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ADVERTISEMENT FOR POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWS (PDFs)

Nalanda University invites applications from exceptionally qualified and motivated scholars for engagement as **Post-Doctoral Fellows (PDFs)** in its various Schools and Departments. The Fellowship aims to promote high-quality research, interdisciplinary scholarship, and academic excellence in areas aligned with the University's vision and research priorities.

The selected Post-Doctoral Fellows shall be affiliated with the respective Schools/Departments and shall undertake research in close coordination with the University's Research and Academic Centres.

1. Schools and Departments

Applications are invited from scholars whose research interests align with the academic domains of the following Schools:

- School of Buddhist Studies, Philosophy and Comparative Religions – Department of Hindu Studies, Department of Philosophy, and Department of Buddhist Studies
- School of Historical Studies – Department of Historical Studies and Department of Archaeology
- School of Ecology and Environmental Studies
- School of Sustainable Development and Management
- School of Languages and Literature/ Humanities –Department of World Literature, Department of Economics, Department of Mathematics, Department of Hindi and Department of Sanskrit
- School of International Relations and Peace Studies
- School of Information Sciences and Technology – Department of Data Science & Artificial Intelligence and Department of Science and Technology Policy Studies

2. Research and Academic Centres

The selected Fellows may be associated with one or more of the following Centres, depending upon the nature of their research and the requirements of the University:

- Kautilya Global Centre for State Capacity
- Centre for Studies in Development and Sustainability
- Centre for South East Asian Studies
- Centre for Bay of Bengal Studies
- Centre for Rural Economy and Sustainable Transformation

3. Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Hold a Ph.D. degree in a relevant discipline from a recognized university/ institution.
- Have an excellent academic record and demonstrated research potential.
- Possess a strong publication record in peer-reviewed journals and/or reputed academic publications supported by a minimum of five research publications in highly reputed peer-reviewed journals.
- Submit a well-conceived research proposal aligned with the objectives of the concerned School and/or Research Centre.

Preference may be given to candidates who have obtained their Ph.D. degree within the last five years.

4. Fellowship and Support

- **Fellowship Amount:** ₹75,000/- (Rupees Seventy-Five Thousand only) per month.
- **Contingency Grant:** Rs.50,000/- per annum.
- Access to the University's academic, library, and research facilities.
- Opportunities for interdisciplinary collaboration with faculty members, Schools, and Research Centres.
- Medical facilities as per university norms
- Accommodation in the Residential Halls and Dining on payment basis, subject to availability and as per University norms.

5. Duration

The Fellowship shall initially be offered for a period of one year, extendable for a further period of one year based on satisfactory performance, availability of fund and recommendations of the concerned School/Centre.

6. Responsibilities of the Fellows

The selected Fellows shall:

- Undertake independent and collaborative research.
- Publish research findings in reputed peer-reviewed journals and academic publications.
- Contribute to research projects, policy papers, monographs, and knowledge products.
- Participate in seminars, workshops, conferences, and academic outreach activities.
- Assist the concerned School/Department and Research Centre in academic, teaching and research initiatives.
- Submit periodic progress reports and a final research report.

7. Selection Procedure

Selection shall be based on:

- Academic and research credentials;
- Quality and relevance of the proposed research project;
- Publications and scholarly achievements;
- Performance in presentation and interview before the duly constituted Selection Committee.

8. Application Procedure and Last Date

Interested candidates should submit the following through the online application portal:

Application Portal: <https://online.nalandauniv.edu.in/>

- Prescribed application Form;
- Detailed Curriculum Vitae;
- Research Proposal (1,500–2,000 words), with a plagiarism report;
- Copies of educational qualifications and Ph.D. degree certificate;
- List of publications with copies of selected publications;
- Two letters of academic recommendation.

Last Date for Submission of Applications: 31st July 2026

The application shall clearly indicate the School/Department and, where applicable, the Research Centre with which the applicant seeks affiliation.

9. General Conditions

- The Fellowship is purely temporary and shall not confer any right to regular appointment in the University.
- The University reserves the right to increase, decrease, or not fill any Fellowship position without assigning any reason.
- Mere fulfilment of eligibility criteria shall not entitle a candidate to be called for interview.
- The University may assign Fellows to a School/Department and Research Centre based on academic suitability and institutional priorities.
- Canvassing in any form shall lead to disqualification.
- Any dispute arising out of this advertisement shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the competent courts in Bihar.

For detailed guidelines and application formats, candidates are advised to visit the University website. Any Queries related to Admissions/Application can be contacted to: admission@nalandauniv.edu.in.

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