



Centre for Development Studies

The K N Raj Fellowships



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 a 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 have launched a series of fellowship schemes on the basis of a generous grant made available to it by the Kerala State Government.

Teaching Resources Grant for Teachers in Economics

Under this scheme, teachers in economics from any of the universities or recognized secondary schools in India may spend up to a period of one month at the Centre. The fellowship will consist of a travel grant from the place of residence to CDS, Trivandrum and back, rent-free accommodation and boarding at CDS guest house/hostel for a period of thirty days and a grant of up to Rs. 10,000 for purchasing textbooks 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, 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. Further, subject to availability, the awardees will also be provided with office space.

Number of fellowships available per calendar year:
Five (Three Fellowships are available for 2012).

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

Other things remaining the same, academics and researchers based in the state of Kerala will be given preference in the award of these fellowships. The selection committee reserves the right to invite teachers for the award of these fellowships.

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 India 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 consists of a 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. 15000 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. Further, the awardees will also be provided with office space.

Number of fellowships available per calendar year:
Five (four are available for 2012).

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

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

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