

Child Rights and You (CRY) announces its 13th National Child Rights Research Fellowship 2024-25 and invites applications from interested persons to research various dimensions of child rights. To date, CRY has awarded more than 50 fellowships. CRY is committed to changing the way children experience childhood, by being strategic in our choice of issues, approaches, and utilization of resources to maximize our impact on children. CRY believes in encouraging a community of child rights researchers who will promote and advocate child rights. Through this research fellowship, we seek a combination of formal and informal approaches to explore and discover simple and complex truths about the interplay of culture, ethics, and policies determining childhood.

Focus Areas:

- Various aspects of children and childhoods and their relationship with other stakeholders such as peers, parents, family, community, and state.
- Child health, child nutrition, child protection, child development, and child Participation, etc.
- Role of children in decision-making at home, school, community, etc.
- Exploring and examining child learning and child participation.
- Scientific evidence generation on any other issues of child rights violation.
- Climate Change, Natural Disasters, and Child Vulnerability.

Eligibility:

- Applicants should be Indians residing in India and above the age of 18 years.
- If your proposal is part of a submission to any academic institution or if you are already receiving funding for the conduct of the research proposed, it will be ineligible for this fellowship.

Language:

- Applicants may choose to work in any Indian language including English.
- Your application needs to clearly mention the language in which you will submit the research report.
- As the assessment of your research proposal will be conducted in English, please also include an English translation of the proposal, CV, and sample of published or unpublished work.

Grant Size:

- About 5 fellowships up to Rs.1.5 lakh will be awarded.
- The fellowship grant will be released in installments against specific deliverables.
- CRY will not fund any capital expenditure incurred by the fellow.
- Fellows are free to continue their primary occupation.

Duration:

- The duration of the fellowship is one year. However, CRY can withdraw the fellowship anytime without assigning any reason.

Dissemination:

- Research findings will be made available to social activists, academics, development practitioners, and the interested general public through multiple forums, including language translations to influence the course of the debate on child rights and the best interest principle.

Ownership:

- CRY will have ownership of the final research product. CRY may publish research products acknowledging the name of the researcher. Researchers can also publish their research findings with prior written permission from CRY. They need to duly acknowledge the contributions of CRY in their research work.

Essential requirements:

A three-page proposal in the prescribed format, which briefly explains your topic of study, objectives, and research question within a framework, proposed methodology, timelines, a reading list of related literature/existing studies on the subject, and a detailed budget

A two-page updated CV in the prescribed format

A sample of your published or unpublished paper/article or any documentation done on a related theme.

Names, phone numbers, and email addresses of two referees willing to furnish a reference for you.

Selection:

Shortlisted Fellows will make themselves available for a video call with the NCRRF Selection Committee.

The names of the fellowship awardees will be announced on www.cry.org in February 2024.

Selected fellows should participate in an Initial Workshop to share research plans and gain from the collective experience in March 2024.

Fellows will be mentored by experts during research work.

Fellows will attend an online/offline Interim Workshop and an Annual Sharing Workshop at the close of their fellowship.

CRY will sponsor travel, boarding, and lodging for all these meetings.

Fellows can share their ideas and future plans with members of the CRY assessment team.

Cancellation of Fellowship

CRY reserves the right to terminate the fellowship of any awardee in the following cases:

- If the scholar is found to be ineligible to receive the fellowship during the entire duration of the fellowship.
- If it is found that the fellowship has been availed/is claimed by furnishing false/wrong/misleading information.
- If any adverse report is received about the fellows about the violation of the Child Safeguarding Policy, indulging in sexual harassment, and contravention of research ethics before and during the fellowship tenure.
- Misconduct/misbehaviour/corrupt practices.
- Unsatisfactory progress of research work.
- Violation of terms and conditions of the fellowship contract.
- Plagiarism or unethical practices, in any form.

In case the fellowship is terminated/canceled before the submission of the research report, CRY may initiate the proceedings/take action to recover the amount paid to the Fellows.

Submission of Application:

- Last Date for submission is 30th November, 2023.

For Proposal format, CV format, and other information please follow the <https://www.cry.org/nccrf/> or visit website www.cry.org

Please E-mail your application to: research@crymail.org

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

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