



**CHANAKYA
UNIVERSITY**
Rooted in ideals • Ascending with ideas

Enabling Transformational Pathways

CFSS

**Chanakya Fellowship
in Social Sciences**

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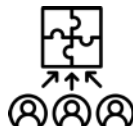
Core Objectives



Provide holistic and multidisciplinary learning experiences



Foster leadership, creativity, collaboration, empathy, and adaptability



Problem-solving, and professional communication



Identify and provide essential competencies and skills such as advanced research methods,



Create opportunities for personal and professional growth for the Fellows

Academic Domains



International Relations and Strategic Studies



Political studies and politics



Public Policy



Economics



Capstone Projects/ Internships

Highlights



Global experts, local interventions



Cross-cutting courses



Multidisciplinary approach



Modules for transformational pathways



Emphasis on career competencies and life skills



Action Research



Residential Programme enabling peer-to-peer learning

Internships Opportunities

- Center of Policy Research and Governance
- KPMG
- Observer Research Foundation
- GRAAM
- ISB Hyderabad
- Biocon
- Centre for Environment Education
- JSW
- Research and Information System for Developing Countries
- Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research
- IIM Shillong
- Atal Bihari Vajpayee Institute of Good Governance and Policy Analysis
- Janaagraha Centre for Citizenship and Democracy
- Lokniti
- CVoter
- Global Consulting
- Centre for Public Policy Research
- Stimson
- Team Lease
- Bṛhat

Fellowship Advisory Council



Padma Shri Dr. Bibek Debroy

Chairperson, Economic Advisory Council to the Prime Minister, Government of India.



Padma Shri Prof. Subbanna Ayyappan

Former Director, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) and Chancellor, Central Agricultural University, Imphal and Chairman of the Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA).



Padma Bhushan Shri Kris Gopalakrishnan

Cofounder and Ex-CEO, Infosys and Chairman, Axilor Ventures,



Sri S. V. Ranganath

IAS, Former Chief Secretary, Government of Karnataka



Prof. Sachin Chaturvedi

Director General at the Research and Information System for Developing Countries (RIS), New Delhi



Prof. Bhushan Patwardhan

Former Vice Chairman of the University Grants Commission, New Delhi and Former Chairman, National Assessment and Accreditation Council, Bengaluru



Prof. Sunaina Singh

Former Vice-Chancellor, Nalanda University, Bihar



Dr. Pankaj Mittal

Secretary General of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi

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, SPIA, Princeton; PhD (Atmospheric Sciences), Jawaharlal Nehru
University.



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



Ashwin Kumar

Dean, Academic Affairs, Chanakya University



Chetan Singai

Dean, School of Law, Governance and Public Policy; Academic Lead, Chanakya Fellowship Programme; Chief Consultant, NEP-2020, MoE, Govt. Of India



G Raghuram

Professor Emeritus, School of Commerce and Management, Chanakya University and Former Director, IIM Bangalore



Meena Nair

Adjunct Professor – Research, Chanakya University and Former Head of Research, Public Affairs Centre



Shreyas Bharadwaj

Director, Varahe Analytics



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

Interaction with Eminent Personalities



Sri S. V. Ranganath, IAS
Former Chief Secretary, Govt. of Karnataka



Sri Mohandas Pai
Chairman, Manipal Global Education Services



Prof. Jean-Louis Arcand
Professor of International Economics at the Graduate
Institute of International and Development Studies



Sri Manish Sabharwal
Chairman, Teamlease Services



Kris Gopalakrishnan
Co-Founder & Ex-CEO, Infosys
Chairman, Axilor ventures



Prof. Harsh V. Pant
Prof. International Relations,
King's College London



Students engaged in enriching interactions



Ambassador P S Raghavan

Chairperson, National Security Advisory Board, Govt of India



Ambassador N Parthasarathi

Former Ambassador to South Korea



Nikolai G. Wenzel

Professor of Economics, Universidad de las Hesperides, Spain,
Senior Research Fellow, American Institute for Economic Research.



Prof Michael M Gunter

Professor of political science at Tennessee Technological University,
Tennessee and Secretary-General, EU Turkey Civic Commission (EUTCC)



Team from Janaagraha with fellows and faculty



Boot Camps

Chanakya Fellowship Programme facilitates comprehensive boot camps designed to empower students to succeed in data science, social entrepreneurship, sustainability, and 21st-century skills.

Boot camps equip fellows with hands-on training, cutting-edge tools, and mentorship to excel in these critical fields. They also foster innovation, problem-solving, and leadership skills, preparing fellows to navigate complex challenges in today's dynamic world.

Professional Development Programme

Chanakya Fellowship Programme offers a robust Professional Development and Mentorship Programme to empower fellows to construct their career paths and achieve post-fellowship professional goals.

Our personalized approach includes Individual Sessions tailored to each fellow's goals and needs, group discussions for collaborative learning, bi-weekly talk sessions, and dedicated support for references, publishing, and academic needs. Furthermore, we provide focused activities within a LinkedIn group, fostering networking, resource sharing, and industry trend discussions.

Our comprehensive support system gives fellows the insights and connections necessary to transition into their desired professional domains successfully.

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 at least completed an undergraduate degree or equivalent in any discipline as of Aug 2025 from a recognized university.

We welcome and encourage aspiring social scientists and policymakers of all age groups across diverse academic, geographical, professional backgrounds to apply.

Dates to Remember

- May 2025
Application Launch
- September 2025
Start of Fellowship
- June 2026
Conclusion of Fellowship

Program Fees

Tuition fee: INR 5.5 lakhs*

Hostel fee: INR 1.65 lakhs*

What our Fellows say



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The CFSS is a multidisciplinary programme suitable for professionals who want to make a career switch to public policy. It provides an avenue to hone one's skills and be ready for the competitive job market.



Sharanya Sridhar

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As a social impact enthusiast, I enjoyed the CFSS curriculum which is carefully curated, and it perfectly aligned with my passion. Learning public policy, governance, and economics from globally renowned professors enriched my knowledge for professional growth. CFSS has reinstated my passion to contribute and make a positive difference in society. Thank you, CFSS!!



Milen Anugraha Paul

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CFSS was a platform to initiate intellectual discussions, engage in brainstorming sessions and polish my thoughts and words with the guidance of the best mentors.



Amey Velangi

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The interdisciplinary curriculum, coupled with guidance from top faculty, equipped me with the skills and insights to know the complexity of social issues.

The real-world experience through the Transformational Pathways module solidified my learnings. If you're ready for an intensive and rewarding program, the Chanakya Fellowship is for you.



Jim Moirangthem

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The program's focus on combining multidisciplinary areas of study is a major strength. Learning from highly respected professors and accessing the institute's infrastructure and facilities creates a good learning environment.



Kalpana Pandey

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The learning and research opportunities have equipped me with practical skills and confidence and this programme enabled me to connect with the network which has contributed in my holistic development.

Infrastructure for the future



116 Acres

70 Lakhs Sq.ft of construction
in multiple phases



Close to

**Kempegowda International Airport
Bengaluru**



Campus planned to
accommodate

25,000 students



Sustainable design
planned to meet

GRIHA 5-star standards



Proposed master plan

Chanakya University Global Campus

