



The K N Raj Fellowship Programme



at Centre for Development Studies

Professor Kakkadan Nandanath Raj, more popularly known as K N Raj passed away on 10 February 2010. Professor Raj was an inspiring teacher, a demanding supervisor and a brilliant economist. Above all, he was a builder of institutions and a visionary who knew that the growing Indian economy needed well-trained economists. Professor Raj was also very much concerned with improving the quality of teaching and research in economics in Kerala and elsewhere in the country. In order to commemorate his life and contributions to the larger community, CDS is privileged to put in place a series of three schemes on the basis of a generous grant made available to it by the Kerala State Government.

Teaching Resources Grant for College Teachers in Economics

Under this scheme, college teachers in economics from any of the universities in Kerala may spend up to a period of one month at the Centre. The fellowship will consist of travel grant from the place of residence to CDS, Trivandrum and return, rent-free accommodation and boarding at CDS guest house/hostel for a period of thirty days and a grant of up to Rs. 5000 for purchasing text books and other teaching resources. At the end of the award period, the awardee is expected to produce teaching resources such as lecture notes. Although all branches of economics are welcome, preference will be given to those wanting to prepare teaching resources in the areas of Economic Theory (Micro and Macroeconomics), Econometrics, the Indian Economy and International Economics. During the term of the fellowship the awardee will have access to both library and computing resources at the Centre and, if she or he so chooses may be mentored by one of the CDS faculty.

Number of fellowships available per year: Five

Application procedure: Twice a year (in April and October) on the basis of an online application. The selected persons may consider availing the fellowship any time within a block of 6 months from the date of award. For instance, if the date of award is November 1 2011, she or he may choose to use the fellowship for any one month before April 30, 2012.

Research Grant for Researchers in Economics

Under this scheme, researchers in Economics from any of the affiliated colleges or University Departments, journalists and development practitioners from the state of Kerala may spend up to a period of three months at the Centre to write a chapter of their doctoral dissertation, prepare a research paper, or complete a book.

The fellowship will consist of travel grant from the place of residence to CDS and back, rent-free accommodation and boarding at the CDS guest house/ hostel for a period of ninety days and a grant of up to Rs 5000 per awardee for purchasing books and other research material. During the term of the fellowship the awardee will have access to both library and computing resources at the Centre and if she or he chooses may be mentored by one of the CDS faculty.

Number of fellowships available per year: Five

Application procedure: Twice a year (in April and October) on the basis of an online application. The selected persons may consider availing of the fellowship at any time within a block of 6 months from the date of award. For instance, if the date of award is November 1 2011, she or he may choose to use the fellowship for any three month period before April 30, 2012.

Internship Programme for Master's students in Economics

Under this scheme Master's students in Economics from colleges and university departments from the state of Kerala may consider spending up to two months at CDS during their summer recess. First- year Master's students are welcome to apply. Interns will be selected on the basis of a proposal for a research paper in about 3000 words on any aspect of India's economy. They will be under the supervision of a CDS faculty and will have access to the KN Raj Library and computing resources. The interns will be reimbursed with second class rail fare or bus fare from the place of residence to CDS and back, rent-free accommodation in the hostel on CDS campus, and a monthly stipend of Rs 3000 /-to meet boarding expenses.

Number of stipends available per year: Five

Application procedure: Interested students may apply at any time in the year. But there will be one selection process during the last Friday of February every year. Applications received up to the selection day are acceptable. The Intern may choose to be at the Centre for any two consecutive months during the period April through July.

For further information on these schemes including the application form, please contact

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