

## **KODIKARA FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME (2019-2020)**

### ***Research Grants for Young South Asians***

RCSS invites research grant applications for its annual Kodikara Fellowship Program. The grants are offered to young South Asians, aged between 25-35 years, to conduct policy relevant research on strategic and international issues of contemporary South Asian interest. An award of USD 3000 will be made available for each Research Fellow to conduct research.

The fellowship is tenable for six months, commencing in 2019, during which time each grantee will be under obligation to produce and submit an original research monograph in English (word length of 8000-10000) which will be subsequently published by RCSS. S/he may be required to conduct the research under the guidance of a supervisor.

Candidates should ideally have a MA/ PhD in International Relations, Strategic Studies, Political Science, Economics, International Law or any other related subject. S/he can apply for a fellowship on the following thematic areas: *Strategies for Addressing Inequality in South Asia, Civic Engagement and Governance in South Asia, Gender, Racial and Ethnic Justice in South Asia, Natural Resources and Climate Change in South Asia.* Young professionals are encouraged to apply. Applications should be sent to RCSS containing:

- Professional Curriculum Vitae including accurate personal contact details (address, telephone, fax and e-mail);
- Copies of two recently published research work;
- Evidence of a track record of research related experience, and interest in the theme selected for research pertaining to the South Asia region;
- A research proposal that should not exceed 1500 words. It should include:
  - i) Project Title
  - ii) Objective and Significance of the study
  - iii) Description of research methodology
  - iv) Research work plan

- Candidates must submit two confidential letters of academic reference *to be sent directly to RCSS by the referees*. The referees are expected to comment on: i) The length and demonstrated capacity of the knowledge of the applicant's academic/professional performances; ii) The importance and relevance of the proposed research topic; iii) The applicant's research aptitude and capacity including command of necessary research methods and literature to carry out the study; iv) The applicant's overall competence and comparative standing in her/his own discipline; and v) The applicant's record of timely completion of prior projects. Full name, title and contact details including address, telephone and e-mail of the referee and the name of the applicant recommended must be clearly stated.

The closing date for applications for the fellowship is 15.03.2019. Further details can be found on the RCSS website: [www.rcss.org](http://www.rcss.org). Inquirers may be addressed to:

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