

Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute

Guidelines for Chairs and Other Positions (Under Academic Development Programme supported by Infosys Foundation)

General Guidelines

1. Various Positions: Two Chairs, two positions of Visiting Scholars and four positions of Visiting Fellows have been instituted at the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI), thanks to the generous funding received from the Infosys Foundation for specialized research in Orientology.
2. The thrust areas within the field of Orientology shall be as under:
 - (A) Indological Studies
 - (B) Buddhist Studies
 - (C) The study of India's cultural relations with other Asian countries in the ancient and early medieval period, and
 - (D) The comparative study of religions.
3. An announcement inviting proposals for the various positions will be made electronically on the website of the BORI as well as on national and international internet platforms.
4. A scholar, desirous of conducting research at the BORI, should send a letter of intent to the Director, Academic Development Programme, supported by the Infosys Foundation (hereafter called Director, together with a current CV and detailed research project in the format of research project proposal available on the website of BORI. Names of eligible scholars may also be suggested by others along with their CVs and research proposals.
5. The Search-cum-Selection Committee may send the project proposals for blind reviews to the scholars of repute in the fields of study in which the scholar wishes to conduct research and consider their opinion when finalizing the short list. The Committee shall convey its decision to the scholar concerned in the due course of time. The Search-cum-Selection Committee is authorized to nominate a scholar and possesses the right to accept or reject any name and/or research project.
6. The Director shall issue the letter of appoint to the scholar selected under the relevant scheme.
7. The scholar, so appointed, shall solely be responsible for his/her views expressed in the results of the research project. The BORI shall not be responsible for the same.
8. The BORI shall be vested with the right to publish this research report.

9. The scholars appointed in various positions, referred to above, shall be entitled to
 - (A) Reimbursement of the visa fee (if applicable),
 - (B) End-to-end air-fare and surface transport fare, and
 - (C) An aggregate professional fees of INR 1, 00,000/ per month (amounting to roughly US\$ 1400)
in the case of Chairs and Visiting Scholars and INR 50,000/- per month, in the case of Visiting Fellows. These professional fees shall be exclusive of his / her earnings elsewhere and shall be governed by the Indian Income Tax Act.
 - (D) Accommodation facilities at the Nizam Guest House of BORI or reimbursement of the actual charges thereof (with a cap of INR 30,000/ per month), in the case of the scholars outside Pune, on production of the rent receipt.
10. The Chair Professor/Visiting Scholar/Visiting Fellow shall be entitled to the following facilities:
 - (A) Workspace with normal facilities, such as computer, stationary, etc.
 - (B) Library facilities
 - (C) Phone and internet
 - (D) Travel in India if necessary for his/her work
 - (F) Reimbursement of end-to-end travel expenses once a year for visits home, if the appointment is for two years.
11. The scheme shall be governed by the law of India, subject to Pune Jurisdiction.
12. Besides his/her research project, the scholar appointed in either of the positions mentioned above is expected to deliver a public lecture on a topic of his / her current research, mutually to be decided by the scholar and the BORI during his / her tenure. If the appointment is for more than a year, he/she will deliver a public lecture once in a year.
13. The scholar may offer a special short-term course related to his/her special area of research in consultation with the Director. He/she may offer his/her guidance to research students and scholars associated with the BORI.
14. Before his/her tenure will conclude, a full final report of the research work shall be submitted by the scholar in publishable electronic format.
15. The BORI may consider the proposals of certain scholars and make a special case, if the Search-cum-Selection Committee makes a recommendation to that effect.

Guidelines for Chairs

16. There shall be two Chairs, namely, “Infosys Foundation Chair of Orientology” and “Karnataka Chair of Orientology”. The appointment to the Chair shall be for three years, extendable by another term or part thereof.
17. The Chair Professor shall present his/her ideas and work plan at an academic meeting held at the BORI one month after he / she has taken up the appointment.
18. The Chair Professor shall present the results of his/her work at such an academic meeting before the end of every year of the tenure.

Guidelines for Visiting Scholars

19. The Visiting Scholar shall be appointed for two to six months, extendable by another term or part thereof.

Guidelines for Infosys Foundation Visiting Fellows

20. The Visiting Fellow shall be appointed for one week to one month, extendable by another term or part thereof.
21. The Visiting Fellow shall present his/her idea and plan of work before an academic meeting one week after he/she joins as a Visiting Fellow, where the tenure of the Fellow is for one month. If the tenure is less than one month, he/she will make the presentation before the tenure is over and submit the proposal in the light of the discussions within one week after the tenure is over.

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