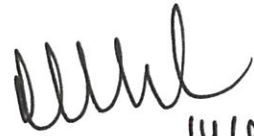
If any difficulty arises in the implementation of these regulations, the **Vice Chancellor's decision shall be final and binding.**

12.2 Amendment Authority

These regulations may be amended by the competent authority of Gujarat Technological University as deemed necessary for better implementation and student welfare.

12.3 Interpretation

In case of any ambiguity or dispute regarding the interpretation of these regulations, the decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final.



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