



IKS Postdoctoral Fellowships 2025-26

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Dates to Remember

Proposals Due by	28 th February, 2025
Announcement of Awards	31 st March 2025
Funding Available	15 th April 2025
Half Yearly Progress Report Due	1 st September 2025
Annual Progress Report Due	31 st March 2026
Half Yearly Progress Report Due	1 st September 2026
Final Report Due	31 st March 2027
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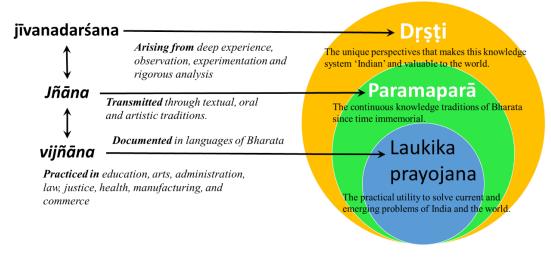
Proposal Submission link: <u>https://forms.gle/7mAs2qYFmTu4wF2m9</u>

About Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) Division

Home to the oldest continuously living civilization of the world, the Indian subcontinent has been a knowledge and manufacturing powerhouse of the world for most of the known history. A Dharmic culture that emphasized the development of all dimensions of humanity withan emphasis on living in harmony with oneself, one's environment, and the universe at large. It is becoming very apparent from the recent developments around the world that the current models of development are unsustainable and are in serious conflict with nature. The rising inequalities in the modern world point to a dire need for new paradigms of development.

There is an Indian way that is both sustainable and strives for the welfare of all. The grand vision for the IKS Division of Ministry of Education is to initiate a process of training generations of scholars who will show the 'Indian way' to the world. If we want to become the Knowledge Leader in this century and be the 'Viśvaguru', it is imperative that we regain a comprehensive knowledge of our heritage and demonstrate the 'Indian way' of doing things to the entire world. Therefore, the IKS Division of Ministry of Education has been established with a vision to promote interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research on all aspects of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), update and disseminate IKS knowledge for further innovations and societal applications.

The Indian Knowledge System comprises of Jnan, Vignan, and Jeevan Darshan of the people of Bharat continuously arising out of deep experience, observation, experimentation and rigorous analysis, with a tradition of validating and putting into practice in several areas including education, arts, administration, law, justice, health, manufacturing, and commerce, documented in classical and other languages of Bharat, and transmitted through textual, oral and artistic traditions.



Vision and Mission

The objective of the IKS Division for the next 12 years is to completely decolonize Indian mind by generating interest and healthy critical reverence to the unbroken knowledge traditions of Bhārata for the welfare of the world. To achieve this objective, the vision of the IKS division for the next five years will be to rejuvenate and mainstream Indian knowledge systems for the contemporary world.

The primary goal of the IKS division is to bridge the gap between the traditional Indian knowledge systems and contemporary knowledge systems. The IKS division will continue to focus on three fundamental principles when undertaking any activity:

Paramaparā: Embracing the rich heritage and lineage of Indian knowledge systems, the IKS division aims to uphold and carry forward the wisdom that has been passed down through generations. The goal is to highlight and nurture the continuous unbroken knowledge traditions of Bharata since time immemorial.

Drsti: The unique perspectives provided make this knowledge system 'Indian' and valuable to the world. Indian knowledge systems offer a unique perspective that holds immense value in addressing contemporary and emerging challenges. By combining traditional wisdom with modern knowledge, we can find holistic solutions that transcend the limitations of either approach.

Laukik Prayojana: The practical utility of the Indian knowledge system to solve current and emerging problems of Indian and the world. To ensure the practicality and impact of IKS projects, emphasis is placed on developing knowledge systems that are relevant to the present. By focusing on areas of societal importance, such as health, technology, and social well-being, IKS projects strive to make a tangible difference.

Functions of IKS Division:

- Facilitate and coordinate IKS based/related inter and transdisciplinary work done by various institutions in India and abroad including Universities, Institutions of national importance, R&D Laboratories and different ministries and inspire private sector organizations to engage with it.
- 2) Establish, guide and monitor subject-wise interdisciplinary research groups comprising of researchers from institutes, centers and individuals.
- 3) Create and promote popularization schemes.
- 4) Facilitate funding of various projects and develop mechanisms to undertake research.
- 5) Make Policy recommendations wherever required for the promotion of IKS.

