Call for Proposals
Bharati and South Asia Summer Research Grant

DEADLINE: Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST

Application link: Bharati 2020

Attention Maxwell School PhD Students

The South Asia Center announces the 27th Annual Bharati Memorial Award competition for the summer of 2020 (or AY 2020-21) for grants leading to doctoral dissertation research. Students in PhD programs in the Maxwell School are preferred. Students in other programs may apply, and we will fund them if other funding becomes available. We are especially interested in supporting pre-dissertation research, although short-term dissertation research can qualify. We anticipate awarding 1-5 grants for 2020. Only projects concerning South Asia are eligible. Previous recipients of this or other grants awarded through the Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs are eligible, but not top priority.

Grants will range from $500 to a maximum of $1500.

You may apply for more than one summer grant from the Moynihan Institute, but you will not receive more than one in a given year from the Institute. Awards are ranked separately, so if your proposal is accepted by more than one committee, you will be awarded the better opportunity. If you win an award this year, you may apply for this or another award next year.

These awards are funded by a generous donation in honor of Professor Agehananda Bharati, Syracuse University professor of anthropology for 30 years, Ford/Maxwell Professor of South Asian Studies, and a recipient of the Chancellor’s Citation for Exceptional Academic Achievement. Professor Bharati was a world-renowned expert in the cultural anthropology of South Asia, including the field of tantric studies.

PROPOSAL FORMAT:

Part 1.

Personal Information.
The online application consists of a number of questions about your academic status, contact information, outstanding award applications and preliminary information about your project.
Part 2.

The Proposal. Create your proposal as a word document or PDF file and upload it to the online application.


Provide a brief summary of your progress and current status in your doctoral program (course work completed, research focus, faculty supervisor, dissertation committee).

Pages 2-3. Research Description.

Please describe the research for which you are seeking funds. Your proposal text must be no longer than 500 words. Briefly describe your subject, locate your work and potential contributions in the most important relevant scholarship; outline your proposed methods and state why they fit your topic. A list of references may add a page to the 500 words of text. Include a word count at the end of your 500-word narrative. Proposals exceeding the 500-word limit will not be considered.


Please provide a detailed budget. Categories may include stipends, living expenses (either in Syracuse or elsewhere while doing research), travel, per diems, survey design and administration, book/data/software purchases, research fees, and so on. Equipment is not eligible for inclusion in the budget. We anticipate that awards will be around $500 - $1500 per proposal.

Page 5. Other Support.

Please provide details about other research support that you have received for this and related research this summer. If you have no other research support, say so explicitly. Finally, please list the other applications that you have made for research support from summer 2020 through summer 2021 (e.g., FLAS, etc.).

Part 3.

Vita. Upload your Curriculum Vitae to the online application. Your contact information (mail, tel., email), should appear there.

Part 4.

Endorsement.

Please arrange for one recommendation letter from a Syracuse University faculty member to be submitted as part of your application. The letter must be focused on the research you propose. Include the person’s name in your proposal, and ask that person to send his/her letter as a pdf via their university email account to Amy Marsden at: ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu no later than Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11:59 p.m. EST.

In the online application, you will be asked to identify this person, and they will receive an email requesting the letter upon submission of your application. It is your responsibility to make sure that the recommender provides us with a letter of recommendation for you on time (that is Thursday, February 27, 2020 at 11:59 pm EST).

After applying, you should receive a notice indicating that your application was received.

Bharati/South Asia Summer Research Grant Guidelines
OTHER DETAILS:

Proposals will be read by a faculty committee. The committee will rank the proposals according to their research promise, consistency with the Bharati goals, and cost effectiveness. We expect to send notices regarding funding by email in the first week of April.

We will be offering two special workshops and we recommend that you attend both.

1. Proposal Writing Workshop on Friday, January 31, 2020 at 2:00 p.m. in 341 Eggers Hall, hosted by Sue Wadley, Professor of Anthropology, Emerita.

2. IRB Workshop TBA. It is your responsibility to obtain IRB approval for your research.

Our Expectations:

This program aims to encourage and facilitate the study of South Asia among doctoral students in Maxwell. We expect all recipients of South Asia summer research funds to: (i) send a brief biography and project abstract (one to two paragraphs in all) and a photo to Amy Marsden (ammarsde@maxwell.syr.edu) by May 8, 2020 for use on the website. If you do not have a photo, we can arrange to have one taken. (ii) We also strongly encourage recipients to present their research in other relevant forums in 2020-21, such as the Madison South Asia Center or appropriate professional society conference. Awardees should make significant efforts to publish a paper based on their funded research. Any publications and presentations that result from the award should acknowledge the Bharati Memorial Award/South Asia Center Summer Research Grant Program. (iii) We expect that you will give a research presentation upon invitation.

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