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The Chanakya Fellowship in Social Sciences (CFSS)

Enabling Transformational Pathways



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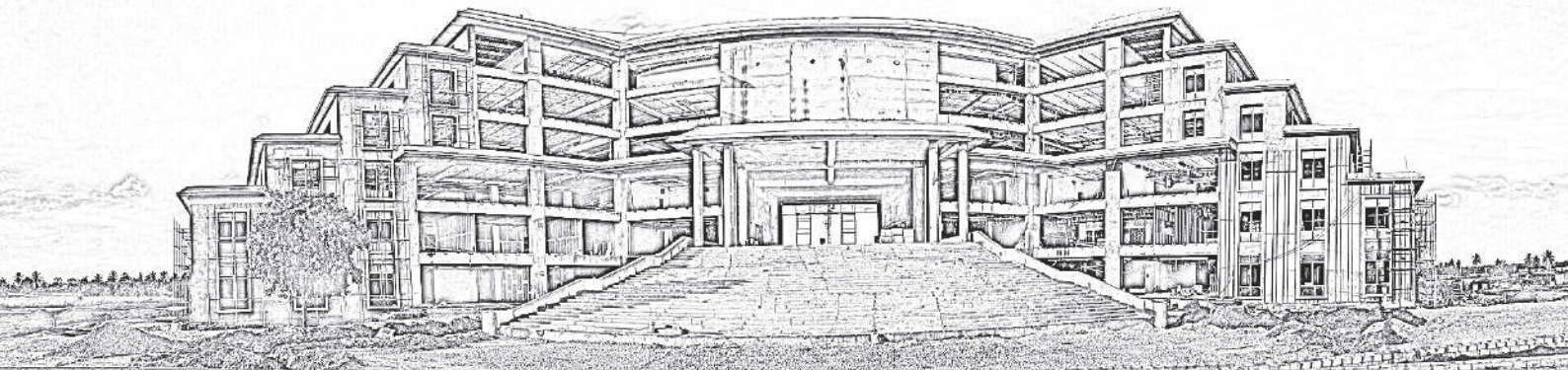
Chanakya University is a global institution in Bengaluru, committed unflinchingly to the service of society through excellence in teaching, development of knowledge and direct contributions to the world of practice. At Chanakya University, we are committed to fostering a multi-disciplinary approach to education. Our Liberal Education model is empowering students to explore their full potential by discovering new avenues for growth and personal development. We believe that learning should be an exciting and fulfilling journey, and we are creating an environment that encourages every student to thrive.

The Chanakya Fellowship in Social Sciences (CFSS)

Post Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences

The Chanakya Fellowship in Social Sciences (CFSS) brings together fellows from diverse disciplines and sectors to participate in interdisciplinary training in Economics, International and Strategic Affairs, Political Science, and Public Policy. This program aims to create V-shaped individuals who possess exceptional skills in particular functional areas and extensive knowledge in related fields. The program is led by top faculty from globally renowned universities who offer guidance to fellows, enabling them to delve deeper into social sciences eventually.

The CFSS program comprises over 25 courses and is academically rigorous. Additionally, it includes a **Transformational Pathways in Action Module (TPAM)** that offers hands-on experience in real-world situations, helping fellows advance their professional careers and leadership potential. These unique opportunities allow students to transition towards research in social sciences, explore their interests in-depth, and emerge as leaders in their respective fields.





Message from the Academic Lead

Chanakya University is a global university, a public-spirited philanthropy initiative with a distinguished Board of Governors and an illustrious International Advisory Council committed to providing excellence in teaching, research, and service.

Aligned with the aspirations of the National Education Policy 2020, the university is looking forward to welcoming the fellows as part of its flagship fellowship programme in social sciences (Post Graduate Diploma in Social Sciences). Unlike any other graduate academic programme, the fellowship offers prospective fellows a unique blend of academic and professional exposure and expertise. The year-long residential fellowship programme will assure a deep and meaningful engagement with various domains of study, research and practice through active mentorship and research guidance. Eminent scholars and professionals will teach the courses in each of these domains. The multi-disciplinary ecosystem at the University will provide many opportunities for the fellows to 'learn' and 'unlearn' through discourse, discussion and debate on campus.

Fostering critical and creative thinking to understand and solve real-world problems is the heart of the fellowship programme. We believe this will help our fellows to determine their 'transformational pathways' for academic and professional journeys.

If you are looking for an opportunity to explore and consolidate your research interest and applied learning in collaboration with eminent faculty members and mentors, I look forward to welcoming you to the Chanakya Fellowship Programme in Social Sciences.

