

Jinendra Varni Fellowship for International Travel

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 international travel assistance for advanced graduate 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

International travel fellowships are offered annually with a stipend of up to \$1,250 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. Eligible travel includes:

- Presentations at academic conferences
- Research in India, Europe, or the US

Applications

To receive full consideration, include the following:

- Title page with personal information (name, contact information, academic institution) and purpose of travel (conference or research)
- Statement of purpose
 - Explain why you are seeking funding for international travel, the destination, and the name of the conference or affiliated academic institution in the host country.
 - Give a synopsis (maximum 2 pages) of either the paper to be presented or the research project and a bibliography.
 - Detail how receiving this fellowship will not only benefit you but also Jain studies writ large.
- 2 letters of recommendation

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

- Description of how the grant impacted you professionally.
- Description of how this experience will be incorporated into your teaching and/or research.

- A projection of the long-term impact of this fellowship.

Deadlines

Fall travel: July 31st

Winter/Spring travel: October 31st

Summer travel: March 31st

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