FAQs for FUR Fellowships for Dalai Lama Studies 
& Dalai Lama Fellowships for Nalanda Studies 2023

Can I apply for both Fellowships?
Yes. You are welcome to apply for both Fellowships as long as the proposed project engages with each distinct Fellowship in a clear manner.

What language can I apply in? What language should my research be conducted in?
We welcome applications made in English. We would require the research and final output to be in English.

What should my budget be? What are the terms for the remuneration?
Each Fellow will receive a maximum of INR 4 lakhs paid over a period of six months. The fellowship amount will be paid in two equal instalments. The first instalment will be paid at the commencement of the Fellowship period. The final instalment will be paid on the submission of all work in a publication-ready format.

In the case of a joint application, how will funding work?
In the case of joint projects, involving other partners, the Foundation will consider mutually acceptable arrangements.

Can I make both- a joint application and a single application within the same cycle?
Yes, you may.

Will these Fellowships help fund my research degree (eg. M.Phil/Ph.D)?
These Fellowships are not envisioned as a funding source for graduate research degrees. The project you propose may emerge from graduate research work. However, it must stand as a distinct piece of research and writing conceptualised for the purpose of the Fellowship.

What disciplines/subjects are welcome?
Both Fellowships are envisioned as interdisciplinary, multidisciplinary and transdisciplinary in the broadest sense. For example, we welcome applications from people with training in (but not limited to) social science, humanities, arts, and science as long as the proposal engages with the Fellowship areas and applicants are able to demonstrate that they will be able to carry out research on their proposed theme.
Does my proposed project have to be an academic work/monograph?
No. Your proposed project does not have to be an academic work or monograph. You could work on an artistic or creative project, an interventionist workshop, or an installation – these are indicative of the possibilities we would like to welcome.

Is there an age limit?
No.

What is the minimum educational background required?
Most successful applicants should have some kind of college/university education.

Can I apply from anywhere in the world?
Applications to the Fellowships are open to people in India and Tibetans anywhere in the world.*

Whom should I name as my references? When will they need to send in their letters?
Ideally, your references would be a teacher, research supervisor/advisor, or someone from your professional space. We are looking to your references to be able to comment on your ability to undertake dedicated research for 6-9 months. It would be better not to name family members, friends, students, or employees as your references.

Can I get feedback on my application?
Unfortunately, due to the large number of applications we receive, we are unable to offer individual feedback.