

Guidelines for Completing the Application

About VSDF

The Vinod & Saryu Doshi Foundation is a non-profit charity trust that supports initiatives in the fields of Art & Culture, Education and Community. It seeks to embody the lifelong passions and values of Vinod and Saryu Doshi, who believed that the mind is enriched through education and the spirit through art and culture. They have spent a considerable part of their lives supporting these causes.

The Foundation provides scholarships to financially challenged young Indians enabling them to catapult themselves to a higher economic and social orbit. It fosters emerging talent in the visual and performing arts through Fellowships, performances, exhibitions and festivals. It is committed to improving the community by funding initiatives in environment protection and social upliftment.

The Fellowship Program

General terms and conditions : The Vinod & Saryu Doshi Foundation initiated these Fellowships to assist Indian nationals who have received acceptance in a University abroad to pursue their post-graduate studies (Masters, Postgraduate diploma/certificate or doctorate) in the field of Liberal Arts & Sciences. This includes the Humanities, Social Sciences, the Natural Sciences and Mathematics.

The main aim of the fellowship program is to enhance the higher education by giving an opportunity to academically bright students who have a drive to succeed but are unable to do so due to their financial challenges. This is a need-based merit Fellowship and abides by the Equal Opportunity and Affirmative Action policy. The maximum amount for the Fellowship will be upto Rs 3 lakhs per fellow, which will be payable as a onetime amount.

Candidates applying for the Fellowship are required to satisfy the following criteria :

They must have a first class degree or equivalent from a recognized Indian university.

They must have secured admission in a foreign university of repute, on their own merit for a course commencing from August or September or October, 2018.

Should be an Indian citizen.

Candidates studying in the final year of the degree or equivalent may also apply, provided they are able to submit their final year certificates before May 07th, 2018.

Here are some examples of the fields of study which may qualify for receiving the Fellowship award. Please note, this is not a comprehensive list. To better understand if your field of study qualifies, do write to us at vsdfoundation@gmail.com - [Click here to view list](#)

If you satisfy all the above criteria except that you are going to an Indian University for Post Graduation in the same areas as the Fellowship email us at vsdfoundation@gmail.com

If you have any questions while filling out the application form, please email us at vsdfoundation@gmail.com.

Timelines

January 2018: The Fellowship will be announced through various means including the newspaper, social media and informational posters at various Colleges and Universities in Mumbai and Pune. The application form is now available on our website www.vsdf.org.

Candidates are asked to complete an application form and courier it to the Vinod & Saryu Doshi Foundation at the following address : Vinod & Saryu Doshi Foundation Post Graduate Fellowship, c/o Premier Ltd. , 58 Nariman Bhavan, Nariman Point, Mumbai 400 021.

May 07th, 2018: DEADLINE TO RECEIVE COMPLETED APPLICATIONS. The application form should be duly filled and submitted with all the essential enclosures to the above mentioned address before May 07th 2018.

June 10th, 2018: The interview date will be intimated to the shortlisted candidates.

June 19th 2018 onwards: The final interview of the candidates will take place, post the final year results

End of July / beginning of August : Final selection announced

August 2018: Awards are presented annually. The winners will be invited to this event. Cheques will be presented at this time subject to the student having received a valid student visa from the country in question.

For any enquiries/ questions ONLY you may email us at vsdfoundation@gmail.com. DO NOT CALL the office for queries – questions will only be answered by email. Email applications will not be accepted.

An esteemed panel of experts will review all applications and short-list those who appropriately meet the criteria. The shortlisted candidates are then called for a personal interview. Students must appear in person for the panel interview if they are selected to do so. No stand-in will be accepted. If the student is unable to appear on his or her own behalf, eligibility is relinquished. In case you are not from Mumbai – a Skype call or telephone interview may be conducted with the selected candidate. This will be at the sole discretion of the selection committee.

Completing the Application

The application is the first means of introducing the candidate to the Foundation and to the selection committee. Care should be taken to be thorough and neat. All requested documentation must accompany the application..

