

SHASTRI RESEARCH STUDENT FELLOWSHIP (SRSF)

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute is pleased to announce a call for Applications for Shastri Research Student Fellowship (SRSF) 2016-17 for doctoral students, post-doctoral scholars and students enrolled in degree programmes in recognised Indian & Canadian universities or institutions to undertake research in areas/ fields in which scholars may desire/require research experience in Canada/India. This Programme will provide an opportunity for a transformative cultural and educational experience. Scholars will get exposure in an international setting which will bring lifelong benefits to the individual trainees as well as to the institutions in which they would be affiliated. The training and exposure they will receive will also broaden their understanding of research techniques, principles, and interdisciplinary approaches and thus will expand their scholarly horizons, a necessary step in becoming a more confident researcher in any corner of the world. Such an experience will also provide invaluable insights into the nature of the bi-national academic community and may often result in lifelong friendships and a broad bi-national professional network. Applications from Social Sciences and Humanities, Arts, Commerce & Management, STEM subjects including Food Security and Sustainable Development, Water Resource Management, Gender, Bi-lateral Trade and Investment, Energy and Environmental Sciences including the Renewal Energy, Securing Future of Children and Youth, Higher Education, Agricultural Science & Technology, Teacher Education and Training, Health Sciences, Nursing, Marine Sciences and Ocean Studies.

Applicant must be from member institutions of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute of good standing either from India or Canada. Three components of this fellowship are:-

1. Shastri Research Student Fellowship for Doctoral Students will be awarded to students enrolled in Doctoral programs in India/Canada with a significant focus on India/Canada, to enable them to access relevant research material as well as conduct research in India/Canada which will subsequently help them to get their degree. For the duration of the Fellowship, the Students must be affiliated to a Canadian/Indian institution. The selected applicant or awardee is encouraged to confirm his / her travel by 31st March 2017 or at least initiate the process on or before the aforementioned date.

Eligibility

- Doctoral students must be registered/admitted for full-time PhD in an Indian/Canadian university
- Applicant's synopsis should have been approved by competent authority before the last date of submission of application with SICI.
- The applicant's university/institution must be from member institutions of SICI. A list of SICI member institutions is available at the link provided here: <http://www.sici.org.in/index.php?page=member-institutions> .
- Doctoral fellow should obtain 'No Objection' from his/her Institution before applying.
- Applicants should provide two reference letters of which one of the letters must be from their thesis supervisor/HoD.
- The applicant should request his/her supervisor to declare in the reference letter that his/her thesis has been approved and also indicate the stage of research.
- The applicant must be a citizen or a permanent resident of India/Canada;

Number of Awards: 10 (Ten)

Value of Award: \$ 590 per week

Duration: The proposed/accepted period of research will be upto 6 months for doctoral students.

2. Shastri Research Student Fellowship for Post-Doctoral Students will be awarded to scholars from India and Canada who have been awarded a Ph.D. degree and wish to pursue further research in India/Canada. Applicants need not have an academic position. The applicants are required to apply for this fellowship within five years of being awarded the Ph. D degree. The selected applicant or awardee is encouraged to confirm his / her travel by 31st March 2017 or at least initiate the process on or before the aforementioned date.

Eligibility

- The applicant must have a doctoral degree awarded by Indian or Canadian University/ institution
- The applicant's university/Institution must be from member institutions of SICI. A list of SICI member institutions is available at the link provided here: <http://www.sici.org.in/index.php?page=member-institutions> ;
- The tenure of post-doctoral fellowships is contingent upon the completion of all doctoral requirements and applications must be made within five years of receiving a doctoral degree;
- Proof of Ph.D. completion need to be submitted along with the application form.
- The applicant should demonstrate proficiency in oral and written English, and should preferably be in the age group of 30-45 years.
- In case the applicant is employed then Employer's endorsement is must for application submission and has to submit 'No Objection' from head of the department/Institution with the application.
- The applicant must be a citizen or a permanent resident of India and Canada;

Number of Awards: 8 (Eight)

Value of Award: \$ 590 per week

Duration: The proposed/accepted period of research will be upto 4 months for post-doctoral scholars.

3. Shastri Research Student Fellowship for Students will be awarded to Indian and Canadian students who have completed two years of degree i.e. Bachelor, Masters or M. Phil programme at recognised Indian & Canadian universities or institutions of higher education to take up or to pursue a course (module/part of a course), or do an internship at recognised Canadian& Indian universities. The selected applicant or awardee is encouraged to confirm his / her travel by 31st March 2017 or at least initiate the process on or before the aforementioned date.

Eligibility:

- An applicant should have completed two years of Bachelor degree and minimum of one year or two semester of Masters from an Indian or Canadian University/ Institution with at least 55% marks
- Students pursuing M. Phil should have completed minimum of 1 semester of the degree/course.
- The applicant's University/Institution must be from member institutions of Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute. A list of SICI member institutions is available at the link provided here: <http://www.sici.org.in/index.php?page=member-institutions> ;
- The applicant should not have another degree from a Canadian university or be enrolled in a Canadian degree program

- The applicant must be a citizen or a permanent resident of India/Canada
- Official Transcripts (student applicants only) to be sent directly from the university for all years of completed study.
- The applicant should demonstrate proficiency in oral and written English, and should preferably be in the age group of 21-25 years.

Number of Awards: 12 (Twelve)

Value of Award: \$ 500 per week

Duration: The proposed/accepted period of research will be up to 8-12 weeks for students.

Application Requirements:

- Completed electronic application along with all required documents should be submitted to siciapplications@sici.org.in on or before 25th November 2016 by 5:00pm (IST) and with a mention of programme name in the subject line “***Application for Shastri Research Student Fellowship (SRSF) 2016-17***”.
- Applications sent to a different email address will not be considered.
- Late and incomplete applications will not be entertained.
- Paper copy of application should be duly signed/sealed forwarded by the respective Department/ Centre/ School through competent authority.
- In case the applicant is employed then Employer’s endorsement is must for application submission and has to submit ‘No Objection’ from head of the department/Institution with the application.
- Submit a paper copy of complete set of application at the given address and mention the programme name on the envelope.

Programme Name

Shastri Indo-Canadian Institute (SICI)
5 Bhai Vir Singh Marg
New Delhi 110001

- You can also upload your application through SICI’s web portal at <http://shastriinstitute.org/gms/>

Please note that the Institute takes no responsibility for missing applications materials by mail, post, electronic mode.

Fellowship package:

The fellowship package will cover-

1. *living allowance,*
2. *Economy class airfare from the place of origin to the place of affiliation in the most direct route,*
3. *Visa fee,*
4. *Compliance fee,*
5. *Student registration/affiliation fee,*
6. *Oversaes insurance.*
7. *Research allowance (applicable to doctoral candidates only)*

Disbursement of Funds:

The stipend will be disbursed in two equal installments. The first installment will be released upon signing of letter of agreement between SICI and recipient's institution closure to the awardee's journey to Canada or India. The 2nd installment of stipend will be released upon submission of mid-term progress report. The remaining 10% of the award money will be released upon submission and approval of a final report to SICI by the recipient.

Reporting:

[Mid-Term Report \(Reporting template\)](#)

[Final Report \(Reporting template\)](#)

Application Forms:

[Doctoral & Post- Doctoral Fellowship](#)

[Student Fellowship](#)

Application Deadline:

Completed application must be sent electronically no later than **25th November, 2016**.

Contact Address:

Programme Officer (Please mention the programme name clearly)

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