

**Central Institute of Indian Languages
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Announcement of Senior Fellowships

1. Introduction:

The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) is an apex institute dealing with the promotion of Indian Languages under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It advises and assists the central government, state government and various government agencies on language policies and related matters. This Institute is often called upon to help fulfill a variety of evaluation requirements of the country involving a number of languages, levels of education, and a range of purposes.

Under the scheme of Fellowships and Scholarships, CIIL is encouraging language-related activities by awarding two (02) **Senior Fellowships** every year. The scheme is operated as per the revised guidelines of Ministry of Education as being implemented by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Council of Science and Industrial Research (CSIR), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The awardees are expected to work on the themes related to the vision statement of this institute. In other words, the recipients of the fellowships are expected to engage in research that yields valuable data or new insights in the field of linguistics and its allied disciplines preferably related to the languages of India.

2. Objectives of the Fellowship Scheme:

The general objective of Senior Fellowships is to provide an opportunity to those who have already completed outstanding research in advanced studies and research in Linguistics and Indian Languages and expected to contribute to the theoretical and conceptual advancement in the above area and through this generate field work based empirical data and contribute to policy making in Indian Universities/Colleges/Institutions as indicated below:

- i. Universities/Institutions/Colleges included under section 2(f) and 12(b) of UGC Act, 1956.
- ii. Deemed to be Universities under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 which are eligible to receive grant in aid from UGC.
- iii. Universities/Institutions/Colleges funded by Central/ State Govt.
- iv. Institutes of National Importance.

And the specific objectives are:

- a) To provide opportunities to distinguished scholars to pursue research in the field of Linguistics and its allied disciplines and Indian languages from different disciplinary perspectives.
- b) To engage themselves on a whole time basis to build the knowledge base of linguistics and languages in the contemporary context and also

research schemes of the institute, preferably among the major areas of investigation identified by CIIL and its schemes.

3. Scope of the Senior Fellowships:

The senior fellowships are intended to enable scholars to pursue research in Linguistics, Indian languages and related disciplines. The senior fellows are expected to stay at CIIL and pursue their research. However, they will be permitted to go out for their field work/attending seminars/conferences or any other appropriate academic activities after getting prior approval from the competent authority.

The Institute encourages original thinking in the conceptualization of the problem and use of innovative methodology in the conduct of the research related to language education.

4. Eligibility for Senior Fellow:

- 4.1 The scholar must possess a Ph.D. degree in Linguistics/in any of the Indian Languages disciplines with outstanding research publications at the time of application.
- 4.2 The CIIL Senior Fellowships are offered to those who have proven expertise in Linguistics and Indian languages with a Ph.D. degree and have served as Professors/Associate professors. Senior Scholars/Academics of Indian universities with comparable status in Linguistics and allied disciplines and Indian languages, who have research experience demonstrable through publications of books/research papers/reports can also apply.
- 4.3 The maximum duration of the fellowship is two years.
- 4.4 The value of the fellowship is Rs.40,000 per month and contingency grant is Rs.40,000/- per annum. irrespective of the pensionary benefits.
- 4.5 Under Salary protection, a fellow is entitled to salary and allowances admissible at the parent institution and a contingency grant of Rs. 40,000/- per annum.

5. Other conditions:

- 5.1 While accepting senior fellowship from CIIL, a fellow should not be in receipt of any other fellowship from any other University/Institute.
- 5.2 In service applicants will have to enclose a No Objection Certificate along with the application.
- 5.3 Each senior fellow will be required to present a seminar at the completion of each year.
- 5.4 During the course of the fellowship, the research fellows are required to publish at least two research papers (one in an indexed journal and one Monograph/Book) on the theme of the research undertaken.
- 5.5 The research undertaken by the fellow shall be reviewed periodically/time to time and the fellowship being granted by the

- institute may be discontinued if the progress in the research is found unsatisfactory.
- 5.6 The fellow shall prominently acknowledge CIIL's support in all the publications resulting from the research output of the fellowship and should submit a copy of the same to the Institute.
 - 5.7 The fellowship will commence from the date of his/her joining this institute initially, for a period of one year (extendable for one more year for deserving candidates) or till the date of the submission of the Monograph/Book/ research report, whichever is earlier.
 - 5.8 The amount of fellowship of the last three months and contingency payable for the final quarter will be released only on satisfactory completion of the research and submission of the research report to the Institute for evaluation.
 - 5.9 A fellow is not entitled for the same type of fellowship more than once.
 - 5.10 The contingency grant may be utilized for the purchase of books, stationery, e-accessories and the field work expenses related to the research.
 - 5.11 Books/periodicals/equipments purchased by the scholar out of the contingency grant should be deposited with the Institute. A certificate to this effect may be submitted along with the quarterly report.
 - 5.12 The final report submitted by the scholar will be considered satisfactory only after its evaluation by the Institute.
 - 5.13 The Institute reserves the right to reject any application or withdraw/cancel the fellowship without assigning any reason. The final authority related to the interpretation of the guidelines or any other issues left/undiscussed above is vested with the Director, CIIL.

6. Selection Procedure:

Shortlisted candidates will be required to appear for an interview, which may also include presentation of the proposals. Candidates will be paid AC II tier train fare by the shortest route for attending the interview.

7. Reservation:

Reservation will be applicable as per the Government of India norms.

8. Disbursement of Fellowship:

The Institute will credit the monthly fellowship to the account of the Fellow(s) through PFMS/online transfer. For this, each Fellow will be required to submit a 'Certificate of Attendance and Satisfactory Work Performance' to the Institute CIIL on a quarterly basis. The disbursement/release of the monthly fellowship from second quarter onwards will be subject to the receipt of the said certificate. Annual contingency grant to the extent of actual expenditure incurred per annum will also be credited to the account of the fellow(s) after receipt and scrutiny of the bills/vouchers submitted by the fellow(s) duly signed and countersigned by the research supervisor/the competent authority.

9. Monitoring of Work:

Senior Fellows will be required to submit monthly progress reports to the Officer In Charge, Fellowships and Scholarships Scheme, CIIL. A Committee of experts will review the progress. Also, a research colloquium will be held annually where the Fellows will present the progress of their research. If the progress of the research is found unsatisfactory, CIIL reserves the right to terminate the fellowship at any point of time.

10. Leave Rules:

Leave permissible during the period of fellowship will be followed as per the guidelines regarding grant of leave to the project staff working in CIIL.

11. Publication of the Monograph/Book/research report:

After the completion of the research work, the Senior Fellows will be required to submit a hard bound copy of Monograph/Book/research report, the research project report (along with a soft-copy) to the Institute. CIIL will consider publication of the completed research in an appropriate form. The Fellow can apply for permission to publish his/her work on his own.

12. Application Procedure:

Online submission of applications is preferred. To apply, please visit the online application portal of CIIL at <https://apply.ciil.org/> latest by 21 May 2024. In exceptional circumstances, applications complete in all respects can be submitted by email to fellowships.ciil@gmail.com latest by 21 May 2024.

In addition to the copies of academic qualifications and work experience, an application should be accompanied by a concept paper of about 2500-3000 words on the theme of the proposed research, containing statements about (a) the rationale and objectives of the study, (b) the conceptual framework, (c) the proposed methodology, and (d) the potential contribution of the study. The online submission portal is open till 21 May 2024.

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