

## **Award of Senior Fellowships to Outstanding Persons in the Field of Culture** **(For the Batch Year 2026-27)**

### **ONLY OFF-LINE APPLICATIONS WILL BE ENTERTAINED**

Please go through the **Scheme** and **Instructions** carefully before filling up the Application Form.

1. CCRT under the Ministry of Culture is inviting **off-line** applications from Indian Nationals for the award of **Senior Fellowships** to Outstanding Persons in the field of Culture for **the Batch Year (2026-27)**. These Fellowships are awarded for undertaking research oriented projects. While both the academic research and performance related research are encouraged, the applicant should provide evidence of his/her capabilities in undertaking the project. It may be noted that these Fellowships are not intended for providing training, conducting workshops, seminars or documenting memoirs or writing autobiographies, fiction, etc. It is not a monthly remuneration/stipend or pension to the artistes, but a project-based award.
  2. 200 Senior Fellowships for the financial year having a value of Rs. 20,000/- per month for artistes in the age group of **above 40 years** will be awarded for a maximum period of two years. Hence applications are invited for 200 Fellowships (Two Hundred).
  3. Eligibility of Age will be determined for the applicants **(i.e., born on before 01-04-1986) for the Batch Year 2026-27.**
  4. **31<sup>st</sup> July, 2026** is the last date for receipt of applications offline only.
  5. An applicant for the Senior Fellowship should never have availed of Senior Fellowship in any of the fields earlier.
  6. **Please Note:** Graduation is the minimum educational qualification for applicants applying in the Field of **New Areas** and their Sub Fields i.e. Indology, Epigraphy, Sociology of Culture, Cultural Economics, Structural and Engineering Aspects of Monuments, Numismatics, Scientific and Technical aspects of Conservation, Management aspects of Art and Heritage, Studies relating to application of Science and technology in areas related to culture and creativity **(but not for the fields/areas i.e. Performing, Literary and Visual Arts of the Scheme)**.
- **Application Procedure:**
7. **Applications will be accepted offline only.** Please read the instructions carefully before filling up the application form. The applicants may give the 1000 to 1500 words project synopsis in **English/Hindi** language but the Project Synopsis for the Field of Literature can be sent in their Regional Language and send the Hard copy of the application form along with project synopsis in the chosen language by **Post only** to the **Director, CCRT, 15A, Sector-7, Dwarka, New Delhi-110075.**
  8. Applicants are advised to keep a print-out of the filled application form which they will be required to present at the time of interview/personal talk, along with their detailed project proposal. Other documents that the candidates will have to bring at the time of interview/personal talk will be separately notified to the shortlisted candidates.
  9. At the time of interview, the shortlisted applicants who are employed must also bring a NOC/Consent Letter from their employer.

10. If the applicants are employed in the Central/State Government Departments/Institutions/ Undertaking/University, etc., they will have to take leave for a period of two years, if selected, for the grant of Fellowship. At the time of interview, they should also submit a written assurance from their Head of the Department/Institution/Undertaking/ University, etc. that in case the Fellowship is sanctioned, and the candidate would be granted leave for the duration of the Fellowship. The first installment of Fellowship amount will be released on production of proof of leave sanctioned, in addition to fulfillment of other conditions as applicable.

11. **In case of any difficulties in submission of application form please contact CCRT, through email at [fellowship.ccrtnic@nic.in](mailto:fellowship.ccrtnic@nic.in) or on Telephone Number 011-25088747.**

➤ **Selection Procedure & Responsibilities of the Selected Fellows:**

12. Incomplete applications **in any respect** will be rejected summarily.

13. An Expert-Committee comprising experts in different fields constituted by the Ministry of Culture, Government of India, will evaluate all the applicants on the basis of their applications and project proposals. Candidates fulfilling the eligibility criteria for Senior Fellowship will be called for an interview/personal talk by the Expert Committee which will select most meritorious among them for eventual selection of the required number of Fellows in different fields/areas for the award of Senior Fellowships for the **Batch Year 2026-27** in different fields/areas taken together. **The total number of Senior Fellowship for the Batch Year 2026-27 will be 200.**

14. All the shortlisted candidates will be informed about the date and venue of the interview/personal talk on the email address provided by them in their application form.

15. The names of the candidates finally selected for the award of Senior Fellowship under this Scheme will be posted on the website of **CCRT & Ministry of Culture** after the selection process is completed and the selection is approved by the Ministry of Culture.

16. The list of selected candidates will be posted on **CCRT's website i.e. [www.ccrtnic.gov.in](http://www.ccrtnic.gov.in) & Ministry of Culture website i.e. [culture.gov.in](http://culture.gov.in)** .

17. If a candidate who is awarded Fellowship is found ineligible for it at any later stage, the Fellowship so awarded to him/her will be cancelled & money released to him/her will be recovered.

18. The awardees shall submit six-monthly progress reports. In case such reports are not received on time, further disbursement of the Fellowship amount will be withheld.

19. The selected candidates will have to undertake academic or application oriented research work on projects for which they have been awarded the Fellowship. They will complete their projects within two years and submit the same to **CCRT by Post only**. Extension of time for a maximum of three months will be permissible with the approval of Ministry of Culture and without any additional financial liability to the Government.

20. A mid-term review/assessment of the progress in each case will be carried out after one year and further continuance of Fellowship will depend on such review/ assessment.

21. **In the event of any legal dispute/proceedings concerning this project/scheme takes place, the matter will be dealt within the jurisdiction of Delhi High Court only.**

All awards sanctioned under the Scheme shall be disbursed **at present** by the **Ministry of Culture, Govt. of India** directly to the Awardee(s).

**Note: Ministry of Culture (MoC) reserves the right to reject/ select the applications on the basis of screening and evaluations.**