SECTION - I

Personal Contact Details

This section requests personal information about the applicant and your family, as well as your passport size photographs. It is also to determine visa status – in case a applicant's visa is rejected before the final award ceremony, the Fellowship award money will not be awarded to the applicant.

SECTION - II

Academic Qualifications

This section is to provide the applicant's educational accomplishments.

Section 2a - All details for Standard 10, 12 and graduation are mandatory for a 10 + 2 + 3 year education format. In such cases please enter your 10th, 12th and graduation details depending on whether you attended a 3 or 4 year graduation course. In those educational formats, which are 10+5 years, please enter your first year graduation details in the 12th standard space and the remaining years in the graduation space provided. In case your final year results for your graduation are still awaited - please specify the same accordingly against the appropriate year. In case you already have a Master's degree, please fill in the details as per your course in the space provided.

Sections 2b, 2c, 2d and 2e - Kindly follow the instructions indicated on the form

SECTION - III

Details of Internships or Full Time Work Experience, if any

This section provides the applicant an opportunity to provide information about your professional experience.

SECTION - IV

Details Of The Program For Which You Have Attained Admission Abroad

This section tells us about which Universities you have applied to and secured admission along with relevant financial details.

You may enter details of all Universities to which you applied, but clearly enter your preferred University in the first row.

All financial data should be entered in INR and per annum by referring to the instructions provided on the form.

SECTION - V

Sources Of Funds For Your Education Abroad

This section provides information about your sources of funds for the cost of your education.

Please fill in both sections i.e. 'Applied' and 'Received' clearly and transparently so that we have an understanding of your current financial position and your plan to bridge the gap between your financial requirements and funds received.

SECTION - VI

Please Type Answers To The Following Essay Questions

This section provides the applicant an opportunity to articulate in writing some of the elements regarding the selected degree program.

Please fill in your answers online and DO NOT use separate pieces of paper for each answer – be conscious of paper wastage! Please type your answers.

SECTION - VII

References

This section requires details of 2 references who are familiar with either your academic achievements and/or work experience. A sealed letter of recommendation should accompany each of your references (i.e. total 2 letters of recommendation). The seventh section asks you to identify two references who can affirm with personal knowledge your work and/or educational experiences.

SECTION - VIII

Income Tax Summary Form

This section provides us with income tax information summarized and substantiated with relevant documents.

The completed and printed Income Tax Summary Form needs to be attested by a Chartered Accountant.

- ✦ If parents are retired, attach a separate sheet with Income Tax details of their last taxable income during employment, along with the IncomeTax details as required.
- ✦ If either you, your parents, or spouse is not working, or below the tax bracket, then enter ' 0 ' in the fields and specify separately their current situation and provide / substantiate with necessary documents.

SECTION - IX

Checklist of Documents To Be Attached

This section is a checklist of documents without which your applicant will be ineligible. Please check these carefully and attach all relevant documents as required by the form.

SECTION - X

Certification

The final section is a certification by the applicant that the information on the form is true and accurate. The applicant also thereby confirms that s/he understands and agrees that the decision of the Vinod & Saryu Doshi Foundation in granting the Fellowship is final and binding and the Fellowship is awarded based on their ability to get a visa for their studies abroad.

Personal Interviews

All applicants that have been selected for interviews will be notified by phone or email of their selection. If you do not hear from the Foundation via email or phone with regards to an interview (or selection for the grant) please consider that for this year we are unable to support you. We receive a very high volume of applications so it is not possible for us to inform every candidate individually.

Please be neatly dressed and presentable. Carry hard copies of all original certificates that we may require for verification. In case there is any additional information left out during the written application, the personal interviews are a good time to present this information to the panel. Please come prepared to answer why you deserve this award over other qualified candidates and to answer relevant questions asked by the panelists.

Remember that this is an opportunity to make a final impression and your answers matter!



Courier Application Form by 7th May, 2018 at

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