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ICHR Junior Research Fellowships (JRF), 2021-2022

Online Entrance Test (remote proctored exam from home) on 25ᵗʰ August 2021

Applications are invited from the eligible candidates for the JRF of ICHR. Printout of the online filled application forms should reach the undersigned on or before 25.07.2021**.** The selected fellows will be awarded fellowship of **Rs**. **17600/-** (Rupees seventeen thousand and six hundred only) per month plus contingency grant of **Rs. 16500/-** (Rupees sixteen thousand and five hundred only) per annum for a period of **Two** years.

A. The maximum number of Junior Research Fellowships to be awarded for 2021-2022 are **eighty** (**80)** only**,** applying the usual reservation for SC, ST & PwD.
B. The Fellowship is a whole-time engagement for research work and cannot be combined with any other whole-time or part-time work (for details see Terms and Conditions in the ICHR Research Funding Rules booklet, '*Chapter-II- Fellowships'* which is available also on our official website i.e. www.ichr.ac.in
C. The period of the Fellowship shall be for a maximum period of **Two** years.
D. Award of JRF will be based on an online **Entrance Test** and **Presentation-cum-Interview**.

- **Online submission of JRF application opens on**   **: 31.03.2021**
- **Last date for online submission**   **: 07.07.2021**
- **Last date for submitting printouts of applications submitted online**   **: 25.07.2021**
- **The JRF Stage I** *online* **(remote proctored exam from home)**
  entrance test will be held on   **: 25.08.2021**
                                                                                  (11-00am to 1-00pm)
- **Declaration of Stage I result on the ICHR website**   **: 27.08.2021**
- **Presentation and Interview (Stage II) in online mode**   **: 06.09.2021-**
                                                                                  14.09.2021

1. ELIGIBILITY:

- Candidates who have registered in recognized Universities for Ph.D. programme in Historical Studies are eligible to apply for the Fellowship (JRF).

2. SYLLABUS:

Unit- I: Ancient Indian History
(From Earliest time up to 12ᵗʰ Century)

1. India: Geography, physical features, environment, flora-fauna, concept of Bharatvarsha and Vrihadbharata (Greater India).
2. Sources of ancient Indian history- literary sources, archaeological sources, inscriptions, coins, Monuments and sculptures, foreign travellers' accounts, ancient Indian historians and great personalities.

3. Archaeology: Definition, excavation and survey methods, preservation of antiquities, dating methods, tools and technology, pottery traditions, recent excavations, new researches, new archaeology, Iconography & Iconology.
4. Pre-history of India: Origin and evolution of human being, Palaeolithic, Mesolithic, Neolithic Age.
5. Chalcolithic culture: Ahara, Kayatha, Malwa, Jorwe.
6. Saraswati-Indus civilization: Origin, urbanization, extent and decline, dating, economy, society, script, town planning, art and architecture and religion.
7. Megalithic age: Origin, extent, Potteries, Social life; Iron in India.
8. Vedic culture: Literature, political, economic and social life, religion and philosophy.
9. Shramana Traditions: Bauddha, Jaina, Ajivaka, Tapas and Gairika- literature, origin and evolution, religious and social life, art and architecture.
10. Political and cultural history of North India: Second urbanization in India (6th Century BC), Mahajanapadas and Ganarajyas, rise of Magadha, Haryankas, Shishunagas, Nandas, Mauryan Empire, Shungas-Kanvas, Andhra-Satavahanas, Chedis, Indo-Greeks, Shaka-Kshatrapas, Pahlavas, Kushanas, Vakataka Dynasty, Gupta empire, Toramana Huna, Yashodharma of Malwa, Maitrakas, Maukharis of Kannauja, Later Guptas of Malwa, Vardhan Dynasty, Varmanas of Kamrupa, Dynasties of Kashmir, Palas, Senas, Gurjara-Pratiharas, Gahadavalas, Chahamanas, Parmaras, Chandelas, Kalchuri of Tripuri and Solanki Dynasty (Chaulukyas).
11. Political and cultural history of South India: Sangam Period, Chalukya, Rashtrakutas, Pallavas, Gangas, Kadambas, Chola Dynasty, Cheras Pandyas and Yadavas.
12. Social, religious, economic and cultural history of ancient India.
13. Art, architecture, scripts, science and technology in ancient India.
14. Expansion of Bharatiya culture: with special reference to Asia.
15. Research Methodology, research aptitude and computer applications.

