



Call for Research Fellowship

Samata Foundation has recently signed a partnership agreement with Fredskorpset (FK) Norway as part of exchange program along with Asian Institute for Human Rights, Thailand, for the strengthening the research capacity of the Samata Foundation. The main objective of the program is to strengthen the capacity of the Samata Foundation on education and research, campaign and advocacy through the exchange of fellows. As part of this agreement Samata Foundation is looking for two highly qualified fellows who can take part in fellowship activities in India, Bangladesh and in Samata Foundation. The selected fellows must commit two years of the fellowship period in total. There is no negotiation in this clause.

Fellowship I

From Samata Foundation to Indian Institute of Dalit Studies (IIDS) through Kisley in India

Specific task/ activities to be performed by the fellow

- The fellow will take part in research activities in IIDS New Delhi, India on social exclusion.
- Make short bibliography on the work related to Dalits in South Asia and hand over to Samata
- Prepare a manual and checklist on different aspects of over all research works
- Share all those learning with Samata as a staff at least for one year after coming back from IIDS, New Delhi.

The detail of the task and activities will be finalized on basis of fellow's capacity and the research activities in Samata and IIDS.

Fellowship II

From Samata Foundation to SUPRO Bangladesh

Specific task/ activities to be performed by the fellow

- DO small research work on Dalit Movement in Bangladesh that includes reviewing literatures and meeting with Dalit organization and activists associated with Dalit movement in order to understand the status of Bangladeshi Dalit
- Provide input to uplift the Dalit movement in Bangladesh
- Do small research on Dalit and Micro-finance
- Initiate the networks between Dalit organization in Nepal and Bangladesh
- Share all those learning with Samata as a staff at least for one year after coming back from SUPRO, Dhaka.

The detail of the task and activities will be finalized on basis of fellow's capacity and the research activities in Samata and SUPRO.

General skills and qualification for both fellowships

- The fellow should be at least Master degree. Mphil or Ph. D. can get more preference.
- Working experience of more than two year will have positive impact
- Who are interested in research and knowledge based advocacy
- Can work independently in minimum supervision
- Have broad knowledge of research actives and Dalit issues
- Priority will be given to Dalits but open for other caste and ethnic groups as well.

General obligation of fellows for both fellowships

- The Fellow must commit two years period in total. There is no negotiation for this.
- If necessary the fellow will take part in English preparatory class in Nepal from the beginning of February 2011
- In the beginning to the first year, March 2011, the fellow will take part in preparatory workshop for three weeks in Bangkok along with other fellows from different countries
- After returning from Bangkok's workshop, the fellows will assigned in respective organizations in the respective countries for ten months as research fellows
- After returning from the fellowship in other countries the fellows must work for Samata Foundation at least for one year as Research Fellow to share the knowledge learned during the fellowship and implement the planed activities.

General facilities for both fellowships

- The remuneration will be provided for whole fellowship period in other countries and in Nepal as well (condition applies)

- The living allowance will be provided separately during fellowship in other countries
- International and local transportation will be provided
- Health insurance will be provided during fellowship in other countries

To apply, please send your CV along with an application letter mentioning why you want to join this fellowship and how you can contribute in future and in which fellow. One person can apply for both fellowship in Bangladesh and India but will be selected for only one location.

The application deadline is January 15, 2011

Please send your application in

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