



Prime Ministers Museum and Library Teen Murti House, New Delhi – 11

Applications are invited for the **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Fellowship on Prime Ministers of India** for scholars to pursue research on Prime Ministers of India and Prime Minister's Office.

Details of the Position and the selection criteria are as under:

The emoluments, including allowances, will correspond to that of Professor of Central Universities. CPF/GPF facilities will be extended only to scholars having permanent jobs who take up the Fellowship after taking leave without pay from their parent institution. All the selected fellows should undertake their research work/project only making PMML as their base. They will be allowed for the study tour only after obtaining approval from the competent authority.

Qualifications: Scholars of eminence who have made a significant contribution to the knowledge in their respective fields and preferably have experience of conducting/guiding research and have at least two published books authored by the scholar.

Duration: Two years

Interested scholars are required to send their applications after duly filling them along with a write-up of about 2,000 words on the proposed project to be undertaken. The duly filled application form, research proposal and educational as well as professional certificates/documents must be sent in a **single PDF** file to the e-mail id: **fellowship.nmml@gov.in**, failing which the application is liable to be rejected. The last date of the receipt of the applications is **28 February 2026, 11:59 pm**. Incomplete and wrong applications will be summarily **rejected**.

Preference would be given to those applicants who will use the archival records of PMML for their research. The application form may be downloaded from this site. Applications received **after the last date** will **not** be considered. Members of the Selection Committee, PMML Society, Executive Council, and PMML staff cannot be a referee.



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Application for the Award of Atal Bihari Vajpayee Fellowship at the PMML, 2026

(Please read carefully the terms and conditions at the end)

Title of the Proposed research work <i>(Please attach write-up of the proposed project in 2000 words along with the application)</i>	
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1.	Name of the Applicant				
2.	Candidate Types <i>(Tick the box as applicable)</i> *No Objection Certificate is required from the employer in case of permanent employees.				
(a)	University/ Autonomous Organization	<input type="checkbox"/>	(b) Independent Scholar <input type="checkbox"/>		
(c)	Government	<input type="checkbox"/>	(d) Others <input type="checkbox"/>		
3.	Date of Birth				
4.	Gender	Male <input type="checkbox"/>	Female <input type="checkbox"/>	Other <input type="checkbox"/>	
5.	Category	SC <input type="checkbox"/>	ST <input type="checkbox"/>	OBC <input type="checkbox"/>	General <input type="checkbox"/>
6.	Persons with Disability				
7.	Present Address: Permanent Address:	Telephone (Home)	Telephone (Work)		

		Mobile E-mail:	Fax number		
8.	Educational Qualification (Starting with the most recent to matriculation and enclose the self attested relevant certificates and if require please attach a separate sheet of information for each entry)				
Name of the Examination/Degree		Subjects	Division/Grade	University/Institution	Year
9.	Publications	(If require please attach a separate sheet of information for each entry)			
Publication Name (Please list articles authored/ books edited in chronological order)		Year/Month of Publication	Publication type (Books, chapters, Articles, etc.)	Name of the Publisher	

	Job title/position
Phone (Office)	Mobile
Email:	

Declaration

I hereby declare that the entries above are factually correct and no facts have been concealed by me. If any of the above information by me is proved to be incorrect, my application may be cancelled at any stage of the Fellowship. I hereby declare that I agree and undertake the below mentioned terms and conditions of the Fellowship if selected.

Place:

Date:

Signature of the Candidate

Programme of Fellowship
Prime Ministers Museum and Library
(Terms and Conditions)

The Centre for Contemporary Studies at the Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) runs a prestigious and long-standing Fellowship Programme, with the objective of fostering and advancing pioneering and original research primarily on Modern & Contemporary India. This Programme is a platform to nurture research that enriches policy deliberations, and enhances public understanding of India's historical trajectories and contemporary transformations and contributes meaningfully to intellectual discourse in India and abroad. The Program is designed to foster original research in the following broad areas:

- India: Recent Geopolitical, Historical, Economic & Social Trends and Developments
- Post-Independence India: Domestic Issues & Challenges
- India in the Global context particularly post-Second World War era
- Democracy, Governance and Statecraft: Past and Present

(Note: Recent would mainly cover the 19th, 20th & 21st Century)

2. The Fellowship Programme shall be generally managed under the overall guidance of **Director, PMML** with Management & Supervision of the **Joint Director, PMML**. The Single Point of Contact (SPOC) for all matters relating to the Fellowship Programme, shall be the **Head of Research & Publications Division**.

