

Support to Improve Climate Research and Information Services in South Asia

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Fellowships and Writeshops explained

The programme is offering writing fellowships and participation in residential writing workshops (writeshops) in order to increase the quality and quantity of papers published in international peer-reviewed journals by South Asian researchers in the climate field.

Programme participants will be selected through an application process.

Fellowships

We are anticipating offering 20 places for fellowships. Fellowship holders will:

- receive funding for up to one month of their time to work on an already existing paper.
- be paired up with and receive mentoring from an expert in their field of expertise
- receive further guidance and technical support (including access to online full text on scientific and scholarly material, primarily research articles published in peer-reviewed journals through the British Library of Development Studies (BLDS) at IDS)
- gain enhanced awareness of the process of writing papers for academic journals.
- at the end of the fellowship have produced a peer-review quality publishable article

There is also the potential of additional funding for some fellowship holders to:

- participate in one of the writeshops if the panel feel this would be of particular benefit for the candidate
- fund a fellowship for a co-author for collaborative work
- provide additional funding to improve/ expand/ analyse a fellowship holder's data (including a field visit) if this will substantially improve the prospects of a paper

Writeshops

There will be four residential writing workshops (writeshops) each with about 15 participants taking place in Delhi, Kathmandu, and Dhaka in 2012. We anticipate selecting 15 participants for each writeshop. The writeshops will each have a thematic focus

Benefits of attending a writeshop include:

- Access to mentoring (including international experts) to help succeed in publishing in a peer review journal
- Extend your networks through contact with mentors and facilitators (including international scientific specialists) and fellow-participants
- The opportunity of being selected for a special issue of a high-ranking journal, edited by the mentors and facilitators
- Budget for access to free downloads of journal papers and book chapters from British Library of Development Studies (BLDS)
- All costs of attendance covered

Writershop participants will:

- receive funding to cover all costs of attending the writershop (including travel costs, visa cost, subsistence costs during the writershop)
- be asked to prepare a draft of their article and share this with their mentor prior to the writershops
- receive further guidance and technical support (including access to online full text on scientific and scholarly material, primarily research articles published in peer-reviewed journals through the British Library of Development Studies (BLDS) at IDS)
- need to be prepared to do some follow-up work after the writershop should this be necessary to complete the paper

Writershops will

- be residential courses, run over 5 days. Participants must be able to attend the entire writershop.
- include plenary and training sessions, one-on-one sessions with mentors and time for participants to work on their papers

Participants must recognise that involvement in either the fellowship programme or the writershops does not guarantee publication – this will be determined by the peer-review process, which is independent and objective.

Support to Improve Climate Research and Information Services in South Asia (SICRISA) is a two-year project which aims to increase the quality and quantity of climate change research from South Asia. Visit www.sicrisa.org or www.teriin.org/projects/sicrisa or email sicrisa@ids.ac.uk for details.