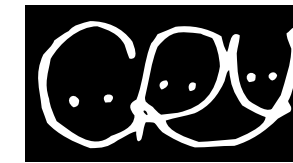


# National Child Rights Research Fellowships 2012-13



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Childhood in India is not the same for all children; many childhoods co-exist based on economic and social conditions, physical and mental ability as well as of geographical location to name a few. Respecting children as sovereign, equal members is a step towards recognising their voices in defining their best interest as participants and not just mute beneficiaries of state or community welfare.

CRY - Child Rights and You (CRY) welcomes applications exploring the various dimensions of child rights, within the broad understanding of Justice for Children.

We seek new ideas, a combination of formal and informal approaches to explore and discover, simple and complex truths about the interplay of culture, laws, ethics and policies determining childhoods.

Preference will be given to applicants who have studied in government schools, where no fees are charged. (CRY's experiential learning of working with over 2000 deprived communities in villages and urban slums and studies conducted on this subject demonstrates that students attending government schools are primarily Dalits, tribals, girls and children from female headed and/or landless households.)

**Note: Applicants who have been awarded fellowship by CRY in previous years are ineligible.**

## Possible Focus Areas

The researchers are welcome to expand and interpret the focus areas, based on their life experiences and vision.

- Explorations of the relationships of the child with other children, with the State, community and the family
- Evidences of the assertion or rejection of the role of children in decision making arenas, such as home, school, work and play spaces and governing institutions
- Gather evidence on relationships between ethnicity, inequality and conflict as witnessed and/or experienced by children
- Is the 'best interest principle', a value, a constitutional right, an interpretative advocacy instrument or a rule of law?

## Principles governing the Fellowship:

It is expected that fellows ascribe to the CRY values:

- Dignity
- Equality
- Justice
- Integrity

**Eligibility:** Applicants will be Indians residing in India, above 18 years.

**Language:** Applicants may choose to work in any Indian language including English. Please clearly mention the language, you plan to work with. As assessment of your application will be conducted both in English and your working language, please include an English translation of the proposal, CV and work sample.

**Grant Sizes:** Up-to 10 fellowships ranging from Rs.50, 000 to Rs.1 lakh will be awarded. Fellows are free to continue their primary occupation. Proposals above Rs.1 lakh will not be reviewed.

**Note: If your proposal is part of a submission to any academic institution or if the fellow is already receiving funding for conduct of the research proposed it will be ineligible for this fellowship. In case during the course of the Fellowship, the fellow feels the need to expand the scope and add greater depth, it is expected that CRY will be informed first about the need for additional funds. Also any other donors reached out to will be informed about CRY support for the principal work.**

**Dissemination:** Research results will be made available to activists, academics, development practitioners and interested general public through multiple fora, including language translations to influence the course of the debate on child rights and the best interest principle.

**Ownership:** While fellows will retain authorship of the final research report and content, all information and insights gathered will be available to the widest group of people, free of cost. Fellows are free to publish the insights of their research efforts, with appropriate acknowledgement to the National Child Rights Research Fellowship and CRY. Fellows will also inform CRY about publication of their work.

## Essential requirements:

1. A three-page proposal, which briefly explains your topic of study, outlines the research question within a framework, proposed methodology, time schedules, a reading list of related literature/existing studies on the subject and a detailed budget
2. A two-page CV
3. A sample of your published or unpublished paper/article or any documentation done on a related theme.

Selected fellows will participate in an initial workshop to share research plans and gain from the collective experience closer to July 2012. They will also participate at an interim workshop and Annual sharing workshop at the closure of their fellowship. CRY will sponsor travel, boarding and lodging for these meetings. Short-listed applicants will have opportunity to share their ideas and future plans, in conversation with members of the CRY assessment team.

**Last Date for application is 17th February 2012.**

Please E-mail your application to

**[research@crymail.org](mailto:research@crymail.org)**

In the absence of internet access you may send your application by post to:

**CRY - Child Rights and You,  
Documentation Centre,  
189 A, Anand Estate,  
Sane Guruji Marg, Mumbai 400011.**

The names of researchers awarded the Fellowship will be announced on **www.cry.org** latest by June 2012.