

Rajiv Gandhi Travelling Scholarships to India

Long Vacation 2012

In collaboration with the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation proposes to offer eight of travelling scholarships for students at the University of Cambridge who intend to visit India in the Long Vacation 2012, preferably as part of their undergraduate or graduate studies or for broader academic purposes.

The *Rajiv Gandhi Travelling Scholarships* will include a contribution from CCT of £300 towards airfare (paid prior to departure), and the following financial contributions will be provided by the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation: a Scholarship amount of INR 15,000 towards expenses (paid on arrival at the RGF office in New Delhi), up to INR 6,650 towards the cost of accommodation anywhere in India (to be arranged by you) and an allowance of up to INR 10,000 towards travel costs within India (both refunded prior to departing India).

Preference will be given to candidates intending to visit India for not more than ten weeks. The Rajiv Gandhi Travelling Scholars will be expected to submit a brief report on their visit to India within six weeks of their return to the UK.

Extracts from reports from last year's scholars can be seen at the Rajiv Gandhi Foundation's web-site at www.rgfindia.com on its *Bulletin Board*. The Foundation can help provide links to libraries, research institutes, social welfare organisations etc. for visiting scholars if they write to info@rgfindia.com

Applications:

Candidates should complete **Part I** of the application form and ask an academic adviser in the United Kingdom (e.g. their Tutor, Supervisor or Director of Studies) to complete **Part II**.

Closing date:

The entire application form, both parts, should be returned by the academic adviser to **the Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, 53-54 Sidney Street, Cambridge CB2 3HX**, as soon as possible and **NO LATER THAN 27 APRIL 2012**.

COSTS

Please give below the likely costs of your trip

Purpose	Amount (£)
<p>Flight Return flight to and from India (Please note that the Rajiv Gandhi Travelling Scholarship provides £300 towards the costs of travel to and from India - Paid by CCT prior to travel).</p>	
<p>Accommodation The approximate total cost of accommodation for your trip to India (RGF will contribute up to INR 6,650 -approx £85.00) towards this cost which must be claimed in person, providing receipts, from the RGF office in New Delhi at the end of your trip to India).</p>	
<p>Living Costs The approximate total cost of living while staying in India (Please note that the Rajiv Gandhi Travelling Scholarship provides a Rupee allowance of INR 15,000 - approx. £192.00) towards the cost of living in India. This must be claimed in person, on arrival, from the RGF office in New Delhi). Bring offer Letter.</p>	
<p>Internal Travel The approximate total costs of travel within India. (Please note that the Rajiv Gandhi Travelling Scholarship provides a Rupee allowance of up to INR 10,000 - approx. £128.00) towards the cost of travel within India. This must be claimed in person, with receipts, from the RGF office in New Delhi at the end of your trip to India).</p>	
<p>Other costs Any costs not mentioned above which you will need to budget for as part of your trip. Please specify what these are and the amount you expect you will need for them</p>	
<p>Total Cost of Trip (£)</p>	
<p>Are you confident of raising the balance of the resources you will require to undertake the proposed visit (exclusive of the Travelling Scholarship)?</p>	
	<p>YES/NO:</p>
<p>Please specify the amount and source of the funds you are confident of raising:</p>	
<p>Signature:</p>	<p>Date:</p>

PART II

(to be completed by an academic referee who knows the candidate's work)

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The referee is kindly requested to complete **Part II** of the form to Mrs C. Butler at the **Cambridge Commonwealth Trust, 53/54 Sidney Street, Cambridge CB2 3HX**, as soon as possible and **NO LATER THAN 27 April 2012**.

Name:		Position:	
Institution and address:			
Tel:		Fax:	
How would you rate the applicant for a Rajiv Gandhi Travelling Scholarship? please tick appropriate box below			
Exceptional		Respectable	
Strong		Weak	
Comments on the strength of the application:			
Signature:			Date: