

Nordic Centre in India

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Covid 19 Implications

In light of the Covid 19 pandemic, NCI has had to suspend most of its normal activities and programmes as described in this information package. This temporary suspension of activities is in line of its commitment to the safety and well being of all stakeholders concerned. We continue to follow the situation in India and are hopeful that we can resume normal activities soon based on governmental and institutional advice. NCI continues to be digitally connected with all relevant stakeholders. We encourage you to contact us with your queries.

Introduction

Who we are

We are a consortium of 17 leading universities and research institutions across the Nordic region. We were established in 2001 with the aim of facilitating cooperation between the Nordic region and India in research and higher education. We have a presence in India in the form of a liaison office in New Delhi and our Nordic secretariat is currently located at the School of Culture and Society at Aarhus University, Denmark.

What we do

We work in encouraging cooperation in higher education, research and in international student recruitment in the two regions. We facilitate and support a wide range of study and research activities in India and the Nordic region. Our strength has been in creating and running short term and longer programmes while also customising and creating opportunities as per specific needs of member universities.

Who benefits

Member university students, researchers and international office staff are our primary targets in terms of who we cater to. We offer cost effective, comfortable, safe and efficient options to students, researchers and member university staff interested in qualitative engagement with India's higher education landscape.

Where can you find us

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Membership

Current Members

DENMARK

Aarhus University
Copenhagen Business School
University of Copenhagen

FINLAND

University of Eastern Finland
University of Helsinki
University of Jyväskylä
Tampere University

NORWAY

University of Bergen
University of Oslo
Oslo Metropolitan University

SWEDEN

Lund University
Umeå University
University of Gothenburg
Linnaeus University
Karlstad University
Linköping University

ICELAND

University of Iceland

NORDIC

Nordic Institute of Asian
Studies

How to become a member

NCI has two categories of membership: full membership and associate membership.

Full members of the consortium must be Nordic universities awarding doctoral degrees. Other organizations conducting research and research-based education related to India and organization with a Nordic mandate may become associate members.

The membership fees are currently 5,500 euro for full members and 1,500 euro for associate members.

The application procedure is as follows: A written application for membership is sent to the Board of NCI, which subsequently submits the application together with a recommendation to the General Assembly for a final decision. The new member is required to make an initial commitment for a three-year period. Full members will appoint an official representative to the General Assembly of NCI.

Organisation

General Assembly

The General Assembly consists of representatives from every NCI member university. It meets at least once a year and handles all matters of principle and of strategic importance. In 2019 for the first time NCI's GA meeting was held in Delhi along with the first Nordic India Higher Education Summit. Every alternate year the meeting will be conducted in India.



Board

The Board consists of one elected Chairperson and five members and deputies from each Nordic country. It ensures that NCI is operated in accordance with its aims and regulations. The Board involves itself with the larger operations of the NCI.

NCI Board members are:

Chairperson: Uwe Skoda, Aarhus University

Aradhna Aggarwal, Copenhagen Business School

Anne Waldrop, Oslo Metropolitan University

Kristian Niemi, Karlstad University

Satu Ranta – Tyrkkö, University of Jyväskylä

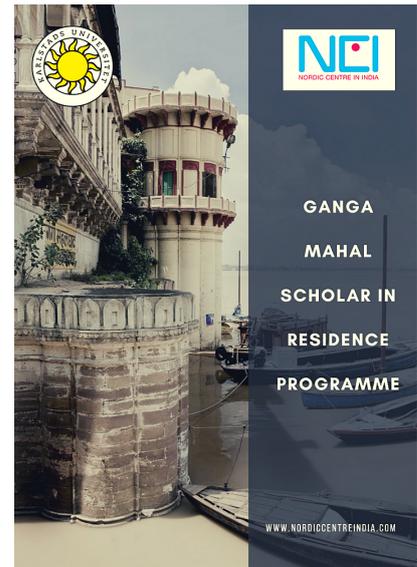
Krishna Kumar Damodaran, University of Iceland

For Researchers

NCI Grant Opportunities

NCI in pursuance of its objective to build research ties between NCI member universities and India makes available funding biannually for supporting travel, academic activities as well as a scholar in residence programme.

More information about the same can be found on the NCI website.



Networking

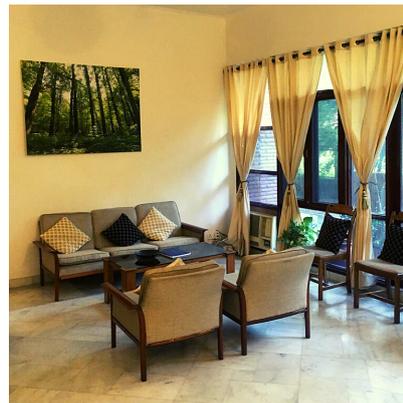
NCI aims to assist Nordic researchers in their academic goals via a vis India by helping them navigate the vast higher education and research landscape of India. We help make connections, set up meetings, follow up on cooperation related requirements with Indian partners wherever needed, and host academic events both within the centre as well as in cooperation with Indian partners.



For Researchers

Residence in Delhi

The NCI Delhi residence office and residence in Delhi acts as a gateway for students and researchers coming to India. Located in a green and upscale area in New Delhi, the residence is centrally located and is easily accessible. The space has three twin sharing bedrooms along with access to a large living space, kitchen and the NCI office. Visitors get the practical assistance necessary for their stay in India and also get housekeeping services and the services of a cook. Not only is the residence a great place to stay in a cost effective fashion, it is also a good place to network, host meetings and academic events. The residence has been a space that has been quite popular especially in the autumn and early spring, therefore, booking in advance is highly recommended!



