



Foundation for Universal Responsibility
of His Holiness the Dalai Lama

Dalai Lama Fellowships for Nalanda Studies Short Term Grants for Academic Research 2021

GUIDELINES

The Foundation invites proposals for Dalai Lama Fellowships for Nalanda Studies. These will be for academic research projects for six months starting 15 March 2021. The Fellowships are non-residential. They seek to encourage innovative, multidisciplinary, engagement and research into diverse aspects of the Nalanda Tradition to offer penetrating insights into their relevance in addressing contemporary predicaments.

The Fellows will need to bring to their work intellectual and academic rigor that facilitates an engaged discourse and appreciation of the Nalanda Tradition in the context of India's rich civilizational heritage.

The Fellowships will explore topics such as, but not limited to:

- Facilitate an appreciation of the achievements and legacy of Nalanda university,
- The place of Nalanda in the evolution of the contours of Indian History, Philosophy & the Wisdom Traditions, Buddhism in general & the Mahayana tradition, in particular.
- A deeper understanding of the aspirations of Nalanda for the education of its students, the structure, methodologies and principles that were adopted.
- The values and ideas that it sought to nurture in the community that continue to have value and significance today. For example, Ahimsa, Karuna, the Scientific Method, the celebration of diversity, reaching out to knowledge and traditions other than one's own.

One-Five Fellowships will be awarded.

The Fellowships must yield a manuscript of approximately 25,000 words that will achieve the highest standards of academic rigor. We expect to publish these as independent monographs or as a book by an established academic publisher for global distribution.

Fellowships will be granted for periods ranging from **Six to Nine months**. The nine-month fellowships will carry a grant of up **to Rs. 4,00,000/-**. Modest grants for works-in-progress of exceptional demonstrated quality, and joint projects may be considered. Short term grants will be commensurate with the duration and aspirations of the project. An extension of two months at a time maybe granted if approved by the research review team.

The final number and duration of the Fellowships and their value will be determined by the Selection Committee based on their assessment of the quality & potential of the proposals. They will not exceed the above. The decisions of the Selection Committee on the number, duration and amount of grant will be final.

All projects are to be completed by December 2021.

Ordinarily, 80 percent of the approved Fellowship money will be paid in equal monthly installments, within 7 working days of the submission of a one-page monthly status report, and where possible drafts of work-in-progress. The final installment will be paid on the submission of all work in a publication-ready format.

The Foundation may publish and use the materials from the Fellowship, in part or in whole, with due acknowledgement in any manner such as on its website, on the net, by way of monographs, or as a collection of writings. The Foundation may also require the Fellows to present their work as part of a public lecture series twice during the course of the Fellowship – mid-term and upon completion of the Fellowship.

The intellectual copyright will vest with the Fellows who may use their work in any manner they might deem appropriate, in part or in whole, wherever possible acknowledging the enabling role of the Fellowship.

Any royalties or revenues that accrue directly to the Fellows may be retained by them. Should these accrue to the Foundation and exceed Rs 1,000/- in a financial year, they will be paid to the Fellows.

In the case of joint projects, involving other partners, the Foundation will consider mutually acceptable arrangements.

Eligibility

The Fellowship Program is open to individuals currently residing in India, and Tibetans in any part of the world. Applicants may come from varied professional backgrounds including academia (Religious Studies, Education Studies, Philosophy, Psychology, History), social movements, media and the arts. Applicants from diverse faith traditions are encouraged to apply.

A short list based on the applications received would be drawn up and the selected fellows would be expected to work out a more detailed research proposal focusing on all or some of the points mentioned below:

1. Introduction and Relevance of the Study.
2. Central Question/s.
3. Other work/s that might be similar and how would the proposed work be adding to it or be different?
4. A brief survey of literature on the relevant and related areas and themes.
5. Research Method/s to be used and justification for the same.
6. The nature and availability of resources that would be used for the research (books, manuscripts, recordings, websites and so on).
7. Milestones to be provided (at the end of three months /at the end of six months and so on).
8. A citation style would be shared and fellows would be expected to follow the same.
9. An anti-plagiarism check would be part of the finalization process of the research project.

To Apply

Access the Application Form

Please read the instructions for filling out the application form here.

For any queries write to nalandafellowship21@furhhd.org

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