

Postdoctoral Research Fellowship in South Asian Studies, the Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Prague, Czech Republic

Description:

The Oriental Institute of the Czech Academy of Sciences, Department of South Asia is offering a post-doctoral research fellowship to scholars who focus on modern or contemporary India and its history, culture, religion or politics. The duration of the position is two years, with an evaluation after one year. The starting date is June 2024, but postponing is negotiable.

Qualifications:

- A Ph.D. degree (received within the last five years) in South Asian Studies, history and/or anthropology of South Asia or other relevant fields. (Candidate must have Ph.D. at time of employment).
- Fluency in written and spoken English
- Working knowledge in at least one Indian language and an ability to work with relevant sources in this language

Responsibilities:

- Produce high-quality academic publications
- Actively participate in the Institute's seminar, workshop and conference-related activities
- Contribute to enhancing the Institute's international networks and outreach

Salary and Benefits:

1400-1800 EUR/month depending on experience. Full health benefits, 5-weeks annual vacation, travel and research stipends, and support for professional development and further study.

To Apply:

Please, submit the following materials:

- 1) CV and Publication List
- 2) Statement of interest/Project proposal (no more than 3 pages)
- 3) Names of 2 references

Please send the materials to Pavel Hons (hons@orient.cas.cz). Any inquiries related to the position may also be directed to Dr. Hons. **Deadline: February 28, 2024**

About the Oriental Institute:

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