



CALL FOR APPLICATIONS
FOR
Doctoral/Post-Doctoral Fellowships, 2014

The Institute of Rural Research and Development (IRRAD) invites applications from doctoral/post-doctoral candidates for its research fellowship programme to work on rural development projects in the selected districts of India including Mewat district of Haryana and Alwar district of Rajasthan. The research fellowship will largely focus on analysing rural poverty and livelihood system dynamics of the communities and sustainability of IRRAD's development interventions. Interested candidates must submit a research proposal on any of the following research themes:

1. Influence of changing agronomy on economics of crops such as wheat and mustard in semi-arid regions of India
2. Comparative research study of the performance of water-management institutions in the semi-arid villages of India
3. Enhancing community participation through capacity building
4. Comparative research study of Panchayati Raj Institutions (PRIs) policies in Rajasthan and Haryana
5. Understanding changing gender roles through various interfaces of rural development
6. Relevance of integrating indigenous communication tools with technological innovations to effect wider dissemination of development discourses
7. Facilitators and impediments in capturing gender disaggregated data for water, sanitation and hygiene in India

The research proposal must explain the need of the study, objective, research questions, literature review, methodology and scope of the study. The research proposal should not exceed 2500 words. The applicant can be a full time researcher or a Ph.D. student. The fellowship will include a total grant of Rs. 1,80,000/-. The duration of the fellowship is six months and can be held for a single continuous period between January 2014 and June 2014 and may be extended to December 2014. A stand-alone report and final research paper published (or considered for publication) in a peer-reviewed journal is mandatory, which is to be submitted at the end of the term by the selected applicant. In case the study includes primary data collection in intervention areas of IRRAD, additional facilities such as residential accommodation, local transportation and field staff support shall be provided.

Interested candidates can submit their research proposal together with curriculum vitae focusing on prior research work experience and/or research publications along with two references including one academic reference to research@irrad.org. The last date of submission is November 15, 2013. For more details please visit our website www.irrad.org.

About IRRAD

IRRAD is an initiative of S.M. Sehgal Foundation, registered as a trust since 1999. IRRAD is dedicated to improving lives and securing a brighter future for rural communities — focusing on water management, small-scale agriculture, and good village local governance. IRRAD implements impact-driven models for rural development; builds capacities of villagers and local institutions, with emphasis on women's empowerment; and advances research and policy dialogue as a knowledge center on rural issues. IRRAD works with communities in Mewat and Alwar districts and provides technical expertise on specific projects in other locales within India.