

# RESEARCH VISA

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This visa allows research professors or scholars to conduct research work in India.

Generally, the Embassy of India issues a visa valid for the duration of the planned research, with multiple entries. The Research Visa permits unlimited stay during the validity of the visa but any stay exceeding 6 months requires a registration at the FRO (Foreigner's Registration Office in Delhi) or the FRRO (Foreigner's Regional Registration Office) within the 14 days of your arrival in India.

## LIST OF DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR A RESEARCH VISA

- 1 Original passport valid for a minimum of 6 months (or for the validity requested, if greater) and having at least 3 blank visa pages
- 2 A photocopy of the data page of the passport
- 3 Three photographs conforming to prescribed specifications
- 4 Two visa application forms duly filled in online, signed and dated by the applicant
- 5 A letter in English from a French institution acknowledging that the applicant is a bona fide researcher in their institute
- 6 An official letter, written in English, confirming the applicant's admission or invitation to an Indian Institution
- 7 A detailed summary written in English by the applicant regarding the research work to be done in India
- 8 A bank guarantee letter issued by the bank in the name of the applicant, testifying their ability to meet expenses of a minimum of 500 € per month to cover accommodation and living expenses in India for the duration of the stay
- 9 The service fees, additional consular charges and the visa fees

## LIST OF ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTS

If you are sending your visa application by post

- Checklist for postal applications

If you have a minor endorsed in your passport (1 photo required) or if the applicant is a minor

- Photocopy of the French livret de famille (pages: father, mother, relevant child) or birth certificate
- Photocopy of an ID proof of each parent
- Authorisation letter for a minor to travel signed by both parents

If you are holding a non-French passport or a French travel document

- Reference Form as per your current or previous nationality
- If resident in France: copy of your resident card or an EDF/France Télécom bill (optional but recommended)
- Additional documents as per your current or previous nationality, as applicable

If you are holding a French passport being of Pakistani, Chinese, Bangladeshi or Afghan origin

- Reference Form as per your origin
- Additional documents as per your origin, as applicable

I hereby certify that I have submitted a complete application and that I know and accept the minimum processing times required for my visa application.

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

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**CENTRE DE DEMANDE DE VISA POUR L'INDE**

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