Unit- II: Medieval Indian History

1. Sources of Medieval Indian History: Literary Sources- Persian, Sanskrit, Regional Languages & Foreign Travellers' Accounts; Archaeological Sources- Archaeological, Epigraphic & Numismatic; and Historiographical developments.
2. Historical Geography of Medieval India.
3. Indian resistance against Arab and Turkish Invasions (712-1192 AD).
4. The Ahom Kingdom
5. Delhi Sultanate ― Polity, Society, Economy, Religion, Art, Architecture, Science & Technology.
6. Regional Powers ― Gujarat, Jaunpur and Bengal.
7. Kakatiyas; Hoyaslas; Yadavas; Cholas and Pandyas ― Polity, Society, Economy, Religion, Art, Architecture, Science & Technology.
8. Vijayanagara Empire – Polity, Society, Economy, Religion, Art, Architecture, Science & Technology; and Nayakas.
9. The Bahamani and Deccan Sultanates (Bijapur, Golkonda, Bidar, Berar and Ahmadnagar) – Rise, Expansion and Decline; the Gond Kingdom.
10. Mughal Rule ― Polity, Administration, Economy, Visual and Performing Art, Architecture and Literature, Society and Education; Sher Shah Sur ― Innovations & Administrative Reforms.
11. Rise of the Marathas & the foundation of Swaraj by Chhatrapati Shivaji, expansion of Maratha Power, Maratha Administration.

12. Rural Society & Economy, Peasantry, Agricultural Productions & Cottage Industries.
13. Urban Economy: Trade, Commerce, Craft, Merchants & Banking Systems.
14. Development of Literature, Music, Art, Architecture, Education and Science & Technology.
15. Consciousness — Religio-Philosophical movements – Dvaita, Advaita, Visishtadvaita, Suddhadvaita; Bhakti, Sufi and Sikh.
16. Hindu Resistance to Muslim Domination with special reference to Rajputs, Marathas, Jats, Bundelas & Sikhs.
17. Research Methodology, research aptitude and computer applications.

Unit-III: Modern Indian History:

1. Sources of Modern Indian History and Historiographical developments.
2. Advent of European Powers in India: Cultural and economic bases of colonialism.
3. East India Company & Consolidation of the British power.
4. Institutional Changes during the colonial times (Revenue; Education: Idea, content and vision; Judiciary; Army; Bureaucracy; Police).
5. Resistance with special reference to Peasants & Tribal Protests during the company and the British Raj.
6. The first was of Independence 1857: its impact and geographical extent.
7. Socio-Religious reform movements: Reforms breaking away from the traditions and reforms in defence of the traditions.
8. Shift of Mercantilism to capitalism and Rise of Swadeshi.
9. Concept of Nation and Nationalism in India and its new features in later 19th Century.
10. Nationalist activities – 1858-1920, (i) Revolutionary movement in India and abroad.
    (ii) Constitutional agitation by Indian National Congress and the Swadeshi Movement, Reactions to colonial milieu: Tilak's idea of 'Swaraj' and Sri Aurobindo's Political Philosophy, Early Gandhian Movements.
11. Nationalist Activities 1920-1947
    (i)   Gandhian Movements
    (ii)   Revolutionary activities in India and abroad.
    (iii)   Peasants, tribal and trade Union Movements.
    (iv)   Political philosophy of the communists in context to the Indian National Movement.
    (v)   Fallout with the congress and Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose, INA and the impact of the trial of INA on Indian National Movement.
12. Philosophy and vision of – Periyar, Narayan Guru, Rabindra Nath Tagore, Gopal Krishna Gokhale, Madan Mohan Malaviya, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Vinayak Damodar Savarkar, Sir Saiyyad Ahmad Khan, Hanuman Prasad Poddar, Subramania Bharati, Acharya Vinoba Bhave, Manabendra Nath Roy, CB Ramaswami Aiyyar.
13. Contribution of Women in the Indian National Movement.
14. Research Methodology, research aptitude and computer applications.

3. EXAMINATION FORMAT:

- The examination will be conducted in 02 Stages.

STAGE I:

a) Stage I examination will consist of 100 _online_ Objective type questions. Each question will carry 01 mark (Total 100 marks).
b) There will be no negative marking.
c) The candidate has to choose his/her area of specialisation (Ancient/ Medieval/ Modern India) at the time of filling online JRF application form. All the questions in the question paper will be based on the area of specialisation opted by the candidate in the application form.

STAGE II:

a) The candidates shortlisted on the basis of merit of Stage I examination will be called for the Presentation and Interview.
b) Each shortlisted candidate will make a Presentation based on his/her registered PhD research topic (8-10 minutes, preferably PowerPoint) followed by an interview.
c) Presentation and Interview will carry a maximum of 60 marks.
d) All shortlisted candidates should bring their Hall Tickets issued for Stage I entrance exam while coming for the Presentation and Interview.

AWARD OF FELLOWSHIP:

Merit will be drawn on the basis of aggregate marks of Stage I and II, that is, 100 + 60 = 160 (total marks).

4. EXAMINATION CENTRES:

a) The Stage I _online_ entrance test will be a **Remote Proctored Exam from home on 25.08.2021**

b) The Stage II (Presentation and Interview) will be conducted in online mode.