Nature of outputs expected from this program: The deliverables of this program must support the IKS division in implementation of NEP 2020 in the area of IKS.

Copyright: The IKS Division will retain the right for using/disseminating all the materials created and curated in various internship projects without paying any further royalties. The contributing authors will maintain their authorship of all the documents, but copyright will be with the IKS division of Ministry of Education. The IKS Division of Ministry of Education retains the full copyright for all materials produced by projects. The intention is to put all the materials from this program in the public domain for free access by all.

Overview of the Postdoctoral Fellowship Program of IKS Division of MoE

The Postdoctoral Fellowship Program of the Indian Knowledge Systems is designed to encourage and fund young scholars to conduct impactful research that will contribute to the research mission of the IKS Division. Our goal is to make catalytic grants that encourage original, serious, and deep scholarly research in the Indian Knowledge Systems and rejuvenate IKS research in India. The funds available to support the Fellowship Scheme are discretionary funds provided by the Ministry of Education, Govt. of India to support the activities of the IKS Division. The level of funding available for the program each year is determined by the MoE, Govt. of India.

Fellowship will support postdoctoral scholars conducting research that may eventually lead to deeper understanding or practical products or to solutions to contemporary problems as a top priority. The research proposals must be interdisciplinary, involving the study of the traditional concepts, methods, technologies, or approaches using the modern tools and approaches wherever necessary, in order to solve contemporary societal problems or develop deeper understanding of the Indian Knowledge Systems. Research proposals should be collaborative and involve traditional scholars/scholars well versed with the traditional texts and practices and compare them wherever possible to the developments in modern sciences.

This call for fellowships has the following research priority areas. We may not fund any fellowships in a thematic area if we do not receive high quality proposals.

- 1. आन्वीक्षिकी विभाग / Vedic Philosophical and Cognitive Sciences
- 2. इतिहास एवं सभ्यता विभाग / Historical and Civilizational Sciences
- 3. लौकिकशास्त्र विभाग / Contemporary Social / Cultural Sciences
- 4. गणित-भौत-ज्यौतिष विभाग / Mathematical, Physical and Astronomical Sciences
- 5. वाग्विभाग / Speech and Linguistics
- 6. राजनीति एवं अर्थशास्त्र विभाग / Political, Economic and Strategic sciences
- 7. भैषज्य एवं आरोग्य विभाग / Medical and Health sciences
- 8. द्रव्य-गुण-संयोग विभाग / Culinary, Nutritional and Pharmacological Sciences
- 9. कृषि एवं पशुपाल्य विभाग) वार्ता विभाग / Agricultural Science, Veterinary and Animal Husbandry
- 10. गांधर्व विभाग / Performing Arts
- 11. यांत्रिक एवं नव्य अभियांत्रिकी विभाग / Mechanical & Digital Design & Engineering
- 12. वास्तु विभाग / Civil and Architectural Science
- 13. शिल्प-आलेख्य विभाग / Fine Arts and Sculpture
- 14. रस-धातु विभाग / Chemical, Metallurgical & Material Sciences
- 15. अलङ्कारादि विभाग / Fashion and Interior Design
- 16. शैक्षणिक-क्रीड़नीयक विभाग / Edutainment Sciences

Fellowship Eligibility Criteria/Preparation and Submission Instructions

The IKS is inviting applications for postdoctoral fellowships to support innovative and interdisciplinary research in the field of IKS. This program aims to nurture a new generation of scholars who can delve deep into India's rich intellectual heritage and contribute to its revitalization.

Fellow Eligibility:

- The applicant should be an Indian citizen/OCI.
- The applicant must have obtained Ph.D degree from a recognized University. Those who have submitted their PhD thesis and are awaiting award of the degree are also eligible to apply. However, such candidates, if selected, will be offered lower fellowship amount till they qualify the eligible degree
- The upper age limit for the fellowship is 35 years at the time of the submission of application, age will be calculated by taking the date of closure of the respective call. Age relaxation of 5 (five) years will be given to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Physically Challenged & Women candidates
- IKS PDF can be availed only once by a candidate in his/her career.
- Independent researchers without an institutional affiliation or students currently pursuing any UG/PG degree are not eligible to apply as Post-Doctoral Fellows.

