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FOUNDATION FOR  
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of His Holiness The Dalai Lama

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

### Senior Fellowships for Dalai Lama Studies & Nalanda Studies 2026

Commemorating the 90th birth anniversary of His Holiness the Dalai Lama, the Foundation for Universal Responsibility invites applications for the fifth cycle of its prestigious Senior Fellowship for Dalai Lama Studies & Nalanda Studies, from January 2026- December 2026

The Fellowships encourage innovative and multidisciplinary engagement with the teachings, commitments, legacy and philosophy of His Holiness the XIV Dalai Lama, including the relevance of the Nalanda Tradition in addressing contemporary global challenges. The work must transcend hagiography to examine the value of His Holiness' secular vision in addressing personal and social predicaments.

#### **The projects may explore topics such as the following, but not limited to-**

- Interfaith Dialogue promoting mutuality and harmony amongst different faiths
- Mind Training, Mental Health and Modern Relevance of Buddhism
- Mind-Science dialogues integrating neuroscience with contemplative practices, engaging with contemporary science and the wisdom of alternate knowledge systems
- Nurturing Secular Values
- Promoting Non-Violence and Peace, exploring His Holiness' extensive work to promote dialogue and reconciliation in conflict zones and his influence on global peace movements.
- Championing Human Rights, Democracy and Climate Action
- Sustaining the Tibetan movement in exile and the preservation of Tibetan heritage
- Personal Qualities and Philosophical Constructs that drive His Holiness' work
- Reviving India's ancient heritage, the contemporary relevance and critical appreciation of the Nalanda Tradition
- Preserving Buddhist wisdom and traditions while expanding their boundaries



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## Eligibility

The Fellowship Program is open to senior scholars, creative practitioners, media professionals, policy experts, individuals; Indians and Tibetans who maintain an operational bank account in India to facilitate disbursement of funds for fellowships. The Fellows are expected to bring to their work the highest standards of intellectual and academic rigor. Applicants should have the capacity to independently carry out a year-long project and produce a comprehensive manuscript.

## Selection Process

The Foundation expects to award 2-3 fellowships this year. Applicants would be shortlisted based on their applications and research proposal, followed by an initial interview with the selection committee. The Committee's decisions regarding the number, duration, and grant amount will be conclusive.

## Expected Outcomes

The Fellowships must yield a manuscript of approximately 35,000 – 40,000 (length of book/thesis) the details of which will be mutually decided upon. The Foundation expects to publish these as independent monographs or as a book by an established academic publisher for global distribution.

During the Fellowship, the Fellows need to present their work at workshop presentations, in the form of write up for Mid-term review and at the culmination of the Fellowship as a public lecture series.

## Financial Support

Grants awarded for the duration of 9-12 months may receive a grant for up to 4 lakhs.

The fellowship amount will be paid in three installments. The first installment will be paid at the commencement of the Fellowship period, second installment post the mid review presentation and the final installment will be paid on the submission of all work in a publication-ready format.

## Application Process

Apply [here](#).

