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Gurudev Kalicharan Brahma Visiting fellowship

This agreement between Department of Political Science, Bodoland University, and the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies is to facilitate one scholar from the BTR region to visit the Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies for 15 days each year to get academic exposure and network.

The Visiting Fellowship will run for a two-year trial period and will commence in 2026.

Application process

Application deadline is 1 November each year. Applications should be sent to Department of Political Science, Bodoland University for pre-screening. Department of Political Science will send successful applications to Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies Academic Planning Committee (APC) before 15 November of each year for final decision. APC will make decision before 1 December each year.

Advertisement

Department of Political Science, Bodoland University, will advertise the position in India.

Requirements for the candidate

- The candidate needs to hold a PhD in a subject related to Hindu Studies.
- The candidate should have minimum 5 years of teaching experience.
- The candidate should be an early career researcher and preferably below 55 years old.

Applications should include

- CV
- Outline of current research (max 1 page)
- Statement of why they would like to come to the OCHS and what they wish to achieve (max ½ page).
- A reference from a senior scholar working in the area.
- Proposed seminar paper based on empirical research including a title and a blurb.

Funding

BTR government of Assam, India, will make a donation of £4,000 towards Visiting Fellowship. OCHS will charge a 20% overhead as is standard practice for such agreements.

Funds will be transferred to the OCHS from BTR government of Assam, India, upon agreeing on a suitable candidate and before announcing the appointment to the selected candidate.

The OCHS will be responsible for paying out funds towards accommodation and food for the candidate while in Oxford (cash payment or direct transfer to accommodation).

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On top of the £4,000 donation towards the Visiting Fellowship, the BTR government of Assam, India will pay for flight and visa. This will be dealt with directly between the BTR government and the candidate.

The candidate will have to find their own accommodation and provide their own food. Proposed accommodation are NOOC or Commonwealth House located in Oxford. The scholar must visit the Centre for their research and academic interaction.

After the Visiting Fellowship is completed, the Visiting Fellow is expected to write an academic report of 1 page.

OCHS will provide

- a desk.
- Bodleian library card.
- Ongoing seminar list relevant events for the candidate to join.
- Two sessions of one hour each with an Oxford scholar in the field of Hindu Studies. The purpose of these sessions is to give the Visiting fellow exposure to the Oxford tutorial system and to Western modes of scholarship. The visiting fellows should provide 5-8 pages of written work in progress at least two days before the tutorial. This work will form the basis of the tutorial discussion.
- Based on the proposal the APC will assign an appropriate supervisor.
- Schedule a seminar and advertise it.

The Visiting Fellow should:

- Present a 40 min seminar paper with 20 min discussion focusing on their work. The talk should be on the topic agreed upon during the application process.

The OCHS will have no financial liabilities and will have no other obligations towards the candidate except what is agreed upon in this document.

Signature of nodal officers

1. Tanja L. Jakobsen (Oxford Centre for Hindu Studies)

Tanja L. Jakobsen 17.12.24

2. Sanghamitra Chodhury (Bodoland University)

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