

Harold Coward India Research Fellowship
University of Victoria
Religion, Migration, and Modern India
Deadline for Submissions: 13 February 2015

The University of Victoria in British Columbia, Canada, invites applications from faculty, senior doctoral and post-doctoral students at Indian universities for a visiting research fellowship in Victoria between June and December of 2015. The successful candidate will be affiliated with the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society (CSRS), the Centre for Asia-Pacific Initiatives (CAPI) and the Centre for Global Studies (CFGS).

Purpose: The purpose of the fellowship is to provide the visiting scholar with a stimulating academic environment conducive to research and writing, and to strengthen academic partnerships between the University of Victoria and our colleagues in Indian universities. As well, the research fellow will play a significant role in a conference in June 2015 that will create a context to discuss new theoretical directions and interdisciplinary approaches to contemporary migration.

Topics: The fellowship is targeted at scholars whose research addresses religion and migration in the Indian national, regional, and Indian diasporic contexts.

Eligibility: Resident citizens of India who are completing doctoral work, engaged in post-doctoral research, or who hold a regular academic appointment in India. Applications from all disciplinary backgrounds are eligible. Preference will be given to scholars with the demonstrated ability to approach religion, politics and migration from an engaged, critical perspective. We seek an Indian scholar with an interest in the connection between migration processes and policies on the one hand and religious groups and movements on the other. The groups and phenomena that interest the fellow must be rooted in India.

Value: The fellowship will cover travel costs, and will provide fellows with a living allowance of \$2000/month for six months. In addition, the fellowship provides private office space at the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society along with library and university privileges.

Term: Six months

Conditions: Fellows are expected to conduct their work on site at the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society and to participate in the programs and activities of the CSRS, CAPI and CFGS. The fellow will give at least one public presentation of her or his research at each research centre and will also participate with CAPI in the planning and hosting of a three-day conference scheduled for June 11-13 of 2015.

Application Procedure: Applications should include the following: 1) a descriptive project title, 2) a detailed statement (maximum 4 pages) that clearly explains the objectives and methodology of the research project as well as its scholarly relevance to the topic described above, 3) an up-to-date curriculum vitae, and 4) two letters of reference from scholars with subject expertise in the

area(s) of research (to be forwarded to the CSRS under separate cover). The selection panel may also solicit the opinions of other referees.

Please submit completed applications by e-mail to:
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This fellowship recognizes the academic contributions of Professor Harold Coward, a prominent Canadian scholar of Hinduism, fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and founding director of the Centre for Studies in Religion and Society.

Final selection will be determined by a CSRS-CAPI-CFGS selection committee based on the academic merit of the proposal.

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