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Columbia University (USA) conferred the Honorary Degree of L.L.D. to Dr. Ambedkar in its Bi-Centennial celebration special Convocation held in New York- 1952.
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1. Background

1.1. Dr. Ambedkar International Centre, located at 15 Janpath in the heart of New Delhi, has been set-up by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India. The aims of DAIC are to promote and support high-quality research on social and economic issues by developing a national database through various studies conducted from time to time, disseminate knowledge aggregated through the research work and nurture social scientists to meet the needs of users and beneficiaries. Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC) has been envisaged to be the Centre of Excellence for study, research analysis and policy briefs in the field of Socio-economic Transformation and Buddhist Studies. The Centre works on reducing discrimination and exclusion and monitors progress towards more inclusive society. The other important areas of research which DAIC is going to take up are theory of social and economic transformation of Dr. Ambedkar, transformational and developmental aspects of Buddhism, policy review and policy advocacy and sustainable development and livelihood through various activities in the Centre. The knowledge product will not only be used to support industry and business houses, but also to back all branches related to social sciences aiming to uplift the life of people.

1.2. The Centre (DAIC) was envisaged as a Centre of Excellence which takes forward Dr. B.R. Ambedkar’s philosophy and contributes in improving the lives of marginalized sections of society. The Centre is designed to promote multi-disciplinary academic, as well as practice-oriented studies and encourage cutting edge research. The Centre is designed to be a body that serves as think-tank for development of social sector, and it intends to, through research, feed and impact the policies of the Government of India. DAIC is also set up to undertake the following activities as part of the research portfolio:

i. To promote and support high-quality research on social and economic issues.
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ii. To develop a national data base through various studies conducted from time to time.

iii. To disseminate knowledge aggregated through the research work and nurture social scientists to meet the needs of users and beneficiaries.

iv. To communicate and promote public understanding of social science to encourage involvement in research.

v. To undertake research activities which may help the Government in reviewing policies related to social welfare and social justice.

vi. To conduct research on vision, theories, principles and policies of nation building propounded by Dr. Ambedkar which have contributed in meeting the challenges of socio-economic transformation and inclusive growth.

vii. To undertake empirical research in the field of sustainable development and livelihood and to apply it for the benefit of society.

1.3. Since the inception, DAIC has made ‘Socio-economic Transformation’ a niche area of its research activities through lectures, internship programme, seminars, conferences and panel discussions for University students. Under the broad research area of Socio-economic Transformation, the following are priority research segments:

i. Trends and patterns of Socio-economic Transformation in Rural India

ii. Urbanization, Migration and Socio-economic Transformation

iii. Socio-economic Transformation for Nomadic Tribes in Urban Area

iv. Tackling Inequalities through Social and Economic Empowerment

v. Policies for Socio-economic Transformation and Sustainable Development

vi. Caste and gender-based Identities and Challenges for Inclusive Growth

vii. Policies for Better Livelihood for economically Backward Classes and other allied sectors such as Transgender, Rag Picker, Beggars, etc.

viii. Dr. Ambedkar’s Thoughts and Philosophy on Socio-economic Transformation

ix. Sustainable Development and its Goals

x. Welfare Policies and Schemes by the Government for SC, ST, OBC, EWS Divyangjan, and Minorities

xi. Entrepreneurship Development for Youth, Women, Aspirational Districts and Rural India

xii. Social Acceptability, Laws and Welfare Policies for Transgender

2. About Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship

2.1. Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), under the financial assistance of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, (GoI) has started Dr. Ambedkar Doctoral Fellowship and Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship (national and overseas).
2.2. The Fellow is expected to undertake research and publication in one or more areas of Socio-economic Transformation. The fellow will have to take up a new research work under the fellowship and he/she is strongly expected to generate a publishable manuscript towards the end of the fellowship. The fellow is also expected to conduct two seminars, and contribute in other academic activities of DAIC including setting up a digital archive on Socio-economic Transformation and Buddhist Studies.

3. Objectives
The Objectives of Fellowship are:

- To provide an opportunity to scholars to carry out advanced studies and research in the fields of Socio-economic Transformation, Sustainable Development and Buddhist Studies.
- To bridge the gap between policy for Socio-economic Transformation and Sustainable Development and their impact after implementation.
- To foster and promote collaborative research activities which will help in providing policy feeds.
- To contribute in overall Nation building through applied research.