5. INSTRUCTIONS for Stage I _online_ entrance test will be a Remote Proctored Exam from home on 25.08.2021

1. Candidate must keep the ID proof handy with him like Aadhar Card/PAN/Driving License/Passport (electronic Copy) at any time the candidate may be asked to show his/her ID Proof during the Exam.
2. Due to Covid-19 pandemic and in compliance with the advisories issued by the Government to maintain social distancing, the Council has opted to conduct Remote Proctored Online Exam (i.e. can be taken from candidate's current residence or any other suitable place).
3. The candidate is instructed to maintain the sanctity of the examination and avoid any use of unfair means during the exam.
4. The candidate is advised to go through the terms/conditions of examination process.
5. This Remote Proctored Online Exam can be conducted on the devices with the specifications mentioned (refer Section B) with an active internet connection.
6. It is mandatory for the candidates to get themselves familiar with the examination process properly (refer Demo EXAM/ Video). It will be assumed that the candidate has read the instructions carefully and no excuse of ignorance will be entertained once the Remote Proctored Online Exam (RPOE) has started.

7.   A Mock Exam will be conducted two days before the exam, it is mandatory for all the candidates to appear in the Mock Exam, so that they become fully aware with the exam process and their device become ready for the Exam.

CONDUCTING EXAM FROM ANY WHERE FROM DEVICES
Like Laptops, Tablets, Smart Phones, and Desktops:-

System Requirement at the end of the candidate:-

1.   The candidate must have any one of the following device; laptops, Tablets, smart phones (Android Only), and desktops with camera, mic and power supply.
2.   A backup device/internet connectivity/Power should be available during the examination.
3.   The device must be connected with an uninterrupted internet connection with a minimum speed of 1 to 2 MBPS.
4.   The candidate should have either:

A. "Computer Systems (Laptops & Desktops)" should have following minimum prerequisites;
  i.   Screen Resolution 1024 X 768
  ii.   Windows 7 and higher
  iii. Front web camera and mic in working condition
  iv.   RAM minimum 2 gb or more
  v.   1 to 2 mbps (Recommended) internet connectivity.

OR

B. "Smart Devices like Mobiles & Tablets (Android)" should be with minimum of prerequisites;
  i.   Standard screen resolution
  ii.   Android 8 or higher
  iii. 1 to 2 mbps internet connectivity.

5.   The candidates will be required to download and install "specific exam applications from" their exam dashboard at least 48 hours before the start time of exam.
6.   The Candidate should have a unzip software like likewinzip/winrar.
7.   Following steps are required to be performed by the candidates to appear in the exam;
  i.   The candidates will login to their ICHR dashboard to download their admit card.
  ii.   Thereafter, download and install your suitable application for your device as per specification.
  iv.   Then Open the installed application program for Exam.

All the instructions and the latest update will be available on the ICHR official website; the candidates are advised to read the instructions carefully and follow the same. For any query please contact to ICHR.

6. HOW TO APPLY:

- Eligible and interested scholars may apply on-line through the ICHR website (www.ichr.ac.in)
- Hard copy of the application generated after filling of online application [with auto generated number] duly signed and along with the requisite documents should be submitted.
- The applicant should attach self attested copies of the certificates of educational qualifications, date of birth, experience and signed copy of check list etc., and send by post to the following address:

Member Secretary

Indian Council of Historical Research
No. 35 Ferozeshah Road
New Delhi – 110001.

- An application fee (non-refundable) of Rs. **500**/- (Rupees two hundred only) shall be paid online through the application portal at the time of filling up the form **(candidates belonging to SC/ST/Persons with Disability (PwD) category are exempted from payment of the fee).**

- Submission of application both online and printout of the same along with computer generated unique ID number is mandatory. <u>Hard copies of applications without unique Id. Number will not be accepted</u>.

7. GENERAL CONDITIONS:

1. All JRF applicants should apply through proper channel (Recommended by the Research Supervisor and Forwarded by the Head of the Department/Centre/Principal). Besides the Hall-tickets the candidates are required to produce their photo ID card authenticated by their respective Universities.
2. **Indian Council of Historical Research reserves the right:**
   a. to fix criteria for screening the applications of the candidates for their suitability to take examination;
   b. to decrease the number of fellowships on its own discretion.
   c. not to award any of the advertised fellowships.
3. **Application of Reservation rules in the award of Fellowships is subject to certain clarifications to be received from the Ministry of HRD, Govt. of India.**
4. **Incomplete applications as well as the applications received after the prescribed date will be rejected**.
5. **Online submission of application is a must and can be done via ICHR website** (www.ichr.ac.in).

CHECKLIST of documents to be enclosed with the application:

1. Self attested copies of certificates of educational qualification.
2. Self attested copies of language qualification certificates, if applicable.
3. Self attested copy of category certificate (SC/ST/Physically Challenged), if applicable.
4. Self attested copy of Ph.D. registration certificate.
5. Self attested copy of Research Proposal.
6. Self attested copies of published papers, if any
7. Self attested certificate of Supervisor/Head of Department regarding the suitability of the candidate for the award of fellowship.

** As per the guidelines prescribed by Government of India, the candidate who are Visually Impaired (blind / low vision) or Orthopedically challenged (whose writing speed is adversely affected permanently by cerebral palsy). Candidate may use services of a scribe as per the rules at their own cost during the online examination.

Sd/-

Director(Research & Administration)