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Notices | Nepal Visa and University Affiliation Information for Foreign Scholars

In the interest of directing ANHS membership to the most current information about visas and Tribhuvan University affiliation in Nepal:

A description of the types of visa available for Nepal can be found on the Department of Immigration website of the Ministry of Home Affairs: <http://www.immi.gov.np/visa>

Most scholars will enter the country on a “tourist” visa. For study or research of any duration, the Government of Nepal expects them to change to “study” visa status after arrival. It is not currently possible to obtain a “study” visa prior to arrival.

To obtain information about “tourist” visas, go to the Embassy of Nepal website for the country of your citizenship. For US citizens, this is <http://www.nepalembassyusa.org/visa.php>. To locate other Nepal embassies worldwide, go to <http://np.embassyinformation.com/>. Most nationalities can also obtain a “tourist” visa upon arrival at Tribhuvan International Airport and at some overland entry points; consult the Nepal Embassy site for precise information regarding nationalities and entry points.

For information regarding how to apply for a “study” visa through Tribhuvan University after arrival, please consult the affiliation guidelines on the Centre for International Relations website at <http://www.tucir.org/index.php/affilitaion/guidelines-for-affiliation>. This site gives information for students who register to study at a Nepalese institution as well as for scholars from foreign institutions who want to affiliate through Tribhuvan University to obtain a “study” visa for research. There is no other category for “research” visa, *per se*. Affiliation procedures vary according to the scholar’s status: the requirements and fees for undergraduate, doctoral, non-doctoral or post-doctoral scholars to affiliate through Tribhuvan University vary; the fees charged by the Department of Immigration also still apply and do not vary according to status. An affiliation application form can be downloaded from this site, as well, and, even though some aspects of that form appear to be relevant primarily for applicants who are planning to study at a Nepalese institution, this is the correct form for all individual scholars seeking affiliation through Tribhuvan University to use. There is also information on this site for foreign institutions seeking to affiliate institutionally with Tribhuvan University.

Other colleges and universities in Nepal have teaching and research affiliations with non Nepal colleges and universities. Check their respective websites for such affiliations and contact them for information on research-related affiliations.

Scholars who are developing budgets for research grants and are planning to affiliate through Tribhuvan University are well advised to inform themselves about both the Department of Immigration fees (at <http://www.immi.gov.np/visa/provisional-visa-arrangement-fee>) and the Tribhuvan University Centre for International Relations fees (<http://www.tucir.org/index.php/affilitaion/guidelines-for-affiliation>). In particular, post-doctoral and non-doctoral scholars planning to affiliate through TU CIR should confirm what portions of their research grants will be assessed the (currently) 15% or 12% levy in order to be able to include those amounts as part of the total affiliation fee they will have to pay in their grants.

This information is intended only to alert ANHS members of the need to inform themselves of Tribhuvan University and other institutional affiliation expectations, and to provide links to that information from its sources. ANHS cannot be responsible for any misunderstandings of or failure to anticipate or comply with those expectations. The right to issue any and all visas resides exclusively with the Government of Nepal and the right to extend Tribhuvan University and other institutional affiliation to any scholars resides exclusively with those institutions; the rights to determine and levy visa and/or affiliation fees also resides with those entities, respectively.

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