Mentor Eligibility:

- The mentor should hold a regular academic or research position in the host institution. The fellowship cannot be availed with the doctoral thesis supervisor or co-supervisor as a mentor.
- Mentor must hold an academic/research position in a recognized institution in India, should hold a Ph.D. degree.
- A Mentor shall not have more than two IKS PDF fellows at any given time.
- Faculty members in any Govt. recognized educational institutions (private/public), Acharyas in any gurukula or pathashala, practicing artists with a minimum of 3 years' experience in teaching and learning are eligible to be the Co-Mentors.

Nature & Duration of Support

- The fellowship is tenable only in India and can be implemented in any of the recognized academic institutions, national laboratories and other recognized R & D institutions. The host institution should provide necessary administrative and infrastructural support.
- The fellows will not be allowed to work with the Ph.D. guide/co-guide. It is also normally not availed at the same Department / institution where the candidates have earned their PhD degree.
- The fellowship is purely a temporary assignment for a period of 2 years.

Monitoring of Fellowship

• Regular monitoring of Fellowship is done on the basis of Six Monthly and Annual Progress Reports in the prescribed format submitted by the scholar. In case of delayed Progress Reports, the scholar may be asked to give the justification of the delay on which the final decision shall be taken by the IKS Division.

- During the course of the fellowship, the fellow is required to publish at least two research papers in peer-reviewed research journals on the theme of the research undertaken.
- The scholars must give due acknowledgement to IKS Division while getting their research papers published.

Fellows must submit only one proposal. The proposal can be submitted in any Indian Language included in the Eighth Schedule or in English.

- 1. Proposal(s) should focus on research important to IKS's research mission. Research may be basic or applied. Preference will be given to proposals that may eventually lead to practical products or practices or leads to solutions to contemporary problems.
- 2. <u>It is mandatory requirement that the fellow must have at least one person (Mentor or Co-Mentor) who</u> <u>can read the primary text without the aid or any translations.</u>
- 3. Joint, interdisciplinary projects are preferred, and encouraged.
- 4. The typical awards for fellowships are Rs. 1.0 lakh (fixed) per month, contingency will be Rs. 2.0 Lakhs per annum and conference travel and publishing costs will be Rs. 1.0 lakh per annum over a period of two years.
- 5. Fellowships must be **completed within two years from the start of the fellowship** unless an extension isgranted at least four months before the end of the fellowship.
- 6. Proposal deadline is mentioned on the first page of this document. Proposals mustbe submitted through online link given on the first page of this document only. <u>Anyother form of submissions will</u> not be considered. *Late proposals will not be accepted for any reason*.
- 7. Results will be announced, and fellowship will start from April 2025 or in the academic year 2025-2026.
- 8. Progress reports are due 1st September 2025, 31st March 2026 and 1st September 2026. The research carried out in the fellowship will be reviewed at the end of one year (January, 2026) by a committee. Future fellowship will be made only upon favorable recommendations.
- 9. Final reports are due 31st March 2027. Besides a detailed report, IKS division requests that a no more than 300-word simple language summary (Suitable for publicly posting on the webpage) and several photos of your work be submitted with each report. These may be used in IKS's annual report or on our website.
- 10. Change of Mentor/Host Institution is generally discouraged and can be allowed only in exceptional cases. Change of Host Institution shall be undertaken only after obtaining due approval from IKS Division. The new host institute in any case should not be the institution from which the applicant has worked for his Ph.D. or obtained his Ph.D. degree. The transfer of the fellowship along with balance grant and the assets to the new institute is allowed, provided the administrative authority of both institutes agree in writing. NOC from the previous host institute and Endorsement Form from the new host Institute & new Mentor must be sent to IKS Division through email.
- 11. Please prepare the proposal as per the proposal guidelines given below. Failure to follow these proposal guidelines will result in your proposal not being reviewed or funded.
 - <u>Please use the proposal template provided.</u> If you use the version at the end of this document, you will need to adjust pagination and margins. <u>Proposals that do not follow the template will be rejected</u> <u>without review.</u> There will be no further communication entertained if the proposal does not follow the template provided.
 - Use the signature page provided and make it a separate page in your document.
 - Complete the cover page provided. Make it a separate page in your document.

