



democratising access to higher education

Workshop on the Debesh-Kamal Scholarships
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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 **Debesh-Kamal Scholarships** are awarded by the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Kolkata, to deserving candidates for the purpose of **higher education/ research abroad**.
- The value of the scholarship is around **Rs 1 lakh**, tenable for once and one year only. Since this amount will not be adequate for studies abroad, candidates will have to produce acceptable **evidence of other resources or committed financial support**.
- The last date to mail the Application Form (by post), complete in all respects, to the Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture is **Friday, 5 May 2023**.
- **Shortlisted candidates** will be expected to appear before a Selection Committee for a **virtual (online) interview**.



Eligibility

- The scholarship is open to Indian nationals irrespective of caste, creed, or religious faith.
- Candidates must have a uniformly good academic record with first class marks at the Honours or Postgraduate level, relaxable by the Selection Committee.
- Candidates should not ordinarily be more than 30 years of age. Exceptions may be made for short-term post-graduate or post-doctoral researchers.
- The preferred subjects of study/ research are the humanities and the basic sciences, but candidates in other disciplines, such as social sciences and applied science and technology, will also be considered.
- Candidates will have to submit evidence of having been admitted to a course of study/ research at a major university or comparable academic institution abroad.

Application Process

- Candidates are expected to fill the application form available here:
<https://sriramakrishna.org/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Debesh-Kamal-Scholarships-2023.pdf>
- Candidates are expected to mail their applications for the scholarship to the Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, Gol Park, Kolkata 700 029. The envelopes should carry the inscription 'Debesh-Kamal Scholarship'.
- Candidates will have to submit, along with their applications, a bank draft for INR 200/- in favour of the Secretary, Ramakrishna Mission Institute of Culture, as the application fee which is not refundable.



Application Form

The application form requires you to provide the following information:

- Personal details
- Academic information (including details of grades in Classes X and XII, final results of bachelors degree and final results of masters/ other degrees completed, if any)
- Research work details
- Proposed study plan
 - Name of the university/ institution where admission has been secured or applied for
 - Course(s) of study to be undertaken
 - Likely duration of the course(s)
 - Estimated cost for one year (including travel expenses, annual tuition fees and other estimated expenses)
- Other Resources or Financial Support



Supporting Documents

Applicants are expected to mail the following documents along with their application form:

- Attested passport size photograph
- Attested photocopy of proof of age
- Attested photocopies of certificates and marksheets
- Attested photocopy of the latest communication regarding your application/ admission (i.e. evidence of having been admitted to a course of study/ research at a major university or comparable academic institution abroad)
- An outline of your research project as may have been approved by the university/ institution concerned (if you're applying for a research degree)
- Additional self-attested documents (including air ticket, passport, visa) will be required for release of funds upon selection for the scholarship.



Interview

- A 15 minute online interview is conducted as the final step in the selection process.
- A mix of general and technical questions may be asked by the interview panel.
- Questions may concern:
 - General career profile and background;
 - Career aspirations and the motivations behind them;
 - Chosen course at the foreign university; or
 - Technical questions concerning field of study (these might be analytical or based on contemporary issues).

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