

American Institute of Indian Studies
LANGUAGE STUDY IN INDIA
Sept 2024 - May 2025

Hindi (Jaipur) Urdu (Lucknow) Bengali (Kolkata)
Tamil (Madurai) Telugu (Hyderabad) Sanskrit (Pune)
Punjabi (Chandigarh) Kannada (Mysore)
Marathi (Pune) Malayalam (Thiruvananthapuram)

DEADLINE: January 31, 2024

Eligibility

The Advanced Language Program in India is open to graduate, and junior or senior-level undergraduates at institutions of higher education in the U.S. and Bachelor Degree holders who are pursuing an academic or government service career. Teachers in area studies are also eligible. Applicants for other Indian languages not listed above may be considered. The selection is conducted without reference to race, sex, religion, national origin, or home institution. Students with disabilities are encouraged to apply; AIIS will make all reasonable efforts to accommodate them. Language instruction will be available at all levels, including the beginning, but language fellowships will only be available to those at the third-year level or above (see below)

Language Program

The program for 2024-2025 will begin in September 2024. Instruction will be offered at the AIIS Language Centers and the program will be administered in India by AIIS staff. This is an intensive language program that provides four hours of classroom instruction five days a week. Classes are small and individual tutorials are provided. There will be regular assignments outside of class and there is special emphasis on connecting with the local speech community and on self-management of learning. Participants must take part in all program events, such as attending films, plays, and other cultural activities. They are also encouraged to stay with local host families. This is not a research program; participants are expected to devote all their energies to activities that will increase their competence in all areas of language skills--speaking, listening, reading, and writing. Participants will have ample opportunity to study their research-related materials in the target language during personal tutorials.

Fellowships

AIIS is offering a number of fellowships funded by the U.S. Department of Education, to be awarded on a competitive basis, which will include round-trip airfare to India and a maintenance allowance sufficient to cover living expenses. In order to be eligible for a language fellowship, students would need to have the equivalent of two years of prior study in the language (students with one year of language study at the time of application would be eligible for consideration for a fellowship as long as they commit to participating in an intensive language program for the summer of 2024). Fellowships are not available for Sanskrit. No funding will be provided for dependents and no family members or friends may accompany the students.

Application Procedure

There is no program fee for fellows; the program fee for non-fellows will be \$8,000. Applications and information are available on the web:

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