4. Types of Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship
Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral National and Overseas Fellowships are completely mentored fellowship schemes. During the entire period of fellowship, the fellow shall be working under supervisor of DAIC. The Scheme shall be coordinated and administered by DAIC for Research in coordination with the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, GoI. DAIC has introduced the following two types of completely mentored fellowship schemes:

I. Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship (National).
II. Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship (Overseas) for Indian Students to study abroad.

The Post-doctoral overseas research will be supervised by the two supervisors i.e. one from DAIC and the other from the overseas university. All the fellowships will include rigorous training and experience based on field study on the topic of the research.

5. Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship

5.1. Post-doctoral fellowship is designed for fellows to refine and expand upon skills in the areas of analytic thinking, research techniques, public presentation, and professional writing. The overall goal for fellows is to develop the skill sets
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required to pinpoint novel, high impact areas of investigation and then obtain resources to prepare a fact-based document with the help of scientific analysis of data collected during the study, reading and review of the existing policies and related document.

5.2. The candidates for Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship will be registered at DAIC and will remain with DAIC for the entire duration of fellowship. Under no circumstances the candidate will be allowed to delink from DAIC except field work. DAIC Post-doctoral fellowship is a full time fellowship based at New Delhi.

6. Duration of Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship

The timeline for Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship is for two years. Under no circumstances, the timeline will be extended. Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship shall awarded to the candidates who complete the selection procedure duly approved by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment and who signs a bond with DAIC that She/he will remain full time engaged with DAIC for the entire period of fellowship.

7. Eligibility

7.1 A doctoral Degree from a recognized university/institution preferably from the top 100 institution/universities as per NIRF Ranking of Universities 2020.

7.2 Maximum Age Limit – 40 years (5 years relaxation to the reserved category candidates as defined in Govt. of India norms).

7.3 The Candidate must not be more than 40 years of age as on the date of publication of the advertisement. The upper age limit may be relaxed as per government of India norms for women and for SC/ST/OBC/PH/Minority Community candidates; and

7.4 The Candidate must not be receiving any grant or research assistance by whatever name called from any other source; and

7.5 Shall have at least one publication in a reputed/UGC listed/Scopus Journal.

7.6 The Candidate should not be engaged in any part-time or full time employment of any nature during the entire tenure of Fellowship. Those who are employed will have to produce relieving/study leave certificate issued by the respective Organisation/Institution from the day the fellowship is awarded.
8. Outcome and Deliverables

8.1. Aims and Objectives of the Scheme:

8.1.1. To nurture and promote quality research in identified fields.
8.1.2. To foster and promote collaborative research for providing policy outputs.
8.1.3. To prepare young research scholars to substantially contribute to their research themes.
8.1.4. To encourage and retain young scholars who have completed PhD and looking forward to pursue a regular career in teaching and research.
8.1.5. To give a pedagogy of the pride to heterogeneous sections like policy makers, bureaucrats, government officers, academicians, social thinkers etc. for understanding the relevance of Buddhism and Dr. Ambedkar’s thoughts in modern and contemporary times.
8.1.6. To provide an opportunity to scholars to carry out advance studies and research in the fields of socio-economic transformation, Sustainable Development and Buddhist Studies.
8.1.7. To impact the development process through knowledge products of quality research, through implementation of the scheme promote networking among research institutions, thereby contributing to an active discourse on the identified fields.

8.2. Measurable Indicators:

8.2.1. The scheme will have the following evaluation measurable indicators.

i. First Six Months- (Presentation and preparation of research paper)
ii. Second Six Months- (Progression Report / Presentation, Publication of Research Paper)
iii. Third Six Months- (Monograph Publication)
iv. Forth Six Months- (A Book-length final report and a research paper)
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9. Selection Procedure for Post Doctoral Fellows

A. Advertisement-Selection will be made through open advertisement along with request letters to top hundred universities/institutions for a total vacancies of 30 (28 National & 2 Overseas).

B. Scrutiny of verification of documents and eligibility- Scrutiny of applications (without identity of applicants) received will be done at DAIC by a duly constituted committee constituted after coding by Director, DAIC.

C. Evaluation Criteria
Short-listing of candidates will be done on the basis of following evaluation criteria:
   a) Marks obtained by the candidate in his post-graduation degree examination;
   b) Research paper publication, other relevant publication, and
   c) The research proposal received along with the application and
   d) Performance in interview.

