

**Tarakanath Das Foundation**  
**c/o The South Asia Institute, Columbia University**  
**606 West 122<sup>nd</sup> St., Room 213, New York, NY 10027**

**APPLICATION FOR GRANT-IN-AID**

- **Applicants must be Indian passport holders who have completed at least one year of graduate study in the United States.**
- **Award amounts will be between \$3,000 to \$7,000 in the 2016 competition.**
- **Applications are due by September 15 of the current year.**

**\*\*\* APPLICANTS MUST SUBMIT ALL APPLICATION MATERIALS TOGETHER.\*\*\***  
**ONLY COMPLETE APPLICATIONS WILL BE REVIEWED FOR THE COMPETITION.**

Complete applications must include the following:

1. Completed application form
2. Transcript from most recent academic institution
3. Three sealed letters of recommendation (including one from your academic advisor)
4. Academic plans of applicant
5. Photocopy of applicant's passport.

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***TO THE TARAKNATH DAS FOUNDATION: I hereby apply for a grant-in-aid in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ to help defray my expenses in connection with:***

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**PERSONAL DATA OF APPLICANT**

Name (Mr./Ms.) \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_

Home Address (India) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (U.S.) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Name of graduate school at which you are currently enrolled \_\_\_\_\_

General health \_\_\_\_\_ Life Insurance \_\_\_\_\_

Health Insurance \_\_\_\_\_ Citizenship \_\_\_\_\_

Are you a Green Card holder? \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC RECORD OF APPLICANT (This is in addition to your academic transcripts)**

High School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

College \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/Major \_\_\_\_\_

Graduate School \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Degree/Major \_\_\_\_\_

Languages \_\_\_\_\_

Publications \_\_\_\_\_

Honors/Awards Received \_\_\_\_\_

Academic and Professional Memberships \_\_\_\_\_

Extra-curricular activities \_\_\_\_\_

**ACADEMIC PLANS OF APPLICANT (Please use a separate sheet of paper: no more than 500 words)**

- A brief background/up-bringing
- State your reasons for pursuing higher education
- What course of study do you plan to follow?
- In what ways do you hope to apply your studies to the service of India and the promotion of the welfare of others?

**FINANCIAL STATUS OF APPLICANT (Use additional sheet of paper if necessary)**

- What financial resources do you now have for your studies?
- What fellowships or scholarships have you received or do you hope to receive?
- Do you have any outstanding loans? If so, please specify.

**THREE RECOMMENDATION LETTERS (Including one from your academic advisor)**

Please include recommender names and addresses.

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*It is the hope of the Foundation that when their finances permit, recipients of grants will wish to repay them and thus make possible the growth of the grant funds for the benefit of future student applications.*

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SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_ DATE OF APPLICATION \_\_\_\_\_

***Grants are currently awarded in October. Please note that the foundation does not have a full-time staff and therefore is unable to answer telephone enquiries.***