

International Students Support Cell

Welcome to Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Salem, India! We know you have travelled from far away and are looking forward to your educational experience in India. We are the Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) International Relations look forward to meeting you and supporting you throughout your time on campus

VMRF (DU) offers a wide range of programs and services designed to make you feel welcome and to support your academic and social success during your time at VMRF (DU). Our International Student Advisors and professional staff provide confidential advice and services on a range of topics such as immigration, intercultural communications, English conversation support and much more.

International students enrich our classrooms, research initiatives and campus as whole VMRF-DU welcomes diversity. During their time students are expected to share their diverse experiences, as they interact with fellow students, faculty members and staff, both inside and outside the lecture hall. Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), has an active International Student's Support Cell (ISSC) to cater to the requirements of NRI/ Foreign students. This cell extends meet and greet service for international students, health and welfare provision, conflict of resolution, individual counseling services, etc. This Cell also handles short visit of international students under exchange of students between VMRF (DU) and partner Universities, visas assistance, travel and hostel accommodation for the students etc. Importantly the cell also assists international students on extension of visas.

This cell promotes friendship and cultural understanding through interactive events between the students. The cell also assists the International students to go through the online registration (C Form & S Form, etc.) process as well facilitate their visit to the FRRO office and guide them through the FRRO formalities and requirements.

Foreign passport holders (Students and those coming for Observership /Training/Internship) should visit the [http://: www.indianfrro.gov.in/eservices/home.jsp](http://www.indianfrro.gov.in/eservices/home.jsp) register formally with FRRO to complete the C Form online within 24 hours of checking into hostel/Guest House complex in the campus. This should be complied with strictly.

MEDICAL EXAMINATION

Every International candidate needs to undergo a medical examination (Refer the attachment sent along with PAL for the nature of tests to be undergone by the candidate) in any reputed hospital and the report to be submitted to the Office of the International Relations, Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University), Salem. Confirmed Admission Letter will be issued only after the receipt of the medical examination report.

SECURITY REGISTRATION

It is al mandatory process that within the stipulated time frame of arrival in India, the student has to register his/ her name with the Foreigner's Registration Office (FRO) /Foreigner's Regional Registration Office (FRRO). A student with a PIO card also must register at the FRRO. Only OCI card holders need not register. Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) would provide necessary assistance in this regard. The applicable immigration processing fees and other related expenses have to be additionally borne by the student.



Pre-arrival support:

We guide you topics such as accommodation options, arranging medical insurance, tuition fee payments, visa requirements, budgeting for living expenses, and advice on what to bring along. We guide you a lot of information about the university, including important online resources, administrative departments, hospital information, sports center and campus facilities and so on, that it's all a bit less unknown when the students arrive for the first time.

We are introducing student mentoring schemes that start before students' arrival. This means future students are matched up with current students, who then communicate, usually via email or phone (whatsapp) in the months leading up to the start of the course. The idea is to ensure that international students feel welcomed into the student community before they even arrive, and know that there will be at least one friendly face waiting to greet them.

Orientation programs Support:

The first few weeks of being an international student are likely to be the most obviously overwhelming. There's so much to take in, so many new places and people, and it can take a while to settle in. VMRF (DU) International Relations Office suggests them to arrive few days earlier than the rest of the student body, to give them a chance to get settled and acclimatized before the eventful really begins!

This time is usually filled with an international student orientation program, designed to provide practical support and information, and also to encourage international students to get to know one another.

VMRF-DU International Student Support Cell team is here to help the students on number of other concerns as well.

Additional Supports:

At VMRF (DU) we provide a number of other support services for international students which are available through International Student Support Cell.

The following services shall be available to all International Students of the University:

- Guidance throughout the chosen program of study
- Specialized students councilors services for international students
- Referrals to relevant contacts inside and outside the University
- Advice and support relating to enrolment and Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) matters
- Social programs and promotion of activities for international students

Students can make a one-on-one appointment to speak to any student's counsellors if they need through International Relations Office:

- personal issues
- problems with your study
- financial issues
- questions about your student visa or Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE)
- Online registration (C Form & S Form, etc.) process and students visit to the FRRO office (if needed) and guide them through the FRRO formalities and requirements.

International students who have any support needed other than the above mentioned assistance or issues they may contact in the following contact details:

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