

Department of International Relations  
Faculty of Social Sciences  
South Asian University

Announcement

**Border Studies Scholarship for PhD Students (2018-2019)**

To promote research related to border studies in South Asia, the Department of International Relations at the South Asian University is inviting applications for the 'South Asian University – Borders in Globalization (SAU-BIG) Border Studies Scholarship'. Considering the multi-disciplinary nature of the border studies, it will be an open call and interested social science students can apply for this scholarship. Selected doctoral candidates will have to write a complete research paper on themes related to border studies. We are expecting applicants to send 500 words abstract on one of the following themes:

1. Border Studies: Theoretical and Conceptual Debates in South Asia
2. Borders and Regional Integration in South Asia
3. Mental and Societal Borders in South Asia
4. Border Regions, Border Towns, Border Communities
5. Security and Borders
6. The New Technological Borders and Cyber Space
7. South Asian Connectivity: The BBIN Connectivity Project
8. Historical and Cultural Understanding of Borders in South Asia
9. Comparative Border Studies

**Eligibility Criteria & Important Terms and Conditions**

1. Any South Asian PhD student enrolled on the full-time basis in India is eligible to apply for this scholarship.
2. The total scholarship money is INR 30000 per student. The scholarship money will be released in installments of INR 10,000 every four months.
3. Selection of the students will be based on the assessment of the quality of the abstract by the leading experts in the field.
4. Only confirmed Doctoral Candidates who are not submitting their thesis before 2020 are eligible for this scholarship.
5. Doctoral candidates who have already submitted their thesis and awaiting their defence are not eligible for this scholarship. No queries in this regard would be entertained.

Every applicant has to submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the Head of the Department/Relevant Administrative Authority along with the abstract.

6. **The NOC must include:** Name of the Candidate, Age, Name of the University/Institute Confirmed PhD Title, Name & Email of the PhD Supervisor/Mentor and Expected Date of the PhD Submission (Month & Year). The NOC must be signed by the Head of the Department.
7. The NOC must mention that the concerned Department has no objection if the student receives this scholarship.
8. The scholarship committee will directly contact the supervisor/mentor of the applicants for the recommendation letter.
9. Please do not send any recommendation letter along with the abstract and NOC.
10. Selected students have to submit a progress report every four months and based on the review of the work, the next installment will be released.
11. An internal scholarship committee will review the progress of the work.
12. A review report from the internal committee will be sent directly to the supervisor/mentor.
13. Unsatisfactory progress can result in the withdrawal of the scholarship. 50% of the released installments have to be returned by the applicant.
14. All the recipients of the scholarship can utilise the award for field-work after taking the formal approval from the scholarship committee.
15. At the end of the first year, the final installment will be released after the submission of the full paper.
16. All the submitted papers will be reviewed by the internal committee and also by two external experts. The feedback will be provided to the authors.
17. The project will culminate into a workshop.
18. The committee will take the decision on the publication of the papers presented after the workshop.
19. **The authorship of the paper will be with the student but SAU will retain the copyright of the research papers.**

**Submission of the abstract (500 words) and NOC letter:** 10<sup>th</sup> September – 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2018

**The decision on the selection:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2018

**Submission of the final Papers:** 30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

Send the abstract and NOC to: [borderconf@sau.ac.in](mailto:borderconf@sau.ac.in)

Mention **SAU-BIG Scholarship** in the subject. Any Submission Without the Mention of the Subject May Not be Accepted.

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**Please do not send any questions and submissions directly to the coordinator or to the Internal Committee Members. It may lead to disqualification of the candidate.**