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## Call for Applications

WHO-SEARO REGION

RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME<sup>1</sup>

***STRENGTHENING GENDER EQUITY AND INTERSECTIONALITY IN HEALTH  
POLICY AND SYSTEMS RESEARCH***

**Application deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019.**

**Application Form can be downloaded at [www.phfi.org](http://www.phfi.org)**

We welcome applications for an 18-month fellowship programme on “Strengthening Gender Equity and Intersectionality” in Health Policy and Systems Research (HPSR). The fellowship aims to build skills in research, networking and leadership for early career researchers working in the broad area of HPSR. Early career researchers from a range of disciplines including public health, medicine and allied disciplines, environmental studies, humanities and social sciences, law and other relevant background may apply, subject to the eligibility criteria detailed below. **Half of the total number of fellowships will support researchers whose work focusses on fragile and conflict affected areas.**

The fellowship is offered by the Ramalingaswami Centre on Equity and Social Determinants of Health (RCESDH)<sup>2</sup>, a Centre of Excellence under the Public Health Foundation of India (PHFI), in collaboration with the United Nations University - International Institute for Global Health (UNU-IIGH)<sup>3</sup>, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

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<sup>2</sup> <https://phfi.org/the-work/centres-of-excellence/the-ramalingaswami-centre-on-equity-and-social-determinants-of-health/>

<sup>3</sup> <https://iigh.unu.edu>

## **Details**

The duration of the fellowship is 18 months. The fellowship combines residential and distance modes of teaching and learning. Successful applicants will be mainly based in their home locations, and will be expected to participate in on-site workshops in Bangalore, India, complemented by field visits to research locations with indicative details as follows:

1. An introductory digital (online) module
2. A two day residential workshop
3. A four-week residential capacity building workshop
4. A week of field visits in India and Malaysia
5. A two-week writing and analysis workshop
6. Ongoing assignments and mentoring.

Fellows will be expected to develop and implement an independent research project building on training inputs, networking opportunities and mentoring. Successful completion of the fellowship programme will require the submission of a draft research paper based on the work done, as well as other course requirements.

This fellowship is intended to support early career professionals to acquire training and research expertise in gender and intersectionality analysis in HPSR.

## **Faculty**

The programme will be taught by faculty with considerable experience working on gender equity / equality, intersectionality, health policy and systems research in LMIC contexts in the WHO-SEARO region. The faculty team will be led by Professors Gita Sen (RCESDH) and Pascale Allotey (UNU-IIGH).

## **Potential benefits of this fellowship**

- Identifying interesting research problems, including *inter alia* on conflict affected and fragile areas, which involve interactions between gender power, health systems and marginality in the SEARO region
- Conceptualising and implementing research projects based on the above
- Ongoing mentoring support
- Submission of draft research papers on the basis of the project

- Network, cultivating research leadership, and strengthening of research communication skills

## **Eligibility**

Selection of fellows will be on the basis of demonstrable prior academic performance and assessment of research potential. Selected candidates must have at least a Master's degree from a recognised university or equivalent qualification. Early career professionals with degrees in public health, medicine and allied disciplines, environmental studies, humanities and social sciences, law and other relevant background are invited to apply. Candidates whose research focusses on fragile and conflict affected areas are strongly encouraged to apply.

Post-graduate work experience in health related areas will be an advantage. Preference will be given to candidates with higher degrees (MPhil, DPhil, PhD, DrPH).

## **Eligible Countries**

Citizens from SEARO countries: Bangladesh, Bhutan, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, India, Indonesia, Maldives, Myanmar, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Thailand, Timor-Leste, are eligible to apply.

## **Certification**

Participants will receive a Certificate on successful completion of all components of the fellowship programme.

## **Grant coverage**

The fellowship is a competitive award that will cover the cost of fees for the course, partial living expenses, specified research costs, travel to the training programme and planned field visits.

## **Timeline**

Application Deadline: 31<sup>st</sup> July 2019 11.59 PM Indian Standard Time

Fellowship Start Date: 01<sup>st</sup> October 2019

## **Application Documents**

Applications **must** include

1. A completed application form (Form can be downloaded at [www.phfi.org](http://www.phfi.org))

2. A photograph (in jpeg format)
3. A detailed CV with description of research and work experience
4. Copies of research outputs and publications
5. Two reference letters emailed by referees directly to [rmi@phfi.org](mailto:rmi@phfi.org)
6. A TOEFL/IELTS academic score emailed directly from TOEFL/IELTS to [rmi@phfi.org](mailto:rmi@phfi.org)
7. A declaration form (enclosed in the application form) signed, scanned, converted to PDF

All typed documents must be in font size 12 with 1.5 line spacing and in PDF format.

1,2,3,4,and 7 must be submitted by email to [rmi@phfi.org](mailto:rmi@phfi.org) with subject line RMI Application\_<Name of the Candidate>. Please note that incomplete applications and applications sent via post /courier will not be accepted. Women and minorities, are especially encouraged to apply.

### **Selection**

Applicants will be selected on the basis of qualifications and research potential. Shortlisted candidates will be notified over email for an interview over Skype. Interviews will be scheduled in September 2019 and candidates are expected to be in locations with easy Skype and internet access. Selected candidates will be further notified by email in the last week of September 2019.

For any further information, please write to [rmi@phfi.org](mailto:rmi@phfi.org)