- The proposal body with appropriate references should not be more than ten (10)pages long. Please write your proposal in clear simple language and do not list references unless you cite them.
- Use 1-inch margins on all sides, single line spacing, at least 11-point font.
- Please place page numbers at bottom center of the pages.
 - a. A complete proposal includes the following separate documents (*as a Single pdf with below all documents only*):
 - Document 1: Cover page
 - Document 2: Proposal narrative
 - Document 3: Applicant resume
 - Document 4: Mentor and Co-Mentor resumes
 - Document 5: Undertaking Certificate by the applicant
 - Document 6: Mentor signature and institutional approval pages
- Whole document file must be <100MB.
- Once your proposal is finalized, save as a PDF file using this naming format YOURLASTNAME_IKS_PDF1. If you are submitting two proposals, add asuffix identifier to each file name, i.e., YOURLASTNAME_IKS_PDF1_projectname
- 12. Submission Process
 - · Please visit the IKS Division website and fill the details here: iksindia.org
 - Upload your PDF proposal files (<100 MB) and then press the submit button
- 13. Budget Distribution:

The fellows will be entitled to receive the grants as given below for Fellowship

- 1. Salary: Salaries for research fellowships Rs. 1,00,000/- per month (fixed) PI or Co-PI salaries/honorariums are NOT supported.
- 2. Contingency (Rs. 2,00,000/- per annum)
- 3. Conference travel and Publishing costs (Rs. 1,00,000/- per annum)

Contingency grant can be used for minor equipment, consumables. There is no provision for providing manpower support under this scheme. The Fellow is expected to undertake the research objectives by himself/herself during the entire duration of the fellowship.

Termination of the Fellowship

- If any fellow wishes to terminate the fellowship, he/she shall inform IKS Division through the mentor and host institute immediately. The implementing institute should not incur any expenditure from the date of termination of the project or the date of resignation of PI. The institute will also arrange for submission of documents mentioned above.
- IKS Division reserves the right to terminate the Fellowship at any stage if it is convinced that appropriate progress is not being made or the grant has not been utilized properly.
- The implementing institute should not incur any expenditure from the date of termination of the project or the date of resignation of fellow.

Leave

IKS PDFs are entitled to leave as per rules of the host institution. Participation in scientific workshops, IKS Conferences/Seminars/Workshops held in India will be treated as on duty. The Fellows/Mentors must plan on attending the Annual IKS Symposium/conference. Maternity leave as per the Govt. of India instructions issued from time to time would be available to female candidates in all categories.

Review Process

- 1. We will follow a blind three phase peer review process.
- 2. The rating criteria that will be used by the reviewers are given in the next section.
- 3. All proposals will be reviewed by multiple independent experts.
- 4. There will be a presentation before an expert committee for final selection.
- 5. The Fellows in Phase III will receive the average scores for their proposal, and the reviewer comments. The minimum cutoff score for the selected proposals will also be shared in the interest of process integrity and transparency.

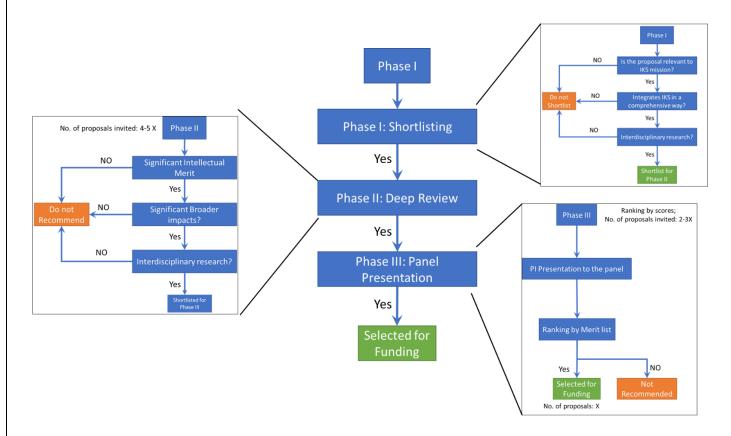


Figure 1. Overview of the three-phase review process

Proposal Rating Criteria

The following criteria will be used by the reviewers of your proposal to evaluate and rankyour proposal against others. Please think about these questions carefully and answer them clearly in your proposal using the proposal structure specified.

