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**FOUNDATION FOR
UNIVERSAL RESPONSIBILITY**
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FAQs for FUR Fellowships for Advanced Dalai Lama Studies & Dalai Lama Fellowships for Nalanda Studies 2024

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? How will payment function?

Each Fellow will receive INR 4 lakhs paid over a period of 6-9 months. 80% of the Fellowship will be paid monthly within 7 days of the receipt of monthly one-page status reports. The final amount will be paid upon the submission of the final, publication-ready work.

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 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 – as an indication of the possibilities we would like to welcome.

Is there an age limit?

No.

What is the minimum educational background required?

Most successful applicants 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.

When will I be notified about the decisions?

We will announce the shortlisted candidates invited for the interview on the website and contact them directly. Unfortunately, we are unable to notify those who are not selected. Please check the website regularly.

Can I have a phone conversation with someone at the FUR office to clarify any further doubts?

You are encouraged to go through our FAQs. If these do not engage with your specific query, please email FUR at the given email IDs in order to discuss your doubts and questions.

Can I submit my form by email or hardcopy?

You are required to submit your application form on the application portal online. We are unable to accept applications by email or as hardcopies.

I have missed the deadline. Could it please be extended?

Unfortunately, we are unable to extend the deadline. However, please do check our website for information regarding the next round of Fellowship applications.