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Project EduAccess

Access to higher education is a privilege most people from marginalised communities are systematically denied through cost, information and dispositional barriers.

Project EduAccess is a modest attempt to improve inclusivity in HEIs by removing these barriers for marginalized communities in South Asia.

We hope to achieve this by providing expert mentorship, support and guidance to learners in South Asia.

Meet your panelist

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Overview and Timeline

- The Narotam Sekhsaria Foundation Scholarship Programme is designed for students looking to pursue postgraduate studies at prestigious institutions in India or abroad.

- It is a merit-based scholarship, awarded to Indian students who have a consistently high academic record.

- The programme offers full and partial scholarships as interest-free loans.

- Selected candidates under this scheme will get a scholarship amount up to INR 20 lakhs.

- Selected scholars are assigned a mentor to guide them in their development as professionals, and motivate them to strive for excellence.

- Applications must be submitted online by 16 March 2023. Chosen candidates will have to attend an interview sometime during May/June 2023.

Eligibility

- Applicant must be an Indian national, residing in India.

- Applicant must be below 30 years of age as of January 31, 2023.

- Applicant must have graduated from an accredited Indian University. Students in their final year of the degree course or those awaiting results are also eligible.

- Applicants planning to pursue postgraduate studies (masters or PhD) at top ranking institutions from Fall 2023.

- Applicants who have applied and are awaiting an acceptance from the university are also eligible to apply.

- The award of scholarship is subject to securing admission.

Application Process

- In order to apply, head to https://webportalapp.com/sp/login/narotam_application_portal and register your profile. Once registered, the applicant must log into the online application portal using the email address and password created during the registration process.

- Applicants must pay INR 500 online in order the access the application form.

- Applicants must fill the details in 'Full Application Part 1-2-3' and submit the form. Once you submit your application, an automated confirmation email will be sent to the registered email address.

- Applicants shortlisted for the next phase of the selection process will be required to upload a set of documents.

- Shortlisted candidates will need to attend in-person interviews in Mumbai, which will be scheduled between April and June 2023.

- Selected scholars usually hear about the outcome at the end of June.

Application Form: Phase 1

- Applicants will be asked for the following details in the application form:
  - Personal information
  - Educational qualifications
  - Professional background
  - Proposed course of study
  - Other sources of funding
  - Extracurricular activities and other achievements

- Applicants will also be asked to submit a Statement of Purpose, explaining the following:
  - What are you career goals?
  - How are your proposed universities and programmes relevant to the above?
  - Why have you chosen this field? If you are changing fields, then provide reasons for the same.

- Applicants will also be expected to write an essay telling their life story, and highlighting any personal qualities, talents, accomplishments, contributions or experiences that are important to them.

- Applicants will be asked for two references.

- Please note that the application form can ONLY be submitted online.

Application Documents: Phase 2

Those candidates selected for the next phase (after submitting the application form) will be required to submit the following documents:

- Attested copies of the mark sheets of all years of the undergraduate study and post-graduate study, if any.
- Attested copies of score cards of any qualifying examination taken (e.g. GRE, GMAT, CAT, GATE, etc.)
- Acceptance letter with the fee structure
- Two Reference Letters
- Any document indicating an award of any other funding, scholarship, fee waiver, etc.
- Latest Income Tax Returns of parents
- Attested copy of the passport

Apart from the above-mentioned documents, the Foundation may request the applicant to submit any other document required to verify the details provided.

Interview: Phase 3

- The interview panel consists of 7-10 panelists, some of whom have area-specific expertise.

- Expect a mix of general and field-specific questions.

- How to prepare:
  - You
  - Your CV
  - Your application
  - Your field

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