

ROSA LUXEMBURG STIFTUNG

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung PhD Fellowship at the Centre for Modern Indian Studies University of Göttingen

The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung (RLS) and the Center for Modern Indian Studies (CeMIS) at the University of Göttingen invite applications for a jointly-sponsored fellowship to pursue **a three-year PhD degree beginning in October 2023**. The fellowship may be extended for an additional year depending on the progress of the PhD candidate.

RLS follows in the radical legacy of its namesake, the German socialist leader Rosa Luxemburg, committed to fostering public awareness and social critique in the tradition of worker's movements and women's movements, and in struggles against fascism and racism. At CeMIS, students are equipped with the necessary methodological and conceptual tools to engage in such critique: the PhD Fellow will join CeMIS and RLS in the production and dissemination of rigorous scholarship on the unequal and unjust social relations governing our globalized world.

Both RLS and CeMIS seek to address the highly unequal access to education facing students in India. This fellowship will therefore fund a student from a marginalized background who, in addition, has a demonstrated commitment to social change and activism.

To be eligible to apply you MUST therefore meet ALL of the following criteria:

1. Have an MA or MS degree in one of the following fields of study:

- History
- Sociology/ Social Anthropology
- Political Science
- Economics
- Journalism
- Law

2. Demonstrable engagement with social or political movements and social critique.

3. English language certification at B2 level at the time of application. (C1 is required for matriculation at Göttingen University but a successful applicant can pursue language training, funded by the fellowship, prior to arrival in Germany.)

4. Applicants must be included in one or more of the following categories: (1) Dalit or Adivasi (2) children of informal sector labourers (3) religious minorities (4) first-generation learners in higher education.

Applicants must provide the following materials:

1. A cover sheet with your name, your date of birth and your contact details (email id and mobile phone number)
2. **Official documentation of**
 - (1) MA certificate
 - (2) Transcript of records. The transcript must include a description of the grading system that specifies the grade range, from maximum to minimum, as well as the minimum grade required to pass the degree program.
 - (3) B2 level English certification. Please see the FAQs for further information on which certificates we accept.
3. A 8-10 page **PhD Proposal** that must conform to the guidelines provided [here](#).
4. A **personal statement** of 500 words which **MUST** include (1) reference to the student's social, economic, and educational background, (2) discussion of the applicant's social and/or political engagement and (3) an indication of whom they would like to supervise their thesis.
5. A **Curriculum Vitae**

How to apply:

Applicants have to submit all required documents **in exactly the order given above in a single pdf document** via email to PhD-scholarship-RLS@cemis.uni-goettingen.de by JAN 31, 2023.

Only **complete applications in a single pdf file** will be considered.

Additional information:

1. Due to the large volume of applications, we will not be able to provide individual feedback or answer individual queries on applications. You will be informed of the status of your application by March 31, 2023.
2. The successful fellow will be required to comply with all rules and regulations pertinent to grantees of the University of Göttingen and the Rosa Luxemburg Foundation provided [here](#).

If you have any further questions, please write PhD-scholarship-RLS@cemis.uni-goettingen.de.