Dr Chetan Singai
Academic Lead

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Core Objectives

- Provide holistic and multidisciplinary learning experiences
- Foster leadership, creativity, collaboration, empathy, and adaptability
- Identify and provide essential competencies and skills such as advanced research methods, problem-solving, and professional communication
- Create opportunities for personal and professional growth for the Fellows



Highlights

- Global experts, local interventions
- Cross-cutting courses
- Multidisciplinary approach
- Modules for transformational pathways
- Action Research
- Emphasis on career competencies and life skills
- Multiple pathways enabling flexibility and choice
- Learner centric and peer-to-peer learning
- Residential Programme

Academic Domains

- International Relations and Strategic Studies
- Political studies and politics
- Public Policy
- Economics
- Capstone Projects/Internships



Eminent Faculty

Harsh V Pant, Professor of International Relations, King's College London and Vice President - Studies and Foreign Policy, Observer Research Foundation, New Delhi

Jean-Louis Arcand, Professor of International Economics Geneva Graduate Institute and President, Global Development Network

Nikolai G. Wenzel, L.V. Hackley Chair for the Study of Capitalism and Free Enterprise and Distinguished Professor of Economics, Fayetteville State University

Manisha Priyam, Associate Professor, National University of Educational Planning and Administration (NUEPA); PhD (International Development), London School of Economics and Political Science

Aditya Kuvalekar, Lecturer (Assistant Professor), Department of Economics, University of Essex; PhD (Economics), New York University

Ranjini C Raghavendra, Senior Researcher, Google Health AI; PhD (Women's Studies/Health Informatics), Lancaster University

Arijit Patra, Senior Principal Scientist, UCB Pharma; DPhil (Engineering Sciences), University of Oxford

Omkar Joshi, Researcher, Maryland Population Research Center, University of Maryland; PhD (Sociology), University of Maryland, College Park

Rahul Verma, Fellow, Centre for Policy Research (CPR) and Visiting Assistant Professor, Ashoka University; PhD (Political Science), University of California Berkeley

Disha Sharma, Air Pollution Expert, UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific; Post-Doctoral Fellow, SIPA, Princeton; PhD (Atmospheric Sciences), Jawaharlal Nehru University

Ashwin Kumar, Director, Language Lab, Ahmedabad University

Chetan Singai, Academic Lead, Chanakya Fellowship Programme; Chief Consultant, NEP-2020, MoE, Govt. of India

Yashwant Deshmukh, Founder-Director of C-Voter

Yudhijit Bhattacharjee, Award-Winning Writer and the Author of New York Times, Bestselling Thrillers

Naveen Bharati, Assistant Professor, Indian Institute of Technology Bombay.

Kishen Shastry, PhD Economics (ongoing), University of Cambridge

Pranav Gupta, PhD Political Science (ongoing), University of California Berkeley

Chirayu Thakkar, PhD International Relations (ongoing), jointly National University of Singapore and King's College London

and many more...



Fellowship Advisory Council

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Career Pathways

Completion of this fellowship opens the door to a wide range of fulfilling career paths. Our multidisciplinary approach to learning will provide you with a diverse set of skills and knowledge that will prepare you for the challenges of the VUCA (Volatile, Uncertain, Complex and Ambiguous) workplace. Possible career paths for CFSS graduates include roles in economics, academia, international and strategic affairs, political consulting and analysis, public policy, NGOs, think tanks, industry, bureaucracy and media. With the flexibility to choose your own path and the support of a collaborative learning environment, you can design a career that is both personally meaningful and professionally rewarding

Who can apply

- Applicants should have completed a undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline as of July 2023 from a recognized university.
- This fellowship programme will provide you an opportunity to expand your academic or professional pathways.
- The fellowship is open to people of all ages and backgrounds, regardless of their academic geographic professional or socioeconomic status including those who are currently taking a gap year or preparing for competitive exams.

Scholarship and funding

- We determine the financial aid award based on the applicant's family's financial needs as well as the quality of the application. Aid is need-based and merit-based
- Applicants to submit a Scholarship Essay letter (300 words) with relevant examples.

Dates to Remember



A Rolling Deadline with Priority for Early Applications for Scholarships

August 1, 2023
Start of Fellowship

May 31, 2024
Conclusion of Fellowship

Program Fees

Tuition fee: INR 5.5 lakhs
Hostel fee: INR 1.3 lakhs

Application and Selection Process:

Stage 1

- For registration visit <https://chanakyauniversity.edu.in/registration>
- Applicants will receive conformation email
- Fill background information, education, current role, and related information
- CV & a 500 word Statement of Purpose
- 500 words essay on a topic related to Social Sciences.
- Optional writing brief (max 200 words) to convey other essential information.

Stage 2

- Involves a personal interview with relevant topics to determine candidate fit.



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