



## Early Career Fellowships

**Eligibility:** KCHR Early Career Fellowships are awarded to scholars in the initial phase of their academic careers to support one year of independent research. Applicants must have completed their PhD within the last ten years and be under 40 years of age.

Preference will be given to research proposals based on the following themes:

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

However, early career researchers are also encouraged to submit original proposals on other topics, provided they are relevant to KCHR's broader research focus in history and the social sciences.

- Fellowship Amount: ₹1,50,000
- Fellowship Tenure: One year

**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. List of published academic publications, if any
3. Copy of original PhD certificate or a provisional PhD certificate
4. A 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.