- Are the research plan and goals clearly stated and **understandable**? (10 points)
- · Is this project **relevant** to IKS Division's mission and focus areas? (20 points)
- Does the proposed research address a **significant** problem or potential? To what extentis the proposed research **original, innovative, or new**? (20 points)
- Will the results of this study be **useful**? Might they **make a difference**? What are the **economic/environmental/social** benefits of this research? (15 points)
- Does the proposed **budget seem appropriate** for the work to be executed in the project? (10 points)
- Does the PI and the team have necessary competence, prior experience and expertise to undertake the proposed research in the proposed topic? (25 points)

Strength of the proposal (up to 100 words): Please list the specific strengths of the proposal. Weakness of the proposal (up to 100 words): Please list the specific weaknesses of the proposalif any.

NOT withstanding the weaknesses do you think that there are some specific reasons due towhich the project may still be considered for support?

Summary Statement (up to 100 words): Please indicate whether this proposal should be supported or not.

Further guidance on proposal preparation

Considerations in preparing your proposal:

- 1. The charge of the IKS is to support **research in Indian Knowledge Systems** that will make meaningful contributions to the furtherance of IKS.
- 2. A good proposal will emphasize how the proposed research is intended to contribute towards the IKS's mission either in the near future or by leading to major developments in the long run. Simply satisfying curiosity or compiling data for a refereed paper will not be in the interest of the IKS Division and will not impress the reviewers.
- 3. *The fellowships must strictly be related to IKS themes.* Proposals which are not within the scopeof this solicitation will be rejected in Phase 1 review (internal review process) without any further communication in this regard. Proposals must have clear scope that can be completed in two years. The proposals must have clear quantifiable deliverables. Writing a comprehensive report is required for all proposals. For fellowships that involve performing arts, a comprehensive multimedia documentation is expected.

Is an IKS project	Is NOT an IKS project
Study of mortar composition used inolder bridges/forts/temples.	Study of bridges and ships in a locality.
Documenting and evaluating the watertreatment methods practiced by communities.	Monitoring plastic pollution in a river.
Studying the relevance and applicabilityof Chanakya's arthashastra is relevant for solving current societal problems.	Studying the economic theories of Adam Smith or MMT.
Study of port construction in Dholaviraand Lothal and estimating the capacity of those ports.	Studying ships in a port.
A study of the influence of Sanskrit education on the cognitive abilities of the students.	Visiting schools to see how Sanskrit education is imparted.
Identifying the contextual and etymological meanings of the words (ex.Dharma, nyaya, papa, punya) in a purana for the current societal context.	Enumerating the occurrences of words (ex. Dharma, nyaya, papa, punya) in a purana

Table 1. Examples of what qualify/do not qualify as an IKS project

- 4. Clear communication is the key: Proposals that clearly specify the contribution of the research will score higher.
- 5. Because conveying the results of research to potential users is important, requesting funds for defraying costs of such activities is permitted.
- 6. We do not fund acquisition or construction of facilities (bricks and mortar). Funding will not be provided to better equip your laboratory or facilitate other work.
- 7. Research that is original and innovative tends to be favored. If appropriate, describe to what extent your proposed study fits this description.
- 8. Future funding is difficult to predict but tell us how the results of your research might help lead to future grant funding from other sources.
- 9. Please keep in mind that funds to finance this research are limited. We will make a call on the number of fellowships to be funded based on the availability of funds.
- 10. Please ensure that you cite all your references in your text. All proposals must include at least one primary text in the references. Please do not use web links to journal articles.

