

Guidelines and information for students applying for Exchange Programmes



Academic Office

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National Institute of Design (NID), was set up by the Government of India, under the Ministry of Commerce & Industry in 1961 as an autonomous, national institution. NID has, over the past four decades, gained international recognition as one of the foremost institutions in the field of design. Today, the Institute's graduates are active in all sectors of the economy, and have distinguished themselves in diverse fields such as textiles, product design, craft design and promotion, advertising, short film and multimedia, development communication as well as design education.

PG Campus at Gandhinagar

The Department of Industrial Policy & Promotion, Ministry of Commerce & Industry, Government of India has approved the master plan and a scheme for PG campus of NID for PG programmes and set up sector specific design centres. A transit PG block with requisite class room and studio facilities is operational and 3 IT based PG programmes have been located in the transit block from the academic year 2004-05. All the 15 PG programmes are proposed to be shifted to the PG campus in a phased manner 2007-2010. When completed, the PG campus would become a global benchmark for research based education in design.

NID's Research & Development Campus at Bangalore

NID's Research & Development Campus at Bangalore was inaugurated recently and addresses the need for an exclusive Design Research Centre in the country, by fostering creative design spirits and sighting new opportunities, through NID's

design acumen nurtured over the four decades of intense teaching-learning process. Thus, to manifest itself as a thought leader using Design Research as a means for exploring user-centric aspects, ergonomics, brands and graphics, materials and process, methodologies and approaches etc.

2. The Twin Cities of Ahmedabad / Gandhinagar

Ahmedabad was founded by Sultan Ahmed Shah on the banks of River Sabarmati in 1411 A.D. Legend has it that he decided to build the capital at Ahmedabad because he saw a rabbit attacking one of his hunter dogs. It occurred to him that if the rabbits of the region were so brave, the people must be even braver. Sultan Ahmed Shah graced his kingdom with splendid monuments, mosques, pavilions and mausoleums, marking the beginning of the Indo-Saracenic style of architecture. Modern day Ahmedabad, the capital of the State of Gujarat is the largest city and a leading industrial centre in Gujarat. It is also the sixth largest in India. But Ahmedabad has a lot more to offer visitors.

Popularly known as the Manchester of the East, Ahmedabad boasts of the largest denim production in the world. It is also home to several interesting museums. Many of Ahmedabad's buildings bear the signatures of world-renowned architects like Le Corbusier, Louis Khan, Doshi and Correa.

It is from the austere habitat of Sabarmati at Ahmedabad, that the 'Father of the Nation' - Mahatma Gandhi took on the mighty British Empire, and gave human race one of its most remarkable ways to fight oppression - non-violence.

The Ahmedabad circuit, which covers the northern part of Gujarat, is a fascinating blend of history, culture and adventure. It is home to the Sabarmati Ashram, Mahatma Gandhi's famous retreat and the nerve centre of India's freedom movement, Ambaji -an important place of pilgrimage in Gujarat and some of the finest examples of Indo- Saracenic architecture like the Jumma Masjid and the Siddi Sayyad Mosque. In Ahmedabad you will also find step wells, a unique feature of this region and ornately carved temples at Modhera and Kumbharia. Most of the places of tourist interest can be conveniently accessed from Ahmedabad by road, rail and air.

Gandhinagar, the capital city of Gujarat, is situated 32 km north-east on the west bank of the Sabarmati River and named Gandhinagar, after the Gujarat-born Mahatma Gandhi. Gandhinagar is India's second planned city after Chandigarh. Gandhinagar, the commercial and cultural heart of Gujarat. Gandhinagar presents the spacious, well-organised look of an architecturally integrated city.

3. Student Exchange Co-ordinator

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4. Academic Calendar

Semester I - June to October

Semester II - November to April

5. Exchange Application Procedure

Students should apply by **March 31** for the **semester June - October** and on or before **July 31** for the **semester November - April**. Students should apply to the Academic Office with their resume and portfolio and also specify the courses they have undertaken at their school and specify in which department they would like to study at NID. Their application will then be forwarded to the Discipline Coordinator of the concerned department. The students selected for exchange programme should preferably have knowledge of the language of the host country and will be required to commit to learn the same before proceeding for the programme.

Students who visit NID on exchange have to be here for the entire semester. All exchange students will have to attend courses scheduled in that semester and research based programmes will be held at PG Campus, Gandhinagar and R & D Campus, Bangalore. The discipline coordinator can however take

a decision to allow them to work on specific research if he/she feels it is possible to accommodate the students.

