

# INDIAN COUNCIL OF HISTORICAL RESEARCH

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MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT, GOVT. OF INDIA

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## ICHR Junior Research Fellowships (JRF), 2020-2021

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Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the JRF of ICHR. Printout of the online filled application forms should reach the undersigned on or before **03.01.2020**. The selected fellows will be awarded fellowship of **Rs. 17600/-** (Rupees seventeen thousand and six hundred only) per month plus contingency grant of **Rs. 16500/-** (Rupees sixteen thousand and five hundred only) per annum for a period of **Two** years.

- A. The maximum numbers of Junior Research Fellowships to be awarded for 2020-2021 are **eighty (80)** only, applying the usual reservation for SC, ST & PwD.
- B. The Fellowship is a whole-time engagement for research work and cannot be combined with any other whole-time or part-time work (for details see Terms and Conditions in the ICHR Research Funding Rules booklet, 'Chapter-II- Fellowships' which is available also on our official website i.e. [www.ichr.ac.in](http://www.ichr.ac.in)
- C. The period of the Fellowship shall be for a maximum period of **Two** years.
- D. Award of JRF will be based on an online **Entrance Test** and **Presentation-cum-Interview**.

- **Online submission of JRF application opens on** : **28.11.2019**
- **Last date for online submission** : **27.12.2019**
- **Last date for submitting printouts of applications submitted online:** **03.01.2020**
- **The JRF Stage I online entrance test will be held on** : **Notifying Soon**
- **Declaration of Stage I result on the ICHR website** : **Notifying Soon**
- **Presentation and Interview (Stage II)** : **Notifying Soon**

### 1. ELIGIBILITY:

- Candidates who have registered in recognized Universities for Ph.D. programme in Historical Studies are eligible to apply for the Fellowship (JRF).

### 2. SYLLABUS:

#### Unit- I: Ancient Indian History

1. Trends in Indian Historiography (Ancient, Medieval, Modern).
2. Sources of Indian History - Archaeological and Literary (Indigenous and Foreign).
3. Ancient historical geography; physical features; climate and flora-fauna.
4. Pre-historic and Proto-historic India.
5. Rise of Civilisations - Indus Valley and Gangetic plains.
6. Vedic Culture - Literature; Religious practices; Society; Economy and Polity.
7. Mahajanapadas, Jainism and Buddhism.
8. Mauryas; Kushanas; Sangam Age and Satavahanas, Guptas; Vakatakas and Harshvardhana.
9. Pallavas; Chalukyas; Rashtrakutas; Cholas. Gurjara-Pratiharas and Palas.
10. Polity; Society; Economy; Art; Architecture; Literature; Science & Technology.
11. Expansion of Bharatiya culture beyond seas.

## **Unit- II: Medieval Indian History:**

1. Arab and Turkish Invasions.
2. Delhi Sultanate - Polity; Society; Economy; Art; Architecture; Science & Technology
3. Kakatiyas; Hoysalas; Yadavas - Society; Economy; Art and Architecture.
4. Vijayanagara, Bahamani and its successive states; and Nayakas.
5. Mughal Rule - Polity; Administration; Economy; Art; Architecture and Literature.
6. Rise of Shivaji and Marathas.
7. Culture - Religious movements - Advaita; Visishtadvaita; Dvaita; Bhakti and Sufism.

## **Unit-III: Modern Indian History:**

1. Advent of European Powers in India.
2. East India Company & Consolidation of the British power.
3. Institutional and Cultural Changes (Revenue; Education; Law; Army; Bureaucracy; Police; Society and Culture etc.)
4. Response to British rule: Early protest movements; Making of the Revolt of 1857.
5. Social - Religious reform movements.
6. Economic History: major processes and debates.
7. Beginning of Indian Nationalism and early political associations. The Indian National Congress and Revolutionaries.
8. Wahabis; Deobandi Movement; Aligarh Movement & the Muslim League. Khilafat Movement; Politics of Identity and the Partition of India.
9. Mahatma Gandhi and Freedom Struggle; Subhash Chandra Bose and INA.
10. Agrarian Movements, Tribal revolts and Working Class Struggles.
11. Social Reform Movements in 20th Century - Mahatma Phule; Periyar; Narayan Guru and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar etc.
12. Indian Independence and Integration of Princely States. Making of the Constitution and the Establishment of the Republic. Reorganisation of States. The New Government - Policies and Planning.
13. Major International Political Developments in 20th Century: Imperialism; World Wars I & II, League of Nations, Decolonization, the UNO, and the Commonwealth.

