

## Responses to the queries on PhD Fellowship Program

Category	Query	Response
Application Process	<b>Q1:</b> Could you please confirm if there are any specific templates or formats preferred for the application documents (CV, personal statement, and research proposal)? Additionally, I would appreciate any further guidance.	Interested candidates should submit their application through the provided link <a href="#">HERE</a> .
	<b>Q2:</b> The call does not mention publications—are peer-reviewed publications required, or just preferred?	Applicants are required to upload the following documents in PDF through the online application portal:
	<b>Q3:</b> The online application link shared in the PhD fellowship handbook cannot be reached/ it's not working. Is there an alternative way to apply?	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Curriculum Vitae,</li> <li>2. Personal Statement, and</li> <li>3. Research Proposal</li> </ol>
	<b>Q4:</b> I am interested in the fellowship program and meet the broad requirements mentioned in the flyer. In this regard I tried to access more information through your webpage but couldn't retrieve it, the page doesn't open. I was curious about the detailed criterion for the eligibility sector of research, application status at the university etc.	All the documents should follow the guidance/template specified in the Fellowship Handbook <a href="#">[Here]</a> and application portal.
	<b>Q5:</b> I came to know about the fellowship opportunities for fully funded PhD programs of your organization. Since I am also exploring such opportunities and meet the eligibility criteria mentioned, will you please let me know about further requirements and other required information?	Recommendation letter from the referee is not required at this stage. Information of the reference person should be provided as per the requirements of the application portal.
	<b>Q6:</b> I am interested for PhD. I am preparing myself to get enrolled from this session in TU, but if I get opportunity with you, will give commitment as mentioned in LinkedIn. Will you please provide details?	We noted that our website was not accessible for certain hours due to technical issues which may have impacted access to information. This issue has already been resolved.
	<b>Q7:</b> I am a Nepali citizen with a bachelors and master's in public health. I have had few professional experiences and training in public health research too. I am currently looking for a suitable PhD. opportunities and the one published by HERD international on its Facebook page really intrigued me. Can I know more about it? How can I apply for it and what are other decisive requirements to be selected?	Applicants are strongly discouraged from submitting any additional documents other than requested in the application.
	<b>Q8:</b> Two references: Do we need to submit the full reference letter now? If yes, is it required on the official letterhead?	All complete applications will be reviewed and evaluated following standard evaluation procedures.  We encourage applicants to submit their application well in advance to avoid any technical issues during the submission.

<b>Eligibility and Qualifications</b>	<p><b>Q1:</b> i) I am a Nepali citizen. ii) I hold a master's degree in biotechnology from the All-India Institute of Medical Sciences (AIIMS), New Delhi, India. iii). I have also obtained an equivalence certificate for my master's degree from Tribhuvan University (TU), Nepal. iv). I am fully committed to pursuing a 3-year PhD program. Given these qualifications and my strong interest in the project themes, I would appreciate it if you could confirm whether I meet the eligibility criteria for the fellowship.</p> <p><b>Q2:</b> I hold a one-year MPH from BRAC University and a two-year MA in Child Development and Gender Socialization from Tribhuvan University. Would this academic background fulfill the eligibility criteria? Note: My MHP degree has equivalence as Master from TU.</p> <p><b>Q3:</b> Is prior research experience specifically in the field of climate change a mandatory requirement, or are candidates with backgrounds in other public health areas also encouraged to apply?</p>	<p>A Nepali citizen with master's degree in any discipline with commitment to 3-year program are eligible to apply. Please refer to the Handbook.</p> <p>Prior research experience on climate change or any other subject is not a mandatory requirement.</p>
<b>Research Area and Project Implementation Site</b>	<p><b>Q1:</b> Can we submit the proposal on both research areas?</p> <p><b>Q2:</b> Regarding the work location, will the candidates be based at the HERD International office in Kathmandu and travel to study sites as needed?</p> <p><b>Q3:</b> Have the study sites already been selected? If so, and if possible, to share, I would be happy to learn more about them.</p>	<p>One applicant can submit only one application selecting one research area.</p> <p>The workstation for the Fellows will be based at the central office of HERD International.</p> <p>Selected candidates are expected to spend their reasonable time on the research field sites. Currently Jumla and Dang have been proposed as research sites.</p> <p>PhD Fellows will be part of the Project Team and contribute to achieve the project outcome as part of the PhD research activities.</p>
<b>Supervision and Monitoring</b>	<p><b>Q1:</b> Will the selected candidates have the opportunity to meet their supervisors in person either in Nepal or at the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine (LSTM), UK?</p>	<p>PhD fellows are expected to visit LSTM at least once during PhD.</p> <p>The primary supervisor will be from LSTM, UK with additional</p>

	<p><b>Q2:</b> What will be the planned mechanism or frequency for meetings with supervisors?</p> <p><b>Q3:</b> Will the PhD require any physical residency at LSTM, or will it be fully Nepal-based with remote supervision?</p> <p><b>Q4:</b> Could you please elaborate on the co-supervision process with LSTM and the expected engagement with the UK institution?</p> <p><b>Q5:</b> Could you kindly elaborate on the key responsibilities of the selected candidates within the REACT Project, in addition to their individual PhD research activities?</p> <p><b>Q6:</b> In case candidates require training in specific areas (e.g., qualitative research methods, statistical analysis, or other relevant short courses), will there be provisions for attending such training in person at LSTM, or will they be offered virtually?</p>	<p>supervisor(s) from HERD International.</p> <p>At least one supervision meeting is envisioned every 2 months.</p> <p>The LSTM primary supervisor, in coordination with other supervisors, will provide guidance to the PhD student on their research works.</p> <p>Depending on the requirement of specific skills for the research, PhD students can apply for relevant training courses. Specific guidance will be provided by the supervisors.</p>
<b>Fellowship Benefits and Coverage</b>	<p><b>Q1:</b> Could you provide an estimate of the monthly stipend and clarify if health insurance or fieldwork-related travel costs will be covered?</p>	<p>The fellowship program covers a stipend covering monthly living costs in Nepal as per HERD International's norms.</p> <p>Health insurance and research support cost- field travel, accommodation and subsistence costs- will be covered according to the norms.</p>