

## **CHINA INDIA SCHOLAR-LEADERS FELLOWSHIP**

### **Call for Applications (2018-2020)**

#### **Overview**

The India China Institute at The New School is now accepting Fellowship applications for the China India Scholar-Leaders Initiative (CISLI). The Fellowship offers an intensive 24 month professional development experience for junior scholars focused on the theme of Prosperity and Inequality in India and China. Fellows will develop a research project related to their area of expertise and connected to the theme of Prosperity and Inequality. Fellows will also have the opportunity to spend one month in New York City and 5-7 weeks conducting fieldwork on their research topic in India or China. Fellows will be provided research support and methods training, as well as interactions with noted scholars working on Prosperity and Inequality in India and China. Fellows will be expected to produce at least one publishable article, policy paper or scholarly piece by the end of the Fellowship. The Fellowship includes an award of USD \$5,000, and covers all travel-related costs, funding support for field research, and all New York residency costs (food, lodging, travel, etc.). The total value of the Fellowship is approximately USD \$37,000. The program is structured so that Fellows can largely continue primary teaching or research obligations at their home institutions while also participating in the Fellowship.

#### **Further Details**

The China India Scholar-Leaders Fellowship seeks to enhance and strengthen the scholarly community working on issues of Prosperity and Inequality related to India and China, and in particular, to support young India-China Studies scholars with a demonstrated commitment to future work on these issues in the region. In order to achieve these goals, the Fellowship is built around two main components. The first component is a month-long residency in New York City,

which will take place in the first month of the Fellowship, and will provide interdisciplinary research and methods support in order to enhance and sharpen Fellow's research skills. Fellows will benefit from ICI's expertise and The New School's world-class faculty as well as many other resources unique to New York City. The second component is fieldwork in India or China. Fellows will be expected to spend a minimum of five weeks in the field advancing their research agenda developed for the Fellowship. Fellows will be connected with a host institutions in India or China to support their work in the field.

## **Prosperity and Inequality Theme**

The focus on Prosperity and Inequality seeks a deeper understanding of the dynamics created by rapid economic and social change in India and China. It aims to foster thoughtful research into the relation between prosperity and inequality, as well as emerging responses. Today, India and China must urgently revisit this relationship and ask whether rising prosperity reduces or exacerbate inequality, and with what consequences and over what period of time? Is inequality the price of prosperity? What would it take for all members of society to prosper (or at a minimum have equal opportunities to prosper)? How are these societies responding to the challenges of economic growth in such diverse realms as policy governance, social theory, culture, and art? By assembling a new generation of scholars, we strive to provide fresh insights, create new connections, and support engaged research into one of the most pressing areas for understanding change today in India, China and beyond.

## **Eligibility**

This Fellowship is open to all citizens of India, China and the US, with priority given to scholars already working in the field of India-China Studies. Other international applicants will be considered, but preference will be given to these three countries and area of study. To be eligible for this Fellowship, applicants must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Hold Indian or Chinese citizenship if applying from India or China
- Have received your PhD or equivalent terminal degree in the past five years

- Be able to read, write and speak fluently in English
- Be able to participate in a 24-month Fellowship, including spending one month in New York City
- Be able to conduct at least five weeks of fieldwork in India or China between July 1, 2018 and Dec 1, 2019
- Commit 5-7 hours each week for research and online group meetings

**\*\* Priority will be given to applicants from underrepresented and historically marginalized backgrounds (ethnic, racial or religious minorities, women, LGBTQI, rural background, Dalits, Indigenous, ST, SC) or individuals from an underrepresented field of India China studies.**

## **Timeline**

**Cohort 2 Fellowship:** May 21, 2018 - May 20, 2020 (24 months)

- One-month Residency in NYC (May 21-June 21, 2018 *tent*)
- Five weeks of fieldwork (India and China)
- Closing NYC Conference

### 2017

- **Aug 1, 2017:** Open international call for Fellowship applications
- **Oct 16, 2017:** Fellowship application period closes
- **Nov 1-9, 2017:** Application review period
- **Nov 10, 2017:** US/International finalist interviews in New York City (in-person)
- **Nov 17, 2017:** China finalist interviews in Beijing (in-person)
- **Nov 20, 2017:** India finalist interviews in New Delhi (in-person)
- **Dec 22, 2017:** Fellowship awardees announced

### 2018-2020

- **May 21-June 21, 2018:** Fellows Residency in New York City (*tent*)
- **July 1, 2018 - Dec 1, 2019:** Fieldwork Period for Fellows
- **Jan - May, 2020:** Final publications from Fellows
- **Feb 24 - Mar 1, 2020:** Closing CISLI International Conference in NYC (*tent*)

## **How to Apply**

The deadline to apply is **Oct 16, 2017**. No late applications will be accepted.

Applicants can find more information about the Fellowship and submit an online application through the India China Institute website.

<https://www.indiachinainstitute.org/initiatives/scholar-leaders/>

## **About the India China Institute**

The India China Institute (ICI) at The New School supports research, teaching and discussion on India, China and the US, with special focus on making comparisons and understanding interactions between the three countries as well as their joint impact on the rest of the world. Since its founding in 2005, ICI has been the center of a growing international network of scholars, leaders, and opinion-makers focused on India and China.