

## **Call for Monograph Fellowships**

Indian education system, before the British introduced English Education Act (1835), focused on holistic development of the individual and on imparting knowledge about traditions, practices, values, culture, family, society, politics, economics, astronomy, astrology and more. Our education system then inculcated an understanding of the Vedas, Brahmanas, Upanishads and Dharmasutras. In this context, NEP– 2020 outlines the vision of India's new education system and promises a giant leap in creating universal high-quality education for developing and maximizing our country's abundant human resources, talents, rich traditions and knowledge networks deeply rooted on Bharatiya ethos, traditions and teachings from scriptures.

With this background, it is important to initiate such academic endeavours and research that work towards fulfilling the objectives of NEP by bringing the Bharatiya knowledge of the rich historical, cultural and philosophical heritage to the classroom and communicate the relevance of introducing this vast knowledge oeuvre through different subjects of study in the present academic and institutional system.

In this context, VBUSS has been working to bring about quality changes in the field of education. VBUSS aims at formulating roadmaps to bring about changes in the syllabi and textbooks for Indian schools with the primary impetus being introducing *Bharat* centric core reading material. This effort has been successful in developing textual material for 14 subjects. With these objectives in sight, VBUSS invites scholars, researchers, academics and experts for timely academic and research interventions leading to developing monographs as per mandate of NEP 2020. This is an opportunity to deliberate upon creating learning resources and database with focus on the idea of *Bharat* and its knowledge systems to understand the trajectory of the spiritual and social progress of the nation in the global context. With these objectives in mind, the VBUSS is inviting fellowship proposals for development of monographs in the following areas, which are indicative and not restrictive, in line with the recommendations of NEP 2020:

- Knowledge of India
- Agriculture
- Vocational Education
- Financial Literacy
- Constitutional Literacy
- Human Right Education
- Electoral Literacy
- Values

- Inclusion
- Information and communication Technology
- Environment
- Rootedness in India

Besides, scholars working in the field of Integrating Bhartiya Values and Culture through literature, introducing IKS based Governance and Ethics in relevant subjects of study, introducing Bharatiya pedagogy and learning tools to promote 21<sup>st</sup> Century Skills etc. shall also be considered.

We seek proposals aimed at developing monographs that reflect an extensive and comprehensive understanding of the topic, explore the recent issues and developments, and formulate new possibilities for further research. This programme is funded by IKS Division of the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

**Monograph Fellowship proposals should include:**

- Author's name, email, affiliation, and a short biography.
- A description of the proposal (750-1500 words), including the tentative title, proposed aims and scope, table of contents with chapter descriptions, detailed literature review, primary and secondary sources, and estimated total word count.

The proposals will be reviewed thoroughly and the shortlisted applicants will be notified.

The output of the work in the form of monographs shall be submitted to VBUSS for review

**Short-listed applicants must ensure the following criteria:**

- The applicant must be affiliated to an academic/research institution
- The grant shall be managed through the affiliating institution.
- The monograph is original and meets the academic standards.
- The complete and edited monograph is delivered on schedule and accords to APA guidelines.
- The monograph is not under consideration for publication elsewhere.
- The plagiarism report is enclosed along with the monograph.
- All the required permission for the copyrighted data/materials is procured.
- Upon successful acceptance, copyright shall be vested with VBUSS

**Monograph Fellowship Grant: Rs 60,000 (Rupees Sixty Thousand)**

- The grant shall be released to the affiliating institution of the shortlisted scholars.
- An additional amount not exceeding Rs 10000 shall be sanctioned for field research provided proper bills are submitted.
- The cost of publishing the monograph will be borne by the IEDS, Shiksha Shodh Vikas Nyas, Noida.

**Timelines:**

Proposals should be submitted by: 27.04.2023

Notification of Short-listed proposals: 30.04.2023

Submission of Completed Monographs: 31.07.2023

A final decision on publication based on blind peer review will be given by: 15.08.2023

We request the interested candidates to send us their proposals at email id:  
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