

Taraknath Das Foundation Fellowship Competition Frequently Asked Questions

Who is eligible to apply?

Applicants must be Indian passport holders who have completed at least one year of graduate study in the United States.

What is the amount of the fellowship?

Awards will range from \$3,000 to \$7,000 in the upcoming competition.

What does the application consist of? What materials do I need to apply?

Complete applications must include the following:

1. Completed application data on website form
2. Transcript from most recent academic institution
3. Three letters of recommendation (including one from your academic advisor)
4. Academic plans of applicant
5. Statement of financial status and resources
6. Photocopy of applicant's passport.
7. For those applying for dissertation support, include an approved dissertation abstract

How do I submit my application? When will I hear the results of my application?

All applications must be submitted on-line at:

<https://taraknathdasfoundation.submittable.com/submit>.

Applicants may submit partial materials without submitting the application, and return at a later date to complete the application, and to submit it. Applicants may return to the application after submission to see if their recommendations have been submitted. Applications may be submitted between August 1 and October 31. Awards will be announced by the end of November.

What should I include in my statement of academic plans?

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

What should I include in the statement of financial status and resources?

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

How are my recommendation letters submitted?

Enter your recommenders name and email contact on the website. An email will be sent to your recommenders with directions on how to submit the recommendations.