

## PRESS RELEASE

## Launches Internationally Competitive scholarship programs for higher education

- Scholarship programs announced for Undergraduate, Master's and PHD Programs in Engineering, Natural Sciences and Humanities & Social Sciences
- Students to receive scholarship benefits resulting in 25% to 98% tuition and fee waivers
- Merit cum needs scholarships and Rural Scholarships introduced to ensure that no meritorious student is denied admission due to lack of resources
- Special scheme announced in which University will bear interest expenses on education loans taken by students

**May 18 2012, Lucknow:** The Shiv Nadar University today announced India's richest PhD scholarship program for Doctoral students in Engineering, Natural Sciences and Humanities & Social Sciences. Under this program, PhD scholars would be entitled to scholarships between **Rs 6 lakh to Rs 9.4 lakh** for four years and **Research Fellowship worth Rs 5.45 lakh per annum**. The University also announced its scholarship program for undergraduate and master's courses aimed to help students meet a significant portion of the cost of their education.

The University also announced the launch of the School of Natural Sciences and the School of Humanities & Social Sciences. The School of Humanities & Social Sciences would commence with Undergraduate, Post Graduate and PhD programs in Economics and English. New courses in Physics, Chemistry and Life Sciences were announced for the School of Natural Sciences.

Students who qualify for SNU scholarships will be required to meet academic and non-academic performance criteria throughout their program of study. The University has categorised various types of scholarships under each program:

**Scholarships for Undergraduate Programs** –Total value of scholarships per student under this category ranges from Rs. 2,00,000 to 11,60,000 over 4 years.

- **Merit Scholarship:** SNU follows a merit based admissions process and is committed to supporting and nurturing the brightest minds to transform them into lifelong learners and leaders. A merit scholarship will provide 100% tuition fee waiver for 4 years
- **Merit cum needs:** Deserving meritorious students would receive scholarships of upto 98% of tuition and other expenses. The scheme has been introduced to ensure that lack of financial resource is not a constraint for any deserving student to receive the best education.
- **Special Scholarships:** The scheme will support students of exceptional caliber from diverse backgrounds such as students from rural India and those who demonstrate leadership potential through achievements in Sports, Arts, Music etc. A special Rural Scholarship program called the **Vamasundari Scholarship scheme** is being introduced to support merit from rural India. The scheme offers 98% fee waiver to students
- **Interest Waivers:** Under this program, **the University will bear the interest expenses on education loans up to a maximum of INR 4 lakhs for the first three years of a students' program of study**

### Scholarships & Fellowships for Masters Programs

- o **Full Tuition and Fees Waiver Program:** Outstanding scholastic achievers will receive scholarships which would cover all the academic tuition and hostel fees for two years of the program. In addition to scholarships, students would receive Post Graduate Fellowship of Rs 1.65 lakhs per annum.
- o **Tuition Fee & Special Fee Waiver:** Students with high scholastic achievements will receive Tuition and Special Fee waivers which would cover the Tuition Fee and Special Fee for two years. In addition to scholarships, students would receive Post Graduate Fellowship of Rs 1.65 lakhs per annum.

**Scholarship and Fellowships for PhD Programs:** All students who are selected for the PhD programs at the Shiv Nadar University will be awarded a scholarship that covers their Tuition Fee and Special Fee expenses for the entire duration of their program of study. Doctoral students will also receive an internationally competitive Research Fellowship of INR 5.45 lakhs per annum for 4 years for working as a research or teaching associate of SNU faculty

Announcing the scholarships, **Nikhil Sinha, Founding Vice Chancellor, Shiv Nadar University** said, *“Shiv Nadar University is committed to providing a dynamic, exciting, discovery-driven intellectual environment for exceptional students. Our unique research scholarship program is in line with our vision to create India’s premier research-led university.”* *“We have launched a wide range of scholarship programs keeping in mind that academic brilliance and merit should always be recognized and rewarded and no deserving student should be deprived of the best education due to lack of financial resources. “We believe that a combination of interdisciplinary research, global pedagogy, world-class faculty and infrastructure and the right enabling environment would help us train students for leadership positions in academia, industry, government, research laboratories, and nonprofit organization”, he added.*

All programs will commence from August 2012. Students can apply for these scholarships during the time of admission which ends by June 15<sup>th</sup> 2012.

Details of all scholarships programs and information on the new courses are available on the University website [www.snu.edu.in](http://www.snu.edu.in).

#### **About Shiv Nadar University**

The Shiv Nadar University ([www.snu.edu.in](http://www.snu.edu.in)) is a research-led, interdisciplinary university designed to create a global centre of learning and education in India. A key initiative of the Shiv Nadar Foundation in higher education, SNU is benchmarked to international education standards with a strong focus on innovation and research and a stimulating learning environment. Set up on a 286-acre campus in the National Capital Region, in close proximity to Delhi, Shiv Nadar University offers a full range of academic degree programs including undergraduate, postgraduate and professional degrees across multiple disciplines.

#### **About Shiv Nadar Foundation**

The Shiv Nadar Foundation ([www.ShivNadarFoundation.org](http://www.ShivNadarFoundation.org)) has been established by Shiv Nadar, Founder, HCL - a \$6.2 billion leading global technology and IT enterprise, with over 90,000 employees across 31 countries. The 35-year-old enterprise, founded in 1976, is one of India’s original IT garage start-ups and offers diverse business aligned technology solutions spanning the entire hardware and software spectrum, to a focused range of industry verticals.

The Foundation is committed to the creation of a more equitable, meritocracy based society by empowering individuals to bridge the socio-economic divide. To that purpose the Foundation is focused on the underdeveloped disciplinary areas in India related to transformational education, creativity and art.

The Foundation set up the SSN Institutions ([www.SSN.edu.in](http://www.SSN.edu.in)) in 1996, comprising the SSN College of Engineering (already a highly ranked private engineering college in India), in Chennai, Tamil Nadu. In addition the Foundation runs the VidyaGyan schools ([www.vidyagyan.in](http://www.vidyagyan.in)) in Bulandshahr, Sitapur and upcoming school near Varanasi. VidyaGyan is a radical social experiment in nurturing leadership from amongst highly gifted rural poor children in Uttar Pradesh. The Foundation is also setting up Shiv Nadar Schools ([www.shivnadarschool.edu.in](http://www.shivnadarschool.edu.in)) across India to build world-class schools aiming to provide children with education that creates lifelong learners.

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