D. Distribution of marks out of 100

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<td>Percentage of Marks in post-graduation</td>
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<td>70% and above (10 Marks)</td>
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<td>60%-69% (8 Marks)</td>
<td>55%-64% (8 Marks)</td>
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<td>55%-59% (5 Marks)</td>
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<td>The quality and relevance of the doctoral thesis</td>
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<td>Journal @ 5 marks per publication;</td>
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<td>Book @ 10 marks;</td>
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<td>Chapter in a Book @ 5 marks per chapter</td>
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<td>Evaluation of the Research proposal and its relevance to Society</td>
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<td>Interview</td>
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E. Research Proposal - The candidate shall submit along with application a research proposal in about 3000 words in a prescribed format in separate envelope as per guidelines. The proposal should contain aims and objectives, research methodology, tentative chapterisation, hypothesis and focused area with appropriate existing and proposed welfare policy as broad headings.
F. **Declaration of Results**  The result for award of fellowship along with the waiting list will be declared on the recommendations of the selection committee. The validity of the waiting list will be 06 months. The result of the selected candidates will be declared after the approval of the list by the Member Secretary, DAF.

G. **The Reservation Policy**  as per GOI norms shall be implemented and factored in for final merit list. The distribution of 30 seats will be as following:

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<td>6.</td>
<td>PwD (Persons with disabilities)</td>
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<td><strong>Total Seats</strong></td>
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H. **Notification**  Post selection procedure, (list of the selected candidates recommended by the selection committee and duly approved by the Member Secretary) will be notified by the Director, DAIC for award of fellowship and a copy of the notification will be sent to the candidates and the same will be displayed on DAIC website.

I. **Selection of overseas candidate**: The same as national fellowship selection procedure will be followed in case of overseas fellows.

J. **Time Lines**  
The following calendar of activities and time lines will be followed:

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<th>Activity</th>
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<tr>
<td>Date of advertisement</td>
<td>10(^{th}) August, 2020</td>
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<td>Date of writing letters to universities/institutions</td>
<td>31(^{st}) July, 2020</td>
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<td>Last date of submitting application form</td>
<td>7(^{th}) September, 2020 for National and 7(^{th}) October, 2020 for Overseas Fellowship.</td>
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<td>Date of completion of verification, evaluation and eligibility check</td>
<td>15(^{th}) September, 2020 for National and 15(^{th}) November, 2020 for Overseas Fellowship.</td>
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<td>Interviews</td>
<td>27(^{th}) to 30(^{th}) September, 2020 (National) 21(^{st}) to 25(^{th}) November, 2020 (Overseas)</td>
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<td>Declaration of result/ issue of notification</td>
<td>5(^{th}) October, 2020 (National) 27(^{th}) November, 2020 (Oversees)</td>
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<td>Commencement of fellowship</td>
<td>12(^{th}) October 2020 (National) 7(^{th}) December, 2020 (Oversees)</td>
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**10. Cost Analysis**

10.1 Cost estimate for the scheme duration*.

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<th>Nature of Assistance</th>
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<td>Duration</td>
<td>2 Years</td>
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<td>Monthly Fellowship (annual increase of ` 3000/-)</td>
<td>` 50,000/-</td>
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<td>HRA* per month</td>
<td>` 6,500/-</td>
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<td>Contingency Fund per Annum**</td>
<td>` 30,000/-</td>
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<td>Escorts / Reader Assistance per month in cases of (Divyangs) physically disabled &amp; blind candidates</td>
<td>` 3,000/-</td>
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<td>National Travel per month***</td>
<td>` 5,000/-</td>
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* The amount indicated is maximum permissible. Eligible amount will be fixed on actual rent agreement basis. No HRA will be paid to the local residents.

