

**SRI AUROBINDO CENTRE FOR ADVANCED RESEARCH (SACAR)**  
Puducherry

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR APPLICANTS TO THE ONLINE ACADEMIC PROGRAMMES**

**Documents to be enclosed with your completed application:**

**ALL APPLICANTS:**

1. Please include a short personal narrative of 750-1000 words, answering the key questions listed below:
  - Why have you decided to apply to SACAR and to the programme you have chosen?
  - What is your prior study or exposure to the thought and vision of Sri Aurobindo and the Mother?
2. Please include a self-attested copy of the highest relevant degree certificate from the college, university, or other technical or higher educational institution you may have attended. Upon acceptance, official copies may be requested.
3. Also include your resume, listing your work history including relevant volunteer or training experiences and certification, your extracurricular activities and other skills.
4. Please also include a demand draft/banker's cheque for the application fee (Rs. 200/- for Indian<sup>1</sup> applicants / USD 20 for foreign<sup>2</sup> applicants) drawn in favour of SACAR Trust, payable at Pondicherry, India.

**APPLICANTS TO CERTIFICATE PROGRAMMES IN INDIAN CULTURAL STUDIES:**

- In addition to all the documentation listed under "All Applicants," please also include a short essay of 1000-1500 words answering the key questions listed below:
  - What are some of the important works you have read about India? Any key insights you would like to share from those works?
  - What are some of your personal observations and assumptions about India, Indian society and culture?

**APPLICANTS FOR MENTORED RESEARCH:**

- In addition to all the documentation listed under "All Applicants," please also include a 1500-2000 word paper describing your initial research idea and the tentative time frame for completing your research.

**MAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Step 1: Please email the completed application form to: [sacaroffice@gmail.com](mailto:sacaroffice@gmail.com)

(Deadline for email submission – August 4, 2010)

Step 2: Please send the original, signed copy of the completed application form, application fee and all the other supporting documents by registered post/speed post/courier to the address below:

(Deadline for postal submission – August 7, 2010)

The Director, Sri Aurobindo Centre for Advanced Research  
39 Vanniar Street, Vaithikuppam, Puducherry – 605012  
INDIA

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<sup>1</sup> These rates are applicable to learners from India, Pakistan, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Afghanistan and Bhutan.

<sup>2</sup> These rates are applicable to learners from the U.S., Canada, Australia and European countries. (Applicants from other countries should inquire about rates).

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**APPLICATION FORM FOR ALL PROGRAMMES OFFERED BY SACAR**

*Please read the attached instruction sheet before completing and submitting the application form.*

**INDICATE THE PROGRAMME TO WHICH YOU ARE APPLYING:**

- Certificate Programme in Spiritual Foundations of Indian Culture
- Certificate Programme in Creative Expression in India
- Certificate Programme in Contemporary Indian Society and Polity
- Individualized Course(s)/Independent Study
- Mentored Research

**Starting Date:**

- August 2010       February 2011

**GENERAL**

**Full Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

(Please attach a recent photograph)

**Date of Application (dd/mm/yyyy):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

City/Town: \_\_\_\_\_ State/County: \_\_\_\_\_

Postal/Zip code: \_\_\_\_\_ Country: \_\_\_\_\_

**Telephone** (please include full country and city dialing codes):

Land line: \_\_\_\_\_ Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Nationality:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Date of Birth (dd/mm/yyyy):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Gender:** \_\_\_\_\_

**LANGUAGE PROFICIENCY**

A good command of the English language is necessary for study at SACAR. We therefore request applicants to make known the level of their proficiency in the language.

English language self-evaluation     Excellent       Good       Adequate

### **EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND**

Please list in order of most recent achievements, stating with the name of the institution (school/college/university), programme/course/degree completed, subject(s), level (Post-graduate/Master's/Bachelor's), starting and end dates of the programme/course, and percentage/grades achieved. (Attach extra sheet if needed).

Institution (Name, City, Country)	Course/ Programme	Subject(s) Studied	Level of Study	Dates	Grades or % Marks

### **APPLICATION FEE**

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Please give the details of the DD/cheque below:

DD/banker's cheque number: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Bank Name & Place: \_\_\_\_\_

**SIGNATURE OF THE APPLICANT:** \_\_\_\_\_ **DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

### **FOR OFFICE USE ONLY**

Decision of Admission Committee:

Registration Number:

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