

# **Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute**

## **Guidelines for the Infosys Foundation Chair**

A Chair has been instituted at the Bhandarkar Oriental Research Institute (BORI) thanks to the generous funding received from the Infosys Foundation for specialized research in thrust areas such as:

1. Indological Studies
2. Buddhist Studies
3. the study of India's cultural relations with other Asian countries in the ancient and early medieval period, and
4. the comparative study of religions.

Appointment to the Chair shall be for one to two years, extendable by another term or part thereof.

Curriculum Vitae along with detailed project proposals shall be invited from reputed scholars. The format for the necessary information along with the proposal is available in a separate document.

Interested scholars should send a letter of interest to the Honorary Secretary of the BORI expressing his / her desire to conduct research at the BORI, together with a current CV and detailed research project. Names of eligible scholars may also be suggested by others.

The Search-cum-Selection Committee shall ordinarily send the project proposals for blind reviews to the scholars of repute in the fields of study to be covered by the Chair 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 authorised to nominate a scholar and possesses the right to accept or reject any name and/or research project.

The Honorary Secretary of the BORI shall appoint the selected scholar to the Chair.

The appointed scholar 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.

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.

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.

The Chair Professor 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.

The Chair Professor may offer a special short-term course related to his / her special area of research in consultation with the Honorary Secretary of the BORI. He / she may offer his / her guidance to research students and scholars associated with the BORI.

Before his / her tenure will conclude, a full final report of the research work shall be submitted by the Chair Professor in publishable electronic format.

The BORI shall be vested with the right to publish this research report.

The Chair Professor shall be entitled to

- (1) reimbursement of the visa fee (if applicable),
- (2) end-to-end air-fare and surface transport fare, and
- (3) an aggregate remuneration of INR 1,00,000/month (amounting to roughly US\$ 1400). This remuneration shall be exclusive of his / her earnings elsewhere and shall be governed by the Indian Income Tax Act.
- (4) Accommodation facilities or reimbursement of the charges thereof (with a cap of INR 30,000/ month).

The Chair Professor shall be entitled to the following facilities:

- (1) Workspace with normal facilities, such as computer, stationary, etc.
- (2) Library facilities
- (3) Phone and internet
- (4) Travel in India if necessary for his / her work
- (5) Reimbursement of end-to-end travel expenses once a year for visits home, if the appointment is for two years.

The scheme shall be governed by the law of India, subject to Pune Jurisdiction.

For more information and queries, please contact:

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