** The amount indicated is maximum permissible. Eligible amount will be fixed by assessing the Research Project.

*** The amount indicated is maximum permissible. The amount will not be given in advance. It will be reimbursed through proper channel after verification of the approved travel plan by the competent authority and on the basis of hard copies of travel tickets.
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<th>Nature of Assistance</th>
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<td><strong>Annual Maintenance Charge</strong></td>
<td>i. The annual maintenance allowance of US Dollars as per the minimum wages rules in the USA and other Countries.</td>
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<td>ii. The annual maintenance allowance will be paid as per the minimum wages rules in Great Britain) for UK only.</td>
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<td><strong>Contingency Allowance Annual</strong></td>
<td>US Dollars 1,500/- for the USA and other Countries and Great Britain Pound (GBP) $1100/- (One Thousand One Hundred) for the UK only</td>
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<td><strong>Incidental Journey Allowance &amp; equipment Allowance</strong></td>
<td>The prescribed Incidental journey allowance is US $20/- (Twenty) or its equivalent in Indian Rupees and the prescribed equipment allowance is US$ 20/- (Twenty).</td>
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<td><strong>Poll Tax</strong></td>
<td>Actual visa fees in Indian Rupees will be paid.</td>
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<td><strong>Tuition/bench Fees</strong></td>
<td>Generally not Charged by the Universities. In case it is charged, it will be paid as per Actual fees charged by the University/Institution.</td>
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<td><strong>Medical Insurance Premium</strong></td>
<td>Actual as charged</td>
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<td><strong>Air Passage</strong></td>
<td>Air passage from India to the nearest place to the educational institution and back to India, by economy class and shortest route in arrangements with the National carrier, will be provided.</td>
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<td><strong>Local Travel</strong></td>
<td>i. Second or Coach Class railway fare from the port of disembarkation to the place of study and back. In case of far flung places not connected by Rail, Bus fare(s) from the place of residence to the nearest railway station, actual charge of crossing by ferry, air fare to the nearest rail- cum-air Station and or second class railway fare by the shortest route to the port of embarkation and back will be permissible.</td>
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<td>ii. The mode of disbursement of above listed financial assistance will be decided by the Government of India and Indian Missions abroad.</td>
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11. Completion of Fellowship
11.1. Once joined, a fellow will have to complete the fellowship and the research work within two years. In case (due to unavoidable circumstances) a fellow leaves the fellowship before two years, he/she will have to submit a detailed progress report of the work done with publications, if any, duly approved by the supervisor with recommendations. In such cases, the fellow will have to present his/her case before the committee and final decision will be taken by the committee. The committee will advise whether the research will be completed by the other scholar or by DAIC Professors/Research staff.
11.2. In special case of maternity/medical/extra ordinary circumstances, if a scholar remains on leave (not to exceed six months) with prior approval of the competent authority DAIC, the tenure of fellowship will be extended by that period but the total amount of fellowship will not exceed 24 months.
11.3. On completion of the fellowship, the scholar will have to submit the following:
   a) A book-length final Report in a publishable form along-with a Summary of the report (2500–3500 words) and published research papers.
   b) All documents should be submitted in hard copies (three copies of final report and five copies each of the Summary and research articles) and a soft copy of both in a pen-Drive.
   c) A certificate of settlement of assets and books purchased out of the contingency grant.
11.4. A maximum of three months period will be granted for submission of the final report after completion of the fellowship. In special case of maternity/medical/extra ordinary circumstances, the period for submission of report may be extended up to 6 months with prior approval of the competent authority.
11.5. Under no circumstances, the period of submission of report shall be extended more than 6 months.

12. Conditions for Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellow
12.1. The Post-Doctoral research work should be as per the requirement of DAIC.
12.2. The duration of full time regular fellowship shall be strictly for two years. In no case, the fellowship beyond two years will be considered. However, extension for submission of final report may be granted on justified reasons without any additional financial commitment of the DAIC.
12.3. The contingency grant may be utilized for books, journals, stationery, computer related costs, and the field work expenses connected with the research work. All items purchased from contingency fund during the fellowship will have to be deposited to DAIC.

12.4. DAIC reserves all the rights to publish the fellowship report funded by it. In case, a fellow wishes to publish the research, prior permission of the competent authority is needed. In such cases, the scholar will have to acknowledge DAIC’s support in all publications.

12.5. Income tax deductions as per the Government of India rules are applicable on all fellowships.

12.6. DAIC follows Government of India Rules and Directives in case of SC, ST, OBC, EWS, Divyangs, Widows, etc.

12.7. Defaulters of any previous fellowship/project/grant from any other institution will not be eligible for consideration until the applicant obtains the clearance from the concerned administrative division.

12.8. Once enrolled and received DAIC fellowship, a fellow should not accept any other fellowship or research project or regular financial benefit/assignment from any other institution.

12.9. The research proposal/final report of the fellowship cannot be submitted for the award of any University Degree/Diploma or funding by any other institution.

12.10. The Overseas fellowship may be transferred from one affiliating institution to another on the request of the scholar under special circumstance with prior approval of the affiliated Institution and DAIC, subject to submission of the following documents;

i. Satisfactory progress report.

ii. No objection certificate from both previous and the proposed University/Institute.

iii. Consent letter along with C.V. of the new supervisor.

iv. Audited statement of account and utilization certificate along with unspent balance, if any.

