

## **ROSA LUXEMBURG STIFTUNG**

# **The Rosa-Luxemburg-Stiftung Master's Fellowship in Modern Indian Studies 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 earn an MA degree in Modern Indian Studies at CeMIS, beginning in **October 2023, for a period of two years.**

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 MA 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, applicants MUST therefore meet ALL of the following criteria:**

1. Have a BA degree with proof of at least 150 completed credits (or equivalent) in one of the following fields of study:
  - development studies
  - geography
  - history
  - gender or diversity studies
  - Islam studies
  - social / cultural anthropology
  - media studies
  - political science
  - religious studies
  - social and economic history
  - sociology
  - economics
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) religious minority (3) children of informal sector labourers.

**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) BA certificate
  - (2) Transcript of records with proof of at least 150 credits (or equivalent) in the fields specified above. 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 check the FAQs for further information.
3. An **academic statement** of 500-700 words describing their intellectual achievements, interests and goals, including their specific reasons for wishing to pursue an MA at CeMIS.
4. A **personal statement** of 500-700 words explaining how their background qualifies them for the fellowship. This **MUST** include (1) reference to the student's social and economic background, and (2) discussion of the applicant's social and/or political engagement.
5. A **Curriculum Vitae**

**How to apply:**

Applicants have to submit all required documents **in a single pdf document in exactly the order given above** via email to [MA-scholarship-RLS@cemis.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:MA-scholarship-RLS@cemis.uni-goettingen.de) by **JAN 15, 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 15 March 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-Stiftung provided [here](#).

If you have any further questions, please write to [MA-scholarship-RLS@cemis.uni-goettingen.de](mailto:MA-scholarship-RLS@cemis.uni-goettingen.de).