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Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Senior Fellowships 2025

Are these two separate fellowships?

No, this year, the Foundation is offering a single fellowship encompassing both Dalai Lama Studies and Nalanda Studies.

What language can I apply in? What language should my research be conducted in?

We need the applications, review and final output in English.

What should my budget be? How will payment function?

On the basis of the potential and quality of the project, the Foundation may award a grant of maximum 4 lakhs. The payment is made in two or three installments. The first installment is paid at the beginning of the fellowship and the final amount upon the submission of a 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?

These 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?

Yes, your proposed project must result in a manuscript of approximately 40,000 words (length of a book/thesis). The specific details will be mutually agreed upon. The Foundation aims to publish these manuscripts as independent monographs or as a book with an established academic publisher for global distribution.

Is there an age limit?

No.

What is the minimum educational background required?

We encourage applicants with at least college or university education.

Can I apply from anywhere in the world?

Applications to the Fellowships are open to Indians, and Tibetans residing in any part of the world, provided they possess substantial experience in their respective fields.

Whom should I name as my references? When will they need to send in their letters?

Ideally, your references should be a teacher, research supervisor/advisor, or a professional supervisor. We rely on your references to evaluate your ability to conduct dedicated research for 6-9 months. It is preferable not to list 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 share the results within a month of the application deadline.

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

For any further queries or concerns, please contact Akashleena or Dr. Tenzin Sonam at 011-24648450 between 9:30 AM and 5:30 PM, Monday to Friday. Alternatively, you may write to DLstudies.fellowship21@furhhd.org or akashleena@furhhd.org with the subject line Query: FUR Fellowships 2025.

Can I submit my form by email or hardcopy?

Please submit your form using the **Google Application Form**. We do not accept applications by email or as hard copies.

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

Deadline extension requests are accepted only in exceptional circumstances. However, please check our website for information on the next round of Fellowship applications.