The application should contain the following:

- Application Form
- Portfolio / Evidence of capabilities
- Academic Resume with three references & write up on why the student wishes to pursue the programme.
- Courses undertaken
- Level of Proficiency in English language
- Dept. which the student would like to apply

The student should have a valid passport with more than 6 months for expiry.

6. Orientation

The Orientation Programme is an introduction/interaction between new entrants and the faculty mentors. It also highlights the education system at NID. It also includes the introduction of various Studios, Departments, IT Centre, Knowledge Management & Information Centre (KMC) etc. The two day programme helps new entrants to settle down on the Campus. Students will receive help and advice from the Co-ordinator, International Programme.

7. English

All classes are taught in English. You will therefore need a good standard of spoken and written English in order to benefit from an exchange. IELTS/TOEFL test scores are preferred.

8. Costs

Exchange student coming under MOU from their institutions will not be required to pay any tuition fees to NID. The student will be responsible for the following:

- Travel Costs
- Medical Insurance
- Accommodation
- Other living expenses
- Material etc.

As per NID rules, the fee structure for the exchange students is as follows:

The students, who are not covered under an MOU but are interested to visit NID, can do so, by paying full fees for the whole semester.

➤ Tuition fee for one semester : US \$ 5000
(to be paid to NID on arrival)

9. Accommodation

Hostel accommodation to exchange students will only be provided to students from those institutes which provide accommodation to NID students, traveling for exchange. For the year 2006-2007, NID will provide hostel accommodation for the students who will visit NID from Pforzhiem (2 nos.), ENSAD (2 nos.) and Konsfack (2 nos.)

The students from other institutions will have to arrange for accommodation on their own.

- Accommodation on sharing basis : Rs.6000 (Rs.1500/- per month)
(two in a room)

You can avail subsidized mess facility on the campus (Indian Rs.2150/- per month) which will be directly payable to our mess contractor every month.

10. Course Schedule and Electives Programme

Exchange students normally join their chosen course and follow a similar timetable as other students studying at that level.

Important: It is your responsibility to ensure that you understand which subjects you will be studying and to check that this fulfils the academic requirements of your home institution before accepting any exchange offer. It will not usually be possible to transfer to another course or take subjects outside your agreed area of study.

11. Presentation / Display

All students will be required to make a presentation / hold a display of work done during their study at NID, at the end of

their exchange period, for the NID community. Necessary administrative support for this will be provided by the Academic Administration.

12. Certificate

A certificate will be given at the end of the exchange programme from the Academic Administration once the discipline coordinator submits in writing that the exchange student has completed the course successfully.

13. Health Care & Campus Fitness Centre

A doctor is available at the campus dispensary for consultation and advice at specified timings. There are no hospitalization facilities on campus. In emergency arrangements can only be made in government hospitals when recommended by a doctor. The Academic Administration should be informed of any health problem and the action taken in this regard. All payments pertaining to availing such facilities are required to be borne by the students directly.

There is a fitness centre for faculty and students on campus. It is equipped with latest modern fitness equipment and is open for students and faculty use between 9.00 a.m. and 6 p.m. in the mornings and evenings.

All applications are to be approved by the NID Academic Office after due proceedings. A letter formally confirming the details of the exchange will be sent to the student and the institution.

14. **Safety / Security**

It will be the responsibility of students to ensure that the luggage / hand bags / cameras / documents etc. are kept safely at all times. While travelling in Ahmedabad, the student should pay in Indian Rupees after verifying the charts, meter reading etc.

NID STUDENTS GOING ON EXCHANGE

The announcement for selection of the students who will be going on exchange will be made by the Academic Office as per the following schedule:

Pforzhiem (March-April)

ENSAD (June-July)

Konstfack (September - October)

Students who visit Pforzhiem, ENSAD, Konstfack will be required to sign a six months agreement for internship with NID on completion of their programme. The Institute will facilitate the process of arranging travel and visa of the student.

NID students can also visit institutions where no MOU is in active operation. They will have to, however, bear the cost of travel and boarding & lodging themselves.

The coordinators while short-listing students for exchange programmes should consult other faculty members in the discipline and also ask the students to submit their portfolio and resume and go through the same before recommending them for the specific programme. The case should be taken further, based on capability and suitability of the candidate.

The candidates short-listed by the coordinator will be interviewed by a committee constituted by the Activity Chairperson, Education.

Administrative assistance for travel / visa support will be provided by the respective departments of the Institute. Students should however hold valid passport at the time of applying for exchange. They should apply well in advance for visa and plan their trip at least 3 months in advance to the date of travel. On return from exchange they should submit a copy of the certificate from the Institute with the Academic Administration.