12.11. During the tenure of fellowship, the rules regarding all matters including Draws of TA/DA, holidays/leave and contingency grant, etc. will be as per the rules of DAIC.

12.12. The selected fellows for Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship (National) are expected to do full time research in India. They could, however, undertake data collection outside India in exceptional cases only in case it is the need of the approved proposal but with the permission of DAIC. For this, the scholars are required to apply separately for consideration with the approval of the affiliating/administering institution.
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12.13. The scholar should not have been subjected to any disciplinary/legal action/proceedings/financial penalties in his/her career/ research career.

12.14. The final report submitted by the scholar will be considered satisfactory only after its evaluation by DAIC.

12.15. DAIC reserves all rights to reject any application/nomination. The final interpretation of the rules will be given by DAIC. DAIC is also not responsible for any postal loss/delays in communications.

13. Documents to be submitted by the Doctoral and Post/Doctoral Fellows

(A) Attested copies of the:
(i) Matriculation Pass Certificate or an equivalent Examination Certificate issued by the Board/University for date of birth.
(ii) Senior Secondary Pass Certificate (10+2).
(iii) Detailed Mark Cards (DMCs) of Examinations of all the Parts of the Graduation Degree.
(iv) DMCs of Examinations of all the Parts of the Master’s Degree/Qualifying Examination in the relevant discipline.
(v) DMCs of Examinations of M.Phil. or any other Research Degree, passed by the candidates, if any, also showing the Papers offered.
(vi) Certificate of qualifying the UGC/CSIR NET/SLET, GATE, if any.
(vii) Character Certificate reporting on the inter-personal/social behavioral pattern of the applicant issued by the Institution last attended by the candidate.
(viii) DMC of the Course Work, if any, already completed from the respective University, and a Transcript of the Post Graduate Degree (Only for Doctoral Candidates).
(ix) Transcript of the PhD Degree, issues by the concerned University in a sealed envelope. (Only for Post-Doctoral Candidates).
(x) Experience Certificate indicating the Position held, Period of Service, name of the Organization, etc., wherever applicable.
(xi) No Objection Certificate from the Employer, in case the candidate is in a regular service.
(xii) Passport/Student Visa, only for Dr. Ambedkar Post Doctoral Fellows (Overseas).
(xii) Self-attested SC/ST/OBC/PWD/EWS certificate issued by the competent authority.

(B) (i) Two Passport size Photographs, crossed signed by the candidate, one of which to be affixed on the Application Form.
(ii) Undertaking against Ragging (to be submitted through on-line). The UGC has launched website for filling up the undertaking on-line www.antiragging.in or asking for the details on helpline@antiragging.in.
(iii) The candidates, who have passed the qualifying examinations from any Foreign
University will have to submit Equivalence Certificate from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi.  

**Note:** The candidates will have to produce the Original Documents before the document verification committee of DAIC. The selected candidate will also be required to execute a bond with DAIC.

**14. Important Instructions**

a. 14.1. Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellows (Overseas) would obtain the appropriate visa for a country wherein one intends to study further under award from the Scheme and the Visa issuing authorities may see that only such type of visa be issued which only permits the candidate to pursue specified course abroad and thereafter the candidate returns to India. In case if a candidate applying for admission in any University in the United States of America the candidate is required to obtain only J-1 VISA. The State Department of USA keeps a list of Designated Sponsor Organizations for J-1 visas for students. Candidates going to USA should apply in the J-1 Visa sponsoring Universities/Colleges only. In case a candidate has applied for admission on F-1 visa or has already obtained F-1 visa, such candidate is not eligible for Scholarship under the Scheme. Government of India will render no assistance to a candidate for obtaining Visa.

b. 14.2. In case the candidate has received overpayment through, he/she is liable to refund the same to DAIC and his/her employer (if any) is authorized to recover excess amount from his/her dues, on request from Government of India, and refund the same to DAIC.

c. 14.3. If the awardees overstays abroad for more than one month after successful completion of the course and then on his/her own returns to India post one month, he/she will not be entitled to refund of return passage booked by him/her.

d. 14.4. No scholarship will be disbursed/paid to the DF/PDF. Payment for the Doctoral/Post-Doctoral fellowships will be made through the respective universities to which the fellow belongs. Payment of Fellowship will be related in 6 months installments at a time and before next installment utilisation certificate and progress report will be requested. The Contingency Fund shall be disbursed in two half yearly installments. The Contingency Fund utilisation must be properly accounted for duly supported by vouchers including the interest if any earned thereon.

e. 14.5. The utilisation of contingency fund is permissible only for the following purposes:

   a) Purchase of Books / Journals/Monographs etc. related to subject of research not available in DAIC Libraries. However such purchases shall be routed through the library of DAIC for specific utilisation for research by the Post-Doctoral/Doctoral Fellows and shall remain the property of DAIC at all times.
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b) Photographic and other media material of relevance required for research.
c) Re-Prints and Off-Prints of relevant Research Papers.
d) Registration fee for attending Conferences/ Seminars in India.
e) Any other specific research related requirement other than for Capital Goods, subject to prior approval of DAIC.