3. The Fellowship Programme shall be called “PMML Fellowship Programme”.

3.1 Types of Fellowship

- 3.1.1 **Junior Fellow:** For candidates with a strong academic record, and/or scholarly publications, preferably with a Ph.D.
- 3.1.2 **Fellow:** For scholars holding a Ph.D. with at least five years of teaching/post-doctoral research experience and published works.
- 3.1.3 **Senior Fellow:** For eminent scholars with significant contributions in their field, preferably with experience in guiding research and at least two published books authored by the Scholar.
- 3.1.4 **Atal Bihari Vajpayee Fellow:** This Fellowship is of the category of Senior Fellow and is meant for eminent scholars with significant contribution in their field, preferably with experience in guiding research and at least two published books. Its mandate is Research on Prime Ministers/Prime Ministers' Office and related institutions of democracy. The emoluments are at the level of Senior Fellow of PMML.

3.2 Applications

- 3.2.1 The Applications for fellowship positions (existing and anticipated in the next 6 months) will be invited through open advertisement generally around the beginning of each year.

- 3.2.2 Prospective fellows shall submit their application in the prescribed format before the closing date mentioned in the notification.
- 3.2.3 Age of the applicant as on the date of issue of notification for filling up the positions of Fellowships should be less than 68 years.
- 3.2.4 In case of applicants who are formally employed, submission of a Leave of Absence Certificate for two years, from the employer shall be a prerequisite for joining the Fellowship Programme.
- 3.2.5 While evaluating the academic record of the applicant, his working in a relevant eminent institution of national importance will also be appropriately considered.
- 3.2.6 The most important criterion while considering the applications would be the nature and details of the proposal and the apparent inherent capability to enrich the academic brief and policy pitch.

3.3 **Tenure:** The tenure of the Fellowship is Two years only and will begin from the date of submission of the joining report addressed to the Director, PMML.

3.4 **Headquarters:** The Fellows shall be invariably based/headquartered at Delhi with the expectation that they shall spend at least nine months each year at the headquarters.

3.5 **Emoluments**

- 3.5.1 The fellowship amount, including allowances in case of Junior Fellows, Fellows and Senior Fellows, shall be at par with the pay and allowances applicable to that of Assistant Professor, Associate Professor, and Professor of Central Universities, respectively, and yearly increment payable as applicable.
- 3.5.2 In case of fellows who are from private sector, unemployed or self-employed, the pay shall be fixed at the beginning of the corresponding applicable pay scale as mentioned in para 3.5.1.
- 3.5.3 In case of retired academicians/govt. officials who join as fellows, the pay and allowances shall be governed by the applicable Government of India regulations for contractual engagement as applicable in the case of OPS or NPS.
- 3.5.4 In case of fellows holding permanent Government positions, their pay shall be protected as per the applicable Government regulations.
- 3.5.5 The fellows will not be entitled to any advance increments, leave salary and pension contribution for the period of their fellowship.
- 3.5.6 CPF/GPF shall be applicable only to fellows who have joined the Fellowship Programme after taking leave without pay from their employer.

3.6 **Contingency Grant**

- 3.6.1 Up to ₹30,000 per annum for Senior Fellows and Fellows and up to ₹25,000 per annum for Junior Fellows can be released for research-related expenses (including Travel for Fieldwork) against actual expenditure vouchers. 50% of unused contingency grant from the first year may be carried forward to the second year.

3.6.2 Travel for fieldwork is covered under this grant. Travel shall, however, be restricted to Economy Class Airfare, 2nd AC, AC Chair Car or AC Bus.

3.7 Academic Commitments

3.7.1 During their Fellowship Period, the fellows are required to produce a high-quality Manuscript based on fresh and original research, making substantial use of Archival and other Primary sources and records, on the topic approved by the Selection Committee. Midway changes in the topic of research can only be a rare exception that too with the prior approval of the Director, PMML. This Manuscript of minimum 70,000 words in at least four chapters shall be submitted by the fellow before the end of their Fellowship Period.