General Terms and Conditions:

- 1. The funds will be released to the awardee Institution/Organization only.
- 2. The grant does not allow any provision for construction of any building or acquiring vehicles, establishment of or purchase of new research facility lab, Office Furniture, etc.
- 3. Funding cannot be transferred to other institutions without the prior approval of IKS Division.
- 4. The fellows are not eligible to receive any other fellowship from any Government or Non-Governmental source during the tenure of the fellowship.
- 5. All the procurement should be as per procedure laid down in GFR.
- 6. IKS Division reserves sole rights on the assets created out of grants. Assets acquired wholly or substantially out of government grants (except those declared as obsolete and unserviceable or condemned in accordance with the procedure laid down in GFR), shall not be disposed of without obtaining the prior approval of IKS Division.
- 7. The Organization/Institution will maintain separate audited accounts for the Project. If it is found expedient to keep a part or whole of the grant in a bank account earning interest, the interest thus earned should be reported to IKS and should be reflected in the UC, Payment & Receipt Column. The interest thus earned will be treated as a credit to the Organisation and to be adjusted towards further instalment of the grant.
- 8. All submitted progress reports must be the original work of the author(s). Plagiarism, in any form, will not be tolerated. Progress reports found to contain plagiarism will be rejected. No further funding will be disbursed.
- 9. The Organisation will not entrust the implementation of the work (except the out-sourced part as approved) for which the grant has been sanctioned to any other Organisation nor will it divert the grant receipts to any other Organisation as assistance. In case the Organisation is not in a position to implement or complete the Project, it should forthwith, refund to IKS Division the entire grant received by it or the balance grant remaining with it.
- 10. All the assets acquired from the grant given by IKS Division will be the property of the IKS Division and should not, without the prior sanction of the IKS Division, be disposed-off or encumbered or utilized for purposes other than those for which the grant has been sanctioned.
- 11. IKS Division reserves the right to terminate the fellowship at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilised or satisfactory progress is not being made.
- 12. The fellowship is taxable under the Income Tax rules of India. The comptroller & Auditor General of India, at his discretion, shall have the right of access to the books and accounts of the Institute/organisation maintained in respect of the grant received for the project from the IKS Division.
- 13. Any un-spent balance out of the amount sanctioned must be surrendered to the IKS Division through a crossed RTGS/Online or Demand Draft drawn in favour of IKS Division, MoE.
- 14. In case of Exemption of the Guidelines & Terms and Conditions, IKS Division of Ministry of Education would be empowered to take suitable decision.
- 15. Investigators wishing to publish technical/ scientific papers based on the research work done under the fellowship should acknowledge the support received from IKS Division, indicating the Programme. Investigators are expected to publish a few of their research papers emerging out of the fellowship in leading Indian Journals.
- 16. Change of Mentor/Host Institution is generally discouraged and can be allowed only in exceptional cases. Change of Host Institution shall be undertaken only after obtaining due approval from IKS Division. The new host institute in any case should not be the institution from which the applicant has worked for his Ph.D. or obtained his Ph.D. degree. The transfer of the fellowship along with balance grant and the assets to the new institute is allowed, provided the administrative authority of both institutes agree in writing. NOC from the previous host institute and Endorsement Form from the new host Institute & new Mentor must be sent to IKS Division through email.

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IKS POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM: 2025-2026

PROPOSAL COVER PAGE (not included in page limit)

Proposal title:

Researcher (Fellow):

Name:

Age:

Department:

Institution:

Email address:

Phone number:

Mentor:

Co-Mentor (if any):

I certify that I will lead the fellowship and complete all the tasks outlined in the proposal. I certifythat a complete project report will be submitted at the end of the project and the funding support from IKS Division of MoE will be acknowledged in any publication resulting from this work.

Applicant Signature:

Mentor Signature:

Date

Date

2025-26 IKS POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROPOSAL BODY

(Ten--page limit; Proposals that exceed the word limits for individual sections will be returned without

review)

Overview of the project (250 words): What is the project about? Describe the project idea here.

Contribution to the IKS Mission (250 words): How does this project contribute to the IKS mission?

Justification (500 words): Please provide a justification for the project and its importance.

Objectives and timelines (250 words): Please provide a clear list of specific objectives for this project. One-Three objectives a reasonable for this RFP. Clear and specific objectives will be givenhigher weightage.

Project Intellectual merit (500 words): What are the questions that will be addressedunder the proposed research? Describe the unique contributions of this project to IKS (with respect to *Gyan/Parampara, Vigyan/Laukik Prayojana* and *Jeevan Darshan/Drishti*) with a focus on

- Epistemology (प्रमाणपद्धतिः)
- Ontology (जगद्दष्टिः/प्रमेयशास्त्रम्)
- Methodology (पद्धतिः/विधिः/तन्त्रं/न्यायविधानम्)

Project broader impacts (250 words): What are the broader (Societal, economic andenvironmental impacts?