Practical Assistance

NCI is commonly utilised by researchers, coming to India for the first time, for the purposes of providing orientation and making initial contact with possible collaborators. Beyond this NCI also assists researchers in several other practical matters related to their travel to India and research requirements that includes assistance with the visa, FRRO regulations, stay, local travel, practical issues, finding research assistants, language teachers, university and NGO partners, etc. in India.

NCI's India office aims to provide qualitative support to all member university researchers in India to the best possible extent in the most cost effective and efficient way possible.

For Students

Summer programmes

For over a decade NCI has been arranging four week short term programmes (7.5/10 ECTS) for academic credits at partner Indian HEIs for students from member universities. Short term courses focus on various themes of contemporary relevance including human rights, environment, gender, and contemporary India, and additionally, basic Hindi. NCI programmes bring together some of the best scholarship and the relevant stakeholder voices in India for Nordic students to learn from, and also provide a safe and secure platform to experience India, its academic culture, student life, urban and rural environs, public life and social work. Our motto is to arrange the best academic experience for students in a manner that is economical and where safety is given preeminence.



Semester programmes

NCI has also been arranging semester programmes for students for the past decade through our partnership with the University of Hyderabad located in Southern India. This has been a useful opportunity for students who want to better get a grasp of India, Indian higher education and Indian scholarship. NCI has created similar opportunities for Bachelor level students at Delhi University's colleges including the prestigious St. Stephen's College and Sri Venkateswara College. NCI also can custom make a semester for students as per their disciplinary focus and need of their home institution. NCI provides support both before and during the students' stay in India, and attempts to assist the student with all matters to the best possible extent.

For Students

Customised programmes

NCI also creates customised thematic programmes for study groups of various sizes from member universities. We assist in the practical matters such as travel and transport, housing, etc. while also arranging thematic field visits and interactions. NCI also assists individual member university students with their field study and other academic requirements in India.



Practical Assistance

NCI assists students in negotiating space in India and provides the best possible assistance to member university students in India in case of emergencies. We also provide guidance in terms of applying for visas, bureaucratic regulations in India, and other practical matters like travel and housing. The Delhi residence is open for NCI member university students and the staff are ever welcoming to student needs.

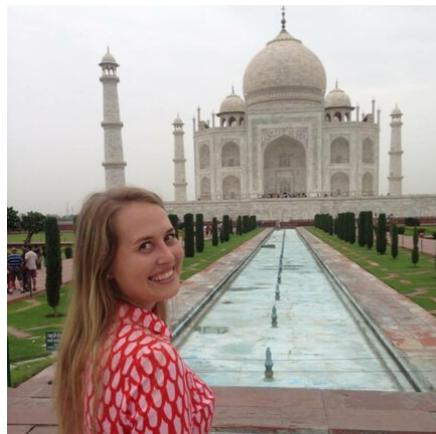


For Students

NCI Internship programmes



NCI offers two students from NCI member universities annually a chance to spend two months at the India office in the spring and then in the summer to be a part of NCI's work environment in Delhi and other cities where active partnerships exist. A generous opportunity with travel and subsidised housing included, it has been a great experience for students who have had the chance to experience working with an organisation having international goals in cooperation and collaboration while also experiencing the reality of India's diverse higher educational landscape and its concomitant working culture.



NCI Internship Bank

NCI is also creating an internship bank which will highlight NCI customised internship opportunities and general internship opportunities for member university students to gain work practice in. Opportunities in areas related to business, information technology, public health, environment, social work and teacher training are being highlighted. The aim is to provide students systematic internship opportunities with companies and NGOs that are trustworthy, while also assisting students with practical issues. The larger goal is to make India a much more favourable study and work experience destination for students via this internship programme.

For International Offices

NCI can provide many kinds of services to International Offices vis a vis India.

- a) **Networking:** we assist international offices in networking with organisation of interest in India. We assist in brokering MoUs and act as a local representative for the university concerned
- b) **International Student recruitment:** NCI is increasingly working on complementing and enhancing member university's recruitment strategy in India
- c) **Visibility:** NCI provides solutions for increasing visibility of member universities based on member university objectives
- d) **Practical assistance:** In terms of assisting with the visa, arranging meetings, hosting delegations, arranging webinars, making travel arrangements, etc.
- e) **Alumni Interview Bank:** NCI is creating an NCI member university alumni bank that will includes interveiws with Indian students who have gained an academic degree from a member university. The aim is to highlight specific programmes and the Indian experience for prospective Indian students planning for higher education in the Nordic region.
- f) **Miscellaneous:** NCI is open to assist member universities in any other tasks required by the member universities.

What does NCI do for its members?

Here is a highlight of the services we provide to our member universities. NCI specializes in customising services as per the needs of members, and therefore, we are a very dynamic organisation to work with.



For students

- Offer thematic summer programmes at Indian HEIs
- Offer semester programmes at Indian universities
- Assist in internship placements



For Researchers

- Assist with the research visa and finding affiliations in Indian HEIs
- Provide free housing in New Delhi alongside offering practical help
- Assist in networking among Indian researchers
- Conduct workshops and other academic events



For International Offices

- Complement recruitment strategy in India
- Host university delegations and arrange events like alumni meets, pre admission orientations, webinars, etc.
- Assess potential partners in India and assist in networking