

# ICRISAT Study-cum-Research Program (ISRP)

## Global Call for Applications (2026-27)



The International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics (ICRISAT) is a pioneering International Organization committed to developing and improving dryland farming and agri-food systems to address the challenges of hunger, malnutrition, poverty, and environmental degradation affecting the 2.1 billion people residing in the drylands of Asia, Sub-Saharan Africa, and beyond.

ICRISAT invites applications from eligible candidates globally for its 2026-27 academic year for a Study-cum-Research Program under the following categories:

- 1 **Internship Program** – Duration: 6 weeks to 3 months.
- 2 **Master's Research Program** – Duration: 3 months to 6 months.
- 3 **Doctoral Research Program** – Duration: 6 months to 3 years.
- 4 **Research Fellow** – Duration: 6 months to 18 months.

### Eligibility Criteria

- Candidates should have been enrolled in a recognized academic Institute/university for Master's (MSc-level research), Doctoral (PhD-level research), and BSc (for internship) programs. Student research/internship should be a part of their academic requirements.

- Candidates should have completed all required coursework and should be free from classroom attendance during the period of study at ICRISAT.
- In addition, recent graduates (Bachelor's, Master's, or PhD) seeking to enhance their skills for further studies, employment, or market readiness are also eligible to apply.

### Other Requirements

- Applicants must submit their applications online and pay a **non-refundable application fee of ₹ 1,500 (inclusive of GST)**.
- It is mandatory for all applicants to procure and maintain self-acquired travel, accident, and health insurance for the duration of their stay at ICRISAT.

### Application Process

- Applications are accepted year-round but will be reviewed and processed three times a year – in June, September, and March.
- Applicants must submit their application at least 45 days before their intended start date.
- All applications must be submitted online via the link provided below.

## \$ Bench Fee\*#

ICRISAT charges a nominal bench fee to cover the cost of office space, database access, library usage, and incidental research expenses such as chemicals, glassware, safety gear, and facilitation services.

- Internships (up to three months): USD 100 for the first three months, plus USD 25 for each additional month or part thereof.
- Master's Research Students (up to 6 months): USD 100 for the first six months, plus USD 50 for every additional 6-month period or part thereof.
- Doctoral Research Students (up to 12 months): USD 150 for the first 12 months, plus USD 50 for every additional 6-month period or part thereof.

**Note:** A limited number of scholarships/fellowships are also available, which will be given to deserving candidates.

\* Bench fee does not cover students' food, stay, and travel expenses.

# Students from low-income countries (as classified by the FAO) are eligible for a 50% concession.

USD amounts may be converted into equivalent local currency at the time of payment.

## 👤 Selection Criteria

Students will be selected based on the following criteria:

- Alignment with the requirements of ICRISAT scientists or ongoing research programs (refer to the table below).
- Academic performance and qualifications.
- Personal interview (Optional).



## Location-wise estimated vacancies, 2026-27

S.No	Location	Internships	MSc	PhD
1.	ICRISAT-Patancheru Campus at Hyderabad, India	93	38	24
2.	African Regional locations	20	4	7



## Study-cum-Research Programs will be offered in the following areas/discipline, by location:

S.No	Research Area	Eligible PG/PhD Disciplines
1.	Natural Resource Management, Watershed Management, Soil & Water Conservation, Climate Change Adaptation Studies, Regenerative Agriculture, Soil Compaction Studies, Hydrology, Water Budgeting, Landscape Resource Conservation, Hydrological modelling, Soil Microbiology, Agrometeorology/Agronomy.	Agronomy, Agroforestry, Crop/Plant Physiology, Environmental Science, Horticulture, Soil Science & Agri Chemistry, Soil & Water Conservation Engineering.
2.	Digital Soil Mapping, Remote Sensing/Geospatial Sciences, Big Data, Hydrological Modelling, Soil Spectroscopy.	Agronomy, Agroforestry, Environmental Science, Soil Science & Agri Chemistry, Soil & Water Conservation Engineering, Civil Engineering, Geography, Cartography.
3.	Digital Agriculture, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning Applications in Agriculture, Digital Agriculture/ Data Science, Data Engineering & Analytics.	Agri. Extension, Agri.Statistics, Farm Machinery Power Engineering, Masters in IT/Computer Science/ECE, MCA.
4.	Gender Equality and Social Inclusion	Agri. Extension, Agricultural Economics, Home Science, Master of Social Work and MA Sociology.
5.	Crop Breeding and Genetics, Genetic resources conservation, Cell & Molecular Biology and Trait Engineering, Genomics, Pre-breeding and Bioinformatics, Sequencing and Genomics Services, Legume Breeding, Seed Systems.	Genetics and Plant Breeding, Biotechnology.
6.	Climate Risk, Value Chain and Sustainability assessments, Technology Adoption & Impact assessment, Monitoring & Evaluation, Agricultural Policy, Ecosystem Services, Econometric Analysis & Modelling, Water Governance.	Agricultural Economics/Economics, Environmental Economics; Agribusiness Management.
7.	Climate Change, Biotic Stress Management, Legume Pathology, Plant Quarantine, Plant Health Management.	Botany, Economic Botany, Agri/Plant Entomology, Zoology, Plant Pathology.
8.	Agribusiness, Value Addition & Business Incubation.	MBA, Agribusiness Management, Food Technology
9.	Intellectual Property Rights.	Master's in Law.
10.	Community Nutrition	Nutrition



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online application with a link for the payment gateway.