Outputs and outcomes of the proposal (250 words): What are the outputs and outcomes of the project? Please prepare a list of specific outcomes and outputs. DO NOT use paragraphs to describe the outputs/outcomes.

Procedures (1000 words): Please provide a summary of the procedures that will be used in this project. While writing the summary of the procedures ensure to provide with adequate references to literature.

Project team expertise (250 words): Please tell us about the prior experience of the Mentor and the Co-Mentor in the proposed topic. What are the facilities available to the team to perform the research work outlined in the proposal? Expertise existing with each of the investigators in terms of preliminary results, to execute every component of the proposal should be highlighted.

Specific roles of Co-Mentor and Cooperator(s), if listed on cover page (250 words): What are the specific roles of the team members? The team must include substantial contribution from all members. If the proposal contains more than one investigator, it is important to clearly mention the role of each Investigator in implementing the objectives of the proposal.

Timelines (100 words): Indicate timelines for project tasks and schedule of activities givingmilestones through BAR diagram.

References cited (*not included in the page limit*):

- **Primary References:** Cannot be left blank. Must include at least one primary text. Primary references are the original texts pertaining to the research proposed. These are typically in Sanskrit or other Bharateeya bhasas. The team must have at least one person who can read the primary text without the aid or any translations.
- **Translated primary texts and Secondary References:** These pertain to the translations of the primary texts into various languages including English. Secondary references refer to the texts/articles such as commentaries for the primary texts.
- **Other references:** All other pertinent references are included here.

Mentor Resume Format (Do not exceed two pages for each Mentor. The resumes are not included in the page limit)

- 1. Name:
- 2. Correspondence Address:
- 3. Email:
- 4. Contact Numbers:
- 5. Institution:
- 6. Academic Qualification:
- 7. Work Experience (in chronological order):
- 8. Professional Recognition/Award/Prize/Certificate, Fellowship:
- 9. Peer Reviewed Publications:
- 10. Details of Patents (if any):
- 11. Books/Reports/Chapters/General Articles etc.:
- 12. Ongoing/completed Projects during the last 5 years:
- 13. Your competence to undertake this project (Maximum 500 words):
- 14. Any other information (Maximum 500 words):

Certificate from the Mentor (Not included in the page limit)

Project Title:

It is certified that

- 1. The same project proposal has not been submitted elsewhere for financial support.
- 2. I undertake that spare time on equipment procured in the project will be made available to other users.
- **3**. I agree to submit ethical clearance certificate from the concerned ethical committee, if the project involves field trails/experiments/exchange of specimens, human & animal materials etc.
- 4. The research work proposed in the scheme/project does not in any way duplicate the work already done or being carried out elsewhere on the subject.
- 5. I agree to abide by the terms and conditions of IKS Division of MoE grant.

Signature of the Mentor Name of the Mentor Affiliation & Institution of the Mentor Date: Place:

Endorsement from the Head of the Institution (Not included in the page limit)

This is to certify that:

- 1. Certified that the Institute welcomes participation of ______as the fellow under the Mentor ______and _____as the Co- Mentor for the project titled ______, and that in the unforeseen event of discontinuance by the Mentor, the Co- Mentor will assume the responsibility of the fruitful completion of the project with due information to IKS Division of MoE.
- 2. The date of fellowship starts from the date on which the Institute receives the grant from Indian Knowledge Systems Division of MoE, New Delhi.
- 3. The Fellow will be governed by the rules and regulations of Institute and will be under administrative control of the Institute for the duration of the fellowship.
- 4. The grant-in-aid by the IKS Division of MoE, New Delhi will be used to meet the expenditure on the project and for the period for which the project has been sanctioned as mentioned in the sanction order.
- 5. No administrative or other liability will be attached to the IKS Division of MoE, New Delhi at the end of the project.
- 6. The Institute will provide basic infrastructure and other required facilities to the fellow for undertaking the fellowship.
- 7. All assets generated by the fellowship will become the property of the Institute, and their disposal will be at the discretion of the IKS Division of MoE, New Delhi.
- 8. The Institute assumes to undertake the financial and other management responsibilities of the fellowship.

Signature of the Head of the Institution with seal

Date: