

CIAR-ASHOKA POSTDOCTORAL RESEARCH GRANT AND FELLOWSHIP 2026 - ADVERTISEMENT

[The Centre for Interdisciplinary Archaeological Research](#) (CIAR) at Ashoka University invites qualified scholars to apply for a research grant in ancient and medieval Indian history/archaeology. These aim to encourage field research, interdisciplinary collaboration, and documentation of archaeological remains, museum collections, manuscripts, vernacular writings, and archives. **Interdisciplinary research projects are desirable.**

Two research grants are being awarded – a grant of Rs. 3.0 lakhs for 18 months – in any of the fields mentioned in the opening paragraph of this advertisement.

One research fellowship is also being awarded with a grant of Rs. 1 lakh per month for 6 months – specifically for researchers in the final stages of preparing a book. Possible publication subsidies are also available to the fellow, at the successful completion of the fellowship.

Scholars across India with a record of excellence in research in this field are encouraged to apply. Fellows are expected to publish an article on the work they undertake during the fellowship and interact with the Ashoka community, especially the faculty and fellows associated with the CIAR. A seminar presentation (in-person or online) on the project undertaken is also necessary.

Applications for a **research project seed grant** are also invited. This is directed at Early Career Researchers (within seven years of the award of their PhD). This seed grant is open to both members of the Ashoka fraternity and other institutions.

Interested scholars should send a detailed curriculum vitae together with a description of their vision for research to the Research & Development Office (RDO) at research.office@ashoka.edu.in by 25th June 2026.

Only shortlisted candidates will be notified and will be called for interviews.

Ashoka is committed to creating a diverse environment. Women and candidates from traditionally disadvantaged categories are strongly encouraged to apply.