



Thematic Post-Doctoral Fellowships

Eligibility: These fellowships are open to scholars who have been awarded a PhD within the last five years and are intended to support independent research for a period of one year. The aim of the fellowship is to enable researchers to maintain continuity in their academic careers.

For the year 2025–26, preference will be given to proposals related to the following themes:

- Early Historic Period, with special reference to archaeological investigations on the West Coast, river valleys, and trade routes
- Early Modern period between the 15th and 18th centuries CE, with special interest in Indian Ocean Studies.
- Transformation of Kerala society and culture in the post-independence period

The total fellowship amount is ₹3,90,000, which includes a contingency grant of ₹30,000. Selected scholars are expected to be in residence at KCHR, except during fieldwork or archival visits. At the time of application, the candidates *should not hold a permanent position* at any (teaching/research/government/non-government) institution. Those candidates already holding a post doctoral position/ fellowship are ineligible to apply for this fellowship.

Duration: The tenure of the fellowship is one year.

Applications: Applications will be invited once in every academic year. The candidates may submit the applications online as specified . The complete application should include.

1. Completed application form
2. Copy of original PhD certificate or a provisional PhD certificate
3. List of published academic publications, if any
4. Copy of any valid government certified identity proof
5. A proposal not exceeding 3000 words elaborating the proposed theme of research, previous work in the area, relevance of the proposed study, a note on methodology and sources and tentative work plan for the one year.
6. Copy of reservation certificates issued by the competent authority, if applicable.

Evaluation: All proposals will be subjected to a plagiarism check. All incomplete applications, and applications received after the deadline will be rejected. The decisions of the Selection Committee will be final.