15. Code of Conduct/Obligations of Doctoral/Post-Doctoral Fellows (DF/PDF)

15.1. DF/PDF will be bound by the General Code of Conduct of the DAIC. Any breach of this obligation shall be treated a misconduct.

15.2. DF/PDF must uphold the Vision, Mission and Core Values of DAIC in their work ethics. The DF/PDF must be a full time researcher and must subscribe to the regulations of the DAIC with attendance, as required.

15.3. The PDF is not permitted to take any paid or unpaid assignment within or outside DAIC without written permission of DAIC. Permission may be granted only in exceptional circumstances of adding value to the approved research program and will be on such terms and conditions as may be specified.

15.4. The DF/PDF shall administratively report to the Joint Supervisor and shall submit the Research Progress Report to DAIC and the respective University in the prescribed format at such interval as may be specified.

15.5. The PDF will be entitled for maximum period of 20 days leave in a year in addition to public holidays with the approval of the Joint supervisor and Director, DAIC. However, they are not entitled to any other vacations, such as summer, winter and pooja vacations. Any absence from work for attending duly approved Seminars or Conferences, etc. will be treated as ‘on duty’ provided such absence does not exceed 20 days in a year. Unauthorised absence from work will not be permitted as leave and will be deemed as misconduct. Candidates are eligible for maternity/ paternity leave at full rates of the fellowship as per Government of India rules once during the tenure of the award. All leave details must be pre-informed to DAIC.

15.6. The DF/PDF may be issued with an Identity Card as for employees/students/faculty of DAIC carried by the DF/ PDF at all times during his/her tenure of research for verification by any of the Authorities of DAIC/the University. The Card must be surrendered to DAIC on conclusion of the Fellowship. The Identity cum Smart Card will entitle the DF/PDF to have access to the Libraries/Knowledge Centre and online resources of DAIC/the University and to borrow books, journals, etc. Any unauthorised or improper use of the Card/Library Resources will be deemed misconduct.

16. Cancellation of the Fellowship

The appointment of DF/PDF is liable to be cancelled at any time in the following circumstances:

16.1. The DF/PDF directly or indirectly commit or become a party to any misconduct or are in breach of any of the obligations under this Regulation.
16.2. During the period of study or research, if the DF/PDF is involved in any Criminal Proceedings.

16.3. The DF/PDF have secured the appointment by misrepresentation of any of the material information and/or by fraudulent act.

16.4. Continuing neglect of Research work or unsatisfactory progress in Research or unauthorised and prolonged absence from work.

16.5. Disobedience of or indifference to the Joint Supervisor or DAIC Staff.

16.6. In case, it is proved that the fellow is engaged in plagiarism.

16.7. If DAIC decides to discontinue the Research by giving one month’s notice in writing.

16.8. If the Candidate is later found ineligible or found employed during the PDF research.

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**Guidelines (How to apply)**

Applicants / Candidates have to apply as per Application Form and submit typed Research Proposal in two separate envelopes (Two separate folders if apply online). Only Application Form or Research Proposal have to be mentioned on the envelope, no other details are required. Kindly ensure that no identity (Name, contact number, address etc.) are marked written on the Research proposal. Both envelopes have to be packed in one big sealed envelope (Folder). Applicants / Candidates should mention the applied fellowship on the top of the sealed envelope as given below:

1. “Application for Post- Doctoral Fellowship (National), DAIC” or
2. “Application for Post- Doctoral Fellowship (Overseas), DAIC”.

2. Sealed envelope may be send to “The Director, Dr. Ambedkar International Centre (DAIC), 15, Janpath, New Delhi - 110001” through speed post / registered post only.

3. Application are also invited online at the mail id dir-daic-mosje@gov.in as per the same guidelines given at para 1 above.

4. All documents as per Para 13 of Dr. Ambedkar Post-Doctoral Fellowship Scheme to be submitted with the application.