

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES

Fellowship Competition

2025 - 2026

Deadline: 15 November 2024

The AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF INDIAN STUDIES is a non-profit consortium of ninety-one American colleges and universities that supports the advancement of knowledge and understanding of India, its people, and culture. AIIS welcomes applicants from a wide variety of disciplines. In addition to applicants in the Humanities and Social Sciences AIIS encourages applicants in fields such as Development Studies, Natural Resources Management, Public Health, and Regional Planning.

Applications to conduct research in India may be made in the following categories:

Junior Research Fellowships · Available to doctoral candidates at U.S. universities in all fields of study. Junior Research Fellowships are specifically designed to enable doctoral candidates to pursue their dissertation research in India. Junior Research Fellows establish formal affiliation with Indian universities and Indian research supervisors. Awards are available for up to eleven months.

Senior Research Fellowships · Available to scholars who hold the Ph.D. or its equivalent. Senior Fellowships are designed to enable scholars in all disciplines who specialize in South Asia to pursue further research in India. Senior Fellows establish formal affiliation with an Indian institution. Short-term awards are available for up to four months. Long-term awards are available for six to nine months. A small number of outstanding senior applicants who wish to conduct projects lasting four months or more will be awarded fellowships funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Senior Scholarly/Professional Development Fellowships · Available to established scholars who have not previously specialized in Indian studies and to established professionals who have not previously worked or studied in India. Senior Scholarly/Professional Development Fellows are formally affiliated with an Indian institution. Awards are for periods of six to nine months.

Senior Performing and Creative Arts Fellowships · Available to accomplished practitioners of the performing arts of India and creative artists who demonstrate that study in India would enhance their skills, develop their capabilities to teach or perform in the U.S., enhance American involvement with India's artistic traditions, and strengthen their links with peers in India. Awards will normally be for periods of up to four months, although proposals for periods of up to nine months can be considered.

Non U.S. citizens are welcome to apply for AIIS fellowships as long as they are either graduate students or full-time faculty at a college or university in the U.S. Citizens of the United States, however, can apply for senior fellowships if they are not affiliated with an institution of higher education in the U.S. The fellowship

competition is open to all applicants and is NOT restricted to applicants from AIIS member institutions.

Fellowships are funded by both U.S. government grants as well as AIIS endowment funds. Most of the federal funds received are restricted to U.S. citizens; non-U.S. citizens and performing/creative arts fellows are generally funded by the AIIS endowment. The number of fellowships AIIS can offer depends on the funding available from the different sources, though all applicants are reviewed equally and simultaneously.

The AIIS strongly encourages applications from non-US citizens and US citizens alike, and remains committed to providing research opportunities to qualified candidates regardless of nationality. It also seeks additional private support to increase the number of its awards. Fellowships are funded by the National Endowment for the Humanities (also available to permanent residents); the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs of the United States State Department and the Council of American Overseas Research Centers under the Fulbright-Hays Act of 1961, as amended. Fellowships for six months or more may include limited coverage for dependents.

*Applications can be downloaded from:
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