

Call for Research Fellowships
International Conference
on
Envisioning the New Nepal: Dynamics of Caste, Identity and Inclusion of
Dalits

The Samata Foundation is holding an International Conference on "**Envisioning the New Nepal: Dynamics of Caste, Identity and Inclusion of Dalits**" that will help to strengthen, articulate and sharpen issues that confront the new polity and facilitate the policy makers towards building a just and inclusive social order. The conference will bring like-minded scholars, activists around the world in one platform to discuss new emerging discourses on Dalit Studies in South Asia particularly focusing in Nepal.

The fellowship aims to encourage young and dynamic researchers particularly from marginalised groups to strengthen their research capacity and expose their work in national and international community. Fellowships will be awarded to the select individuals who would contribute on the specific themes related to the Dalits of Nepal.

Eligibility:

- Minimum Bachelor degree in relevant subject
- Have research experience in interested topic and/or have already conducted research on the given topics
- Priority will be given to Dalit researchers

Benefits:

- The fellowships provide maximum of NRs. 50,000
- Fellows will get an opportunity to participate in the international conference to be held on May 20-22, 2010 Kathmandu Nepal.
- Selected papers will be presented in this conference and may have opportunity to publish in book or in Journal in cooperation with Samata Foundation.

Responsibility:

- Participate in half days orientation
- Conduct the research on the agreed topic of Dalit issues and prepare a quality research paper to be present in an International Conference to be held on May 20-22, 2010, Kathmandu
- Prepare a quality research paper

Fellows are selected through a competitive, merit-based process. Eligible candidates must submit 2-3 pages research proposal with a tentative budget and an updated complete bio-data. The competition will be based on quality of research proposal, content, research experiences and feasibility of research proposal.