3.7.2 Papers presented/written in public domain by the Fellows should make a mention that the Author is a PMML Fellow.

3.7.3 Periodic Reports/Talks/Papers

- (a) Fellows shall submit a periodic progress report every six months.
- (b) Substantive body of work (approx. 30,000 words, preferably two/three chapters) must be submitted by the fellows before the end of the first 10 months of Fellowship.
- (c) All fellows shall be required to deliver at least four talks/lectures before their academic peers at PMML and scholars/educated public attending the event. Two of these lectures will be based on their research topic at the Institution, while the other two can be based on their other published/unpublished high quality research works.
- (d) Each fellow will be required to submit two research papers for the prestigious Occasional Paper Series of the CCS.

3.7.4 Submission of Manuscript

- (a) Fellows shall ensure the submission of the final Manuscript within the Fellowship period of two years. In exceptional circumstances with plausible reasons for delay, extra time can be considered with the approval of the Director, PMML.
- (b) PMML expects the fellows to publish their final Manuscript, duly acknowledging the support of the PMML, in the form of a book/monograph within two years of the completion of fellowship. PMML also reserves the right to upload the Manuscript on the PMML website.
- (c) The Fellowship Emoluments for the last two months of the Fellowship period and the Last Pay Certificate (LPC) will be released immediately after the Fellowship Review Committee accepts the final Manuscript.

3.7.5 The Fellows shall invariably participate in ALL academic activities of PMML.

3.8 PMML shall

- 3.8.1 Provide a suitable desk space to the fellows at the CCS during the Fellowship period.
- 3.8.2 Keep the fellows timely informed about academic and other activities being organised by PMML.
- 3.8.3 Provide a PMML Identity Card with lanyard to all fellows, valid for the entire duration of the Fellowship Programme. This I Card would:
 - (a) Entitle fellows to a complimentary membership of the PMML Library for a period up to six months beyond the Fellowship period. Books, however, shall not be issued during the extended period of six months.
 - (b) Entitle complimentary Entry to the Pradhanmantri Sangrahalaya and Nehru Planetarium with Spouse.

3.9 Leave Entitlement

- 3.9.1 Fellows can avail up to Thirty days of paid leave per year to be granted by the Joint Director.
- 3.9.2 Total leave availed (paid & LWP) should not exceed four months during the entire two years' tenure of the Fellowship.
- 3.9.3 In cases where most of the Research is State/Field centric, the total leave period can be marginally enhanced on a case-to-case basis with the approval of the Director, PMML subject to para 3.9.1 above.

3.10 Travel Guidelines

- 3.10.1 Fellows shall be entitled to the reimbursement of TA (Economy Class Airfare / 2nd Class AC / AC Chair Car / Bus) from/to place of natural habitat & Delhi while joining the Fellowship and leaving PMML after completion of Fellowship.
- 3.10.2 Outstation Travel must be pre-approved by the Joint Director, PMML. Fellows should confine their total fieldwork to four months (India or overseas).
- 3.10.3 Norms for Travel expenses will be in line with Government of India rules.

- 4. **Resignation:** In rare cases a fellow may resign, duly informing PMML by giving a notice of at least 30 days. In case the grounds of resignation are not acceptable to PMML, the Fellow may be liable to refund in full the Fellowship amount paid to them so far by PMML.
- 5. **Reviews of Fellowship:** The work done by fellows shall be formally reviewed twice — first after one year of Fellowship and the second after 18 months of Fellowship. Continuation of the Fellowship beyond the first year is contingent upon satisfaction of the Fellowship Review Committee constituted by the PMML to assess the progress of the work done by the fellows.

6. Special Conditions

- 6.1 During their Fellowship period with PMML, the Fellows shall not take up any remunerative engagement, nor any other regular assignment.
- 6.2 Fellows selected for the Programme should join the fellowship at the earliest, but not beyond six months from the date of the offer letter of PMML.

- 6.3 PMML is not liable for any loss, damage, or injury arising to any Fellow during his tenure of Fellowship.
- 6.4 Engagement under the Fellowship Scheme is covered under applicable laws and in case of any dispute, the Decision of the Director, PMML shall be final and binding.
- 6.5 Premature Termination of the Fellowship with immediate effect can be resorted to by the PMML with the approval of the Executive Council of PMML for reasons to be recorded in writing.
