The Foundation invites proposals for FUR Fellowships for Dalai Lama Studies. These non-residential fellowships will be for academic research projects for six to nine months, ideally starting January 2023. The Fellowships will encourage innovative, multidisciplinary, engagement and research into the life, teachings, philosophy and agendas of His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama. The work must transcend hagiography to examine the value of His Holiness’ secular vision in addressing contemporary personal & social predicaments.

The Fellowships will explore various themes integral to His Holiness' persona & vision, his secular, political, Buddhist and personal agendas, among others. It includes, but is not limited to:

- Cultivating mutuality, understanding and harmony between faiths
- Celebrating diversity
- Nurturing secular-human values
- Engaging with contemporary science, wisdom and knowledge
- Working for the political & human rights of Tibetans and their relationship with China
- Sustaining the Tibetan movement in exile and the preservation of Tibetan heritage
- Reviving India’s ancient heritage, especially the Nalanda tradition, the juxtaposition of method & wisdom and in training the mind
- Preserving Buddhist wisdom & traditions while expanding their boundaries
The Fellowships seek to facilitate a deeper understanding of how and why the Dalai Lama makes ours a better world. What are the personal qualities and the philosophical constructs that drive him? How, why, and what enables the impact he continues to have on millions of diverse people in innumerable ways in a sustained manner. The Fellows are expected to bring to their work highest standards of intellectual and academic rigor.

One-Five Fellowships will be awarded.

The Fellowships must yield a manuscript of approximately 25,000 words or creative productions the details of which will be mutually decided upon. 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 and 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 June 2023.

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 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 at the culmination 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 [Google Application Form](#).

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*The Foundation from time to time may invite suitable and outstanding applications from India and abroad.*