

# South Asian University

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## NOTIFICATION

In light of the recommendations of the scholarship/freeship review committee, the competent authority has approved the following changes in the existing scholarship/freeship policy for the students admitted in 2021.

1. The President, SAU Merit, and Silver Jubilee Scholarships (SJS) are transferable.
2. Each department/faculty will be given SIX (3 Indians and 3 non-Indians) freeships without any stipend. In the case of non-availability of applicants in any faculty/department/country, the SAU Freeships are transferable to other faculties/departments/countries.
3. In addition, the Acting President has kindly approved FOUR (2 Indians and 2 non-Indians) freeships with a stipend of INR 5000 for each department/faculty, in view of the Covid-19 pandemic in the entire SAARC region and political instability in some parts of the SAARC region only for the students admitted in 2021. The conditions and procedure for the application, award, renewal and duration of SAU Freeships with stipend will be same as applicable to the SAU Freeships.
4. The SAU Freeships with stipend will be awarded to the lowest income group students only.
5. The renewable criterion for the scholarships will be 5 CGPA and 4.5 CGPA (by the end of II semester) for the science and non-science students, respectively.
6. The renewable criteria for the SAU Freeships will be the recommendation of the Deans of the concerned Faculty.
7. Since the award of SJS is approved by the Ministry of External Affairs, and it cannot be changed thereafter, a proper mechanism for its award (mainly its award timing and other modalities) would be devised by the scholarship/freeship award committee to implement its transferability.
8. The condition "it will not be renewed if either the student chooses to improve his/her grade in any of the courses or if there is a backlog of the courses offered in the first two semesters even if he/she scores a CGPA of 6.00" would no longer be applied.
9. The phrase "Least Developed Countries" in the description of SJS would be replaced by "SJS-eligible countries".
10. At the beginning of the scholarship/freeship policy document, the phrase "total awards" would be replaced by "total freeship awards".

***All those students of 2021 batch who have not applied for freeship may submit their application form (which is available on SAU website) along with the supporting documents for the same latest by 20.3.2022 at the email id [scholarship@sau.int](mailto:scholarship@sau.int)***

***Those who have already applied are not supposed to send the application form again.***

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