

SAMAIRA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE, DEHRADUN

Note: The Fellowship is completely residential. Candidates from Dehradun will have to reside in the campus. Leave will be sanctioned as per Institute's Leave Policy.

CALL FOR APPLICATIONS

POLICY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME 2027

“Shape Public Policy. Influence Governance. Create Impact”

Samaira Policy Research Institute (SPRI), Dehradun, invites applications from outstanding young scholars, researchers, policy professionals, and students for its prestigious **Policy Research Fellowship Programme 2027**.

The Fellowship seeks to nurture the next generation of public policy leaders by providing a platform for rigorous research, field engagement, policy analysis, and interaction with policymakers, administrators, academics, and civil society leaders.

RESEARCH THEMES

Applications are invited in the following areas:

- Governance and Public Administration
- Police Reforms and Accountability
- Community Policing
- Technology and Law Enforcement
- Gender and Policing
- Criminal Justice System
- Rural Development and Local Governance
- Education Policy
- Health Policy
- Environmental Governance
- Digital Governance and Artificial Intelligence
- Public Finance and Economic Policy
- Constitutional Law and Public Affairs

Applicants may also propose independent policy research projects aligned with contemporary governance challenges.

FELLOWSHIP CATEGORIES

1. Policy Research Fellow

Duration: 12 Months

Eligibility:

- Master's Degree or Final Year Master's Student in Public Policy, Law, Economics, Sociology, Political Science, Public Administration, Development Studies, Data Science, or related disