

Sonipat, January 2022



The Department of Philosophy, Ashoka University, in Sonipat, Haryana, is looking to fill

two **fixed term post-doctoral positions**

Start-date and duration

The post-docs should be able to start in **March 2022** (there is some leeway to negotiate the exact joining date). The position is available for **up to 2 years, non-renewable**, subject to **annual review** of performance, and ends at the latest at the end of the Spring in **May 2024**.

The salary is competitive and includes a housing allowance for accommodation near campus, which is located in the Kundli area near Sonipat.

Note that for these positions, visa sponsorship is not available.

What we are looking for:

AOS/AOC are **open**. We are a very open-minded department. What matters to us is not what area of Philosophy you prefer, but that you can talk and write about it **clearly, concisely, compellingly, and in an original manner**. On these latter issues, our standards are particularly high.

Position profile:

Both positions are associated with Dr. Rosenhagen's project of working towards creating increased cohesion among Philosophers working in India and, eventually, a pan-Indian Philosophical Association. In the context of this project, the postdocs will be involved in assisting him with

- organizing and conducting various workshops and at least one international capacity building conference;
- creating and expanding various data bases related to Philosophers in India;
- liaising with ICPR, the Philosophical Congress, other Philosophy departments, and other relevant organizations if and when necessary.

Given the nature of this project, applicants familiar with and well-connected within the Indian academic landscape in Philosophy will receive special consideration.

Apart from executing these tasks, postdocs will of course be expected to

- conduct their own research and work towards publications in international peer-reviewed journals;
- contribute to the department's overall research activities, attend workshops, talks by visiting speakers, etc.

The members of the Ashoka Philosophy department are committed to high standards of excellence with respect to pedagogy and professional conduct. The postdocs may be given the opportunity to observe and assist with the teaching of an Ashoka faculty member to familiarize themselves with how at Ashoka, philosophy courses are run. Given a positive evaluation by the faculty member and approval by the department, they may be granted the opportunity to teach independently in their own area of specialization.

Application materials:

Applicants must have their Ph.D. in hand or must have completed all their requirements by the date of joining. To receive full consideration, applicants should submit their materials by **Feb 10, 2022**. These include:

- a cover letter detailing the applicant's fit for the position
- a CV
- a teaching portfolio
- a writing sample (published or unpublished) that showcases the applicant's ability to write clearly, concisely, compellingly, and originally in their area of expertise and that also contains a concise abstract of the paper
- a copy of the applicant's degrees and official certified transcripts from the Universities the applicant was enrolled in
- recent teaching evaluations (if available)
- at least two letters of recommendation

Except for the letters and the writing sample, all materials should be sent to philosophy@ashoka.edu.in in one PDF;

- the **writing sample** should be added separately in the same email
- **letters of recommendation** must be submitted by the referees to the same email account.

Selection process:

The selection will be conducted in two stages. Applications will first go through an initial screening, followed by an online interview by a panel of experts at Ashoka University. The decision of the interview panel regarding the suitability of the candidate will be final and no further correspondence in this regard will be encouraged. The selection process shall continue until the positions are filled.

Questions regarding the position and the process should be addressed via email to

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