

South Asia Center

Moynihan Institute of Global Affairs
Syracuse University

Call for Proposals

Bharati and South Asia Research Grant

DEADLINE: Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET

Application link: <http://bit.ly/Bharati2021>

Attention Maxwell School PhD Students

The Moynihan Institute's South Asia Center announces the 28th Annual Bharati Memorial Award competition 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 they qualify and 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 2021. Only projects concerning South Asia are eligible. Previous recipients of this and 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.

The awards are competitive. Proposals will be judged on the basis of (i) the quality of the proposed research, (ii) the organization and thoughtfulness of the proposal, and (iii) the appropriateness and feasibility of the research plan in relation to the student's background and qualifications.

You may apply for more than one grant from the Moynihan Institute, but no more than one award will be given by the Moynihan Institute per year per student. 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.

The Bharati 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.

Page 1. Doctoral Dissertation Status.

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.**

Page 4. Budget.

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 2021 through summer 2022 (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 Emera Bridger Wilson at: elbridge@syr.edu **no later than Thursday, April 1, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. ET.**

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, April 1, 2021 at 11:59 pm ET**).

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

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. Award notices will be sent by email on or about April 30, 2021.

We will be offering a Proposal Writing Workshop on March 5, 2021 at 2pm ET. The workshop will be hosted by Sue Wadley, Professor of Anthropology, Emerita. You may register at

<https://syracuseuniversity.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJwrceqsqTgpH9QR1AJSWS3esM13Ob8Qpqqx>

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 Emera Bridger Wilson (elbridge@syr.edu) by May 8, 2021 for use on the website. (ii) We also strongly encourage recipients to present their research in other relevant forums in 2021-22, 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.

For more information, contact **Emera Bridger Wilson**, Associate Director, South Asia Center at elbridge@syr.edu