

# CALL FOR APPLICATIONS: RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS

**Organization:** Bharat Ki Soch (BKS) Think Tank

**Location:** New Delhi, India

**Position Levels:** Senior Research Fellow (SRF) | Research Fellow (RF) | Junior Research Fellow (JRF)

**Engagement:** Full-time

## About the Organization

Bharat Ki Soch is a premier research institute dedicated to translating ancient Indian administrative, economic, and strategic wisdom into contemporary public policy and governance frameworks.

## Thematic Research Pillars

To advance our specialized research agenda, BKS invites applications across six core research domains:

1. **Governance**
2. **National Security**
3. **Economy, Commerce and Finance**
4. **Environment and Sustainability**
5. **Agriculture and Food Security**
6. **Health, Nutrition and Wellbeing**

## Overview of Roles & Responsibilities

Selected candidates will conduct rigorous interdisciplinary research at the intersection of classical texts and modern policy. Core responsibilities include:

- **Applied Research:** Analyzing primary historical sources and classical texts to address current policy challenges within the chosen domain.
- **Academic Output:** Publishing thematic overviews, policy briefs, critical literature reviews, and sourcebook compilations.
- **Stakeholder Engagement:** Convening expert roundtables, academic conferences, and public outreach programs with policymakers and domain specialists.

## Qualifications & Specialization Pathways

Given the interdisciplinary nature of our work, BKS seeks specialists who possess either deep domain expertise with a strong focus on historical sources OR classical/historical training with explicit specialization in one of our research pillars.

### 1. Senior Research Fellow (SRF)

- **Role Focus:** Research leadership, project management, high-impact publication, and institutional engagement.
- **Academic Qualifications:** Ph.D. required through one of the following specialization pathways:
  - **Domain Pathway:** Ph.D. in a discipline corresponding to the target pillar (e.g., Public Policy/Governance, Strategic Studies, Economics, Environmental Science, Agricultural Studies, Public Health) with demonstrated research in historical/classical frameworks.
  - **Classical/Historical Pathway:** Ph.D. in Ancient History, Indology, or Classical Languages (e.g., Sanskrit, Prakrit, Tamil) with a doctoral thesis or published research directly focused on the chosen pillar domain.
- **Experience & Competencies:**

- Minimum 5+ years of post-qualification research or academic experience.
- Substantial publication record in peer-reviewed journals or policy monographs.
- Native or professional fluency in English and Hindi.
- **Desirable:** Proficiency in reading primary source material in classical South Asian languages.

## 2. Research Fellow (RF)

- **Role Focus:** Independent research execution, sourcebook curation, policy analysis, and workshop facilitation.
- **Academic Qualifications & Experience:**
  - **Ph.D. Entry:** Ph.D. in a relevant domain or Ancient History (with pillar-specific specialization, (e.g., Public Policy/Governance, Strategic Studies, Economics, Environmental Science, Agricultural Studies, Public Health) and a minimum of 2 years of post-qualification work experience.
  - **Master's Entry:** Master's degree in a relevant discipline or Ancient History with up to 5 years of dedicated research experience aligned with the pillar.
- **Competencies:**
  - Working knowledge of classical texts relevant to the pillar.
  - Demonstrated writing portfolio (research reports, policy notes, or academic publications).
  - Professional fluency in English and Hindi.

## 3. Junior Research Fellow (JRF)

- **Role Focus:** Textual extraction, literature synthesis, research drafting, and program implementation support.
- **Academic Qualifications & Experience:**
  - Master's degree in a discipline relevant to the target pillar (e.g., Public Policy/Governance, Strategic Studies, Economics, Environmental Science, Agricultural Studies, Public Health), Ancient History, or Public Policy.
  - 0-3 years of relevant research or professional experience.
  - Foundational understanding of ancient Indian texts and institutional structures.
  - Strong written and verbal communication skills in English and Hindi.

## Application Procedure

Interested scholars should submit their application package to [contact@bharatkisoch.com](mailto:contact@bharatkisoch.com).

## Application Deliverables:

1. Cover letter indicating the Primary Pillar of application and outlining how your specialization aligns with the fellowship criteria.
2. Curriculum Vitae including a list of publications and relevant research projects.
3. Ph.D. thesis abstract or a representative academic writing sample.