

Jinendra Varni Summer Research Fellowship

The fellowship was established in honor of Jinendra Varni, the renowned 20th-century Jain scholar and junior monk who wrote the five-volume *Jinendra Siddhanta Kosha* and who was instrumental in compiling the *Saman Sutta*. The fellowship offers assistance for advanced graduate summer research on aspects of Jain traditions. Successful candidates will be chosen without regard to gender, race, religion, sexual orientation, ethnic background, or marital status.

Stipend

Summer research fellowships are offered annually with a stipend of up to \$5,000 per award.

Eligibility

Applicants must be in a doctoral degree program in the US or abroad. The applicant's research must be focused significantly on Jain traditions. This may include but is not limited to art and architecture, textual studies, history, premodern or modern practices, or ritual.

Applicants must also be willing to contribute to the Foundation's virtual museum. This is a resource geared toward the general public, not scholars. The goal is to build a portal where visitors can engage aspects of South Asia with small, easily digestible pieces of information that conform to 21st century standards. (Note: the successful recipient is not expected to provide their thesis or unpublished arguments; the information is general.)

Applications

To receive full consideration, include the following:

- Title page with personal information (name, contact information, academic institution) and statement of research program.
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 - Give a synopsis (maximum 2 pages) of your research project and a bibliography.
 - Provide a timeline for research program
 - Explain how the fellowship will be used
 - Detail how receiving this fellowship will benefit Jain studies writ large.
- 2 letters of recommendation

The successful candidates will be required to:

- Contribute to the Foundation's virtual museum:
 - Curate some aspect of the research with photographs or video to be uploaded on the website

The successful candidates will be required to submit a follow-up report 30 days after grant period. This will include:

- Description of how the grant impacted you professionally.
- Description of how this experience will be incorporated into your teaching and/or future research.
- A projection of the long-term impact of this grant.

Applications must be received on or before March 31st to received full consideration.

Please submit all application materials in PDF format to Dr. Gardner Harris via email to agharris@shraman.org.