

# UNIVERSITY OF MUMBAI

Press note

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## MU to build international student hostels in Kalina campus

Mumbai – University of Mumbai is developing the richest international student hostels for the outstanding learning environment that fulfills academic aspirations and intellectual passion and the desire to experience cultural diversity. Work orders have been issued and construction will begin soon.

At present there is only one hostel for international student at Churchgate, which can accommodate only 123 students. Apart from this, there are four other hostels in Kalina campus, which cater to students who study at the university departments itself. So there is a great need to create the necessary infrastructure for foreign students. Proposed ground with six floor structure would cost around Rs. 14.67 crore but the preference will be given to the foreign students even hostel will also cater to outstation students.

International student hostel comprising of 2 wings designated as wing “A” and wing “B”. Wing “A” is for residential hostel building for girls and Wing “B” residential hostel building for boys. Both wings having part stilt on ground for horizontal car parking and part level up to the terrace level. Both wings are connected to ground floor towards south west side for canteen with a total height of 04.65 mtrs from general ground level up to terrace level and amphitheater open to sky.

The built- up area for the first phase is 6,531 sq. m, while the total built – up area for both phases is 12,550 sq m.

Besides regular facilities

More amenities

- Library
- Indoor games room
- TV room
- Fitness room
- Meditation room

- | <b>Academic Year</b> | <b>Foreign Students</b> |
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| 2006-07              | 80                      |
| 2007-08              | 61                      |
| 2008-09              | 80                      |
| 2009-10              | 98                      |
| 2010-11              | 47                      |
| 2011-12              | 81                      |
| 2012-13              | 209                     |
| 2013-14              | 227                     |

The university plans to allot 15% of its total intake for international students and increase scholarships. Many students are from developing nations so the university plans to increase scholarships to make it more affordable for them. Currently 75 students benefit from these scholarships, varsity plan to increase the number to 500.

Students from countries like Afghanistan, Nigeria, Kenya, Bhutan, Cambodia, Iran, Saudi Arabia, Bangladesh, Egypt, Australia, Mauritius, Korea, China, find the self-financed courses very lucrative.

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