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Advertisement inviting applications for the Post of Fellows, Research Assistants, MAKAIAS, Kolkata

The Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies (MAKAIAS), Kolkata invites applications for the post of Fellows and Research Assistants to undertake research work on the following areas:

1. Central Asia, Eurasia
2. West Asia
3. South Asia (countries in SAARC)
4. East and South East Asia (Excluding China)
5. China
6. North-East India
7. The life of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, his ideas relating to secularism and universal brotherhood, and translation(s) of his important works

The applicants are requested to indicate their preferred area of research from the above mentioned categories.

ELIGIBILITY- for Fellows

1. Work/ Teaching/ Research experience
2. Preferably Ph. D
3. NET/ SLET.
4. Significant publication (s) in relevant areas, indicating an aptitude for research.
5. A candidate may not be normally more than 55 years of age as on the date of submission of the application.

Eligibility for Research Assistants:

1. M.A or M. Phil degree in Social Sciences from recognized University.
2. A candidate should not be more than 35 years of age as on the date of submission of the application.

For both Fellows and Research Assistants applying on areas 1-5 above preference will be given to applicants with proven language skills in one or more regional

languages of the respective region. In absence of such language skills candidates will be expected to have strong commitment towards acquiring such skills during the duration of the Fellowship/Assistantship if directed by the Institute.

For both Fellows and Research Assistants applying on area 7 above preference will be given to applicants with proven language skills in Urdu, Arabic, or Persian. For applicants proposing translation of works of Azad, proven proficiency in the relevant language(s) is mandatory.

Relaxation of age can be made for exceptional candidate (s) by the Selection Committee.

VALUE and DURATION

Value of the fellowships depends on the qualifications and experience of the candidate. There are 4 categories:

- i. Rs. 20, 000/- + 30% HRA (preferably minimum SLET/ NET qualification, or Ph. D or equivalent publications or 5 years teaching experience or other experience that may be treated as equivalent by the Selection Committee).
- ii. Rs. 25, 000/- + 30% HRA (preferably minimum 5 years experience as above and Ph. D or equivalent publications).
- iii. Rs. 30, 000/- + 30% HRA (preferably minimum 10years experience as above and Ph. D or equivalent publications).
- iv. Rs. 35, 000/- + 30% HRA (preferably minimum 15 years experience and Ph. D or equivalent publications).

[Revised pay structure may be introduced]

Maximum duration is for 2 (two) years extendable by 1 (one) year.

For Research Assistants monthly consolidated stipend of Rs. 12, 000/- (Rupees twelve thousand only).

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APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Completed application, would include;

- (i) Two copy of research proposal (strictly within 1000 words)
- (ii) Two copy of bio data
- (iii) For salary protected Fellowships, scholars should apply through proper channel

Research Proposal Guidelines:

- The research topic, on areas 1-5 above, must have explicit link with India and have some relevance to current policy
- The Research proposal should state the goals, method and expected outcomes of the proposed research

- The proposal should include a conceptual background of the subject so as to situate the same within the parameters of contemporary discourse.
- The research questions should delve into the key issues of hypothesis and include a review of literature, a research strategy, with an outline of the study and methodological details.
- The research proposal must indicate an estimate of the proportion of time/effort that is expected to be spent outside of an office setting (as in time spent in outside libraries, archives, field work, personal interviews, etc.)

Applications must be sent by registered mail, or delivered in person, or may be forwarded by email to info@makaias.gov.in

The last date of submission of applications is March 8, 2013. If the deadline falls on a weekend or public holiday, the next working day applies.

The completed applications should be addressed to:

The Director
Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Institute of Asian Studies
Azad Bhavan, IB- 166, Sector III
Salt Lake City, Kolkata 700 106

The Institute reserves the right to reject any or all the applications without assigning any reason whatsoever. The choice of the Selection Committee may not be confined to applicants. Prescribed qualifications may be relaxed by the Selection Committee in a suitable case.