### **3. EXAMINATION FORMAT:**

- The examination will be conducted in 02 Stages.

#### **STAGE I:**

- a) Stage I examination will consist of 100 online objective type questions. Each question will carry 01 mark (Total 100 marks).
- b) There will be no negative marking.
- c) The candidate has to choose his/her area of specialisation (Ancient/ Medieval/ Modern India) at the time of filling online JRF application form. All the questions in the question paper will be based on the area of specialisation opted by the candidate in the application form.

#### **STAGE II:**

- a) The candidates shortlisted on the basis of merit of Stage I examination will be called for the Presentation cum Interview.
- b) Each shortlisted candidate will make a Presentation based on his/her registered PhD research topic (8-10 minutes, preferably PowerPoint) followed by an interview.

- c) Presentation and Interview will carry a maximum of 60 marks.
- d) All shortlisted candidates should bring their Hall Tickets issued for Stage I entrance exam while coming for the Presentation cum Interview.

#### **AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP:**

Merit will be drawn on the basis of aggregate marks of Stage I and II, that is, **100 + 60 = 160** (total marks).

#### **4. EXAMINATION CENTRES:**

- a) The Stage I entrance examination will be held at following centres of ICHR:
  - i. **New Delhi**
  - ii. **Bengaluru**
  - iii. **Guwahati**
  - iv. **Pune**
- b) The Stage II (Presentation cum Interview) will be conducted at the ICHR, Headquarter, **Delhi** only.

#### **5. HOW TO APPLY:**

- Eligible and interested scholars may apply on-line through the ICHR website ([www.ichr.ac.in](http://www.ichr.ac.in))
- Hard copy of the application generated after filling of online application [with auto generated number] duly signed and along with the requisite documents should be submitted.
- The applicant should attach self attested copies of the certificates of educational qualifications, date of birth, experience and signed copy of check list etc., and send by post to the following address:

**Member Secretary**  
**Indian Council of Historical Research**  
**35, Ferozeshah Road**  
**New Delhi - 110001**
- An application fee of Rs.500/- (Rupees five hundred only) shall be paid through online only. **(Candidates belonging to SC/ST/Persons with Disability (PWD) category are exempted from payment of the fee).**
- Submission of application both online and printout of the same along with computer generated unique ID number is mandatory. Hard copies of applications without unique Id. Number will not be accepted.

#### **6. NOTE:**

Travel charges (**for SC, ST & PwD candidates only**) will be reimbursed both sides to the extent of second class (sleeper) Railway or Bus fare by the shortest routes from Railway Station/Bus Stand nearest to your normal place of residence or from where you actually start the journey, on production of ticket(s).

## 7, GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. All JRF applicants should apply through proper channel (Recommended by the Research Supervisor and Forwarded by the Head of the Department/Centre/Principal). Besides the Hall-tickets the candidates are required to produce their photo ID card authenticated by their respective Universities.
2. **Indian Council of Historical Research reserves the right:**
  - a. To fix criteria for screening the applications of the candidates for their suitability to take examination;
  - b. To decrease the number of fellowships on its own discretion.
  - c. Not to award any of the advertised fellowships.
3. **Application of Reservation rules in the award of Fellowships is subject to certain clarifications to be received from the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India.**
4. Applications for JRF should be submitted along with non-refundable fee of **Rs.500/-** through online payment. **(Any deviation from the prescribed mode of payment will not be acceptable.)**
5. **Incomplete applications as well as the applications received after the prescribed date will be rejected.**
6. **Online submission of application is mandatory and can be done via ICHR website ([www.ichr.ac.in](http://www.ichr.ac.in)).**

### **CHECKLIST of documents to be enclosed with the application:**

1. Printout of Application form (Hard Copy) forwarded by Supervisor
2. Detailed Research Proposal/Synopsis
3. Ph.D. registration certificate
4. UGC-NET Certificate, if applicable
5. Educational certificates (From 10<sup>th</sup> to Post Graduation)
6. Category certificate (SC/ST/Physically Challenged), if applicable

\*\* As per the guidelines prescribed by Government of India, the candidate who are Visually Impaired (blind / low vision) or orthopedically challenged (whose writing speed is adversely affected permanently by cerebral palsy) may use services of a scribe as per the rules at their own cost during the online examination.

Sd/-  
Member Secretary