

INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH
NOTIFICATION No: 2/2013/JRF
JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (JUNIOR FELLOWSHIP), 2014-2015

Applications are invited in the prescribed form so as to reach the undersigned on or before **25.01.2014** from candidates for taking the eligibility examination for the award of Junior Research Fellowship of the value of Rs. 16000/- p.m. with a contingency grant of Rs. 15000/- p.a. **The examination will be held on 16th February 2014 at New Delhi, Bengaluru and Guwahati.**

- A. The term of the Fellowship shall be for a maximum period of 2 years, extendable by 1 more year in special circumstances if recommended by the Research Projects Committee.
- B. The maximum number of Junior Research Fellowships available for the year 2014-2015 is eighty (80).

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- (a) Only candidates who have secured at least 55% marks (without rounding off) in Master's Degree OR equivalent examination from universities/institutions recognised by the UGC in History/ Archaeology/Museology are eligible for this fellowship. The candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Physically challenged category who have secured at least 50% marks (without rounding off) in Master's degree or equivalent examination are eligible for this fellowship.
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- (b) Candidates who are admitted to a Ph.D programme can apply for the ICHR Junior Research Fellowship (Junior Fellowship). The grant to the selected candidates would be available only upon their registration for a Ph.D degree.

2. OTHER REQUIREMENTS

An application fee of Rs. 200/- (Rupees two hundred only) shall be paid in the form of a Demand Draft drawn in favour of the Deputy Director (Accounts) ICHR, payable at Delhi. (Candidates belonging to SC/ST/Physically Challenged category are exempted from payment of the fee). Second class railway or bus fare chargeable by the shortest routes from Railway Station / Bus Stand nearest to their normal place of residence or from where they actually perform the journey, whichever is nearer to the place of examination, will be reimbursed to SC/ST candidates on production of ticket(s), provided the distance travelled is not less than 30 kms.)

3. DETAILS OF EXAMINATION AND INTERVIEW

- (a) The Eligibility Examination will be for a maximum of 100 marks to be answered in 3 hours.
- (b) Questions can be answered in either English or Hindi.
- (c) The syllabus of the eligibility examination is as follows:

Early India

- 1. Archaeology
- 2. Religion and Society in Early India, evolution of the caste system.
- 3. Society and Literature.
- 4. The state in early India.
- 5. Agriculture, Village communities and trade in early India.

Medieval Indian History

1. Trends in Historiography
2. Themes and Issues in Medieval Indian political, administrative, social and economic history.
3. Sufi and Bhakti movements.
4. Cultural diversities; identities; religious and regional; art and architecture; languages and literatures.
5. Debates on Eighteenth century Indian history.

Modern & Contemporary India

1. Recent trends in modern India historiography.
2. Early British expansion in India.
3. Institutional changes (revenue, law, army, bureaucracy, police etc.)
4. Response to British Rule: Early protest movements; Making of the Revolt of 1857; Social-Religious reforms.
5. Modern economic history: major processes and debates.
6. Gandhi and the Political Landscape: Techniques of Mobilisation; Nature of Mass Participation.
7. Beginning of Indian Nationalism: The new Middle Class; the formation of the Congress.
8. Agrarian discontent and Agrarian Uprisings.
9. Urban history of colonial India.
10. Muslim League and the politics of identity.
11. Making of the Nation: The Left Intervention; Growth of Caste and Communal Consciousness.
12. Foundation of the Indian Nation: Making of the Indian Constitution; Agrarian Reform and Reorganization of States.

(d) The format of the question paper will be as follows:

- a. 30 objective type questions of 30 marks.
- b. 2 essay type questions of 50 marks.
- c. 5 questions based on comprehension of 20 marks.

(e) Candidates who qualify in the eligibility examination shall appear for an Interview at the offices of the ICHR in New Delhi.

(f) The interview will carry a maximum of 100 marks.

Second class railway or bus fare chargeable by the shortest routes from Railway Station / Bus Stand nearest to their normal place of residence or from where they actually perform the journey, whichever is nearer to the place of interview, will be reimbursed to eligible candidates on production of tickets.

Online submission of JRF applications starts on : 21.12.2013
Last date of online submission : 15.01.2014
Last date of submitting printouts of online application forms : 25.01.2014

Online Application forms as well as the details of the examination are available on the website of the ICHR: www.ichr.ac.in

Member Secretary

General conditions:

1. All JRF applicants should apply through proper channel.
2. **Indian Council of Historical Research reserves the right:**
 - a. to fix criteria for screening the applications so as to shortlist candidates to be called for eligibility examination & interview;
 - b. to increase/decrease the number of fellowships on its own discretion.
 - c. not to award any of the advertised fellowships.
3. **Application of Reservation rules in the award of Fellowships is subject to certain clarifications to be received from the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India.**
4. Written test conducted for short-listing of candidates should not be construed as a merit test; the final selection will be made on the basis of combined performance in the written examination and interview.
5. No TA/DA or local conveyance shall be paid to the candidates (except SC/ST) called for eligibility examination.
6. Applications for JRF/PDF should be submitted along with non-refundable fee of Rs. 200/- for JRF and Rs. 300/- for PDF in the form of DD/Bankers Cheque/Pay order drawn in favour of "**Deputy Director (Accounts), ICHR**" payable at Delhi. *(Any deviation from the prescribed mode of payment will not be acceptable.)*
7. **Incomplete applications as well as the applications received after the prescribed date will be rejected.**
8. Online submission of application is a must and can be done via ICHR website (www.ichr.ac.in).

Eligible and interested scholars may apply on-line through the ICHR website (www.ichr.ac.in) and submit the hard copy of the online application (containing an auto generated number) duly signed along with prescribed application fee, self attested copies of the certificates of educational qualifications, date of birth, experience and signed copy of check list etc. by post to the **Member Secretary, Indian Council of Historical Research, 35 Ferozeshah Road, New Delhi - 110001.**

The last date for online form submission is **15 January 2014** and last date for submitting the printouts along with self attested documents is **25 January 2014**. Submission of application both online and printout of the same along with computer generated unique id number is mandatory. Hard copies of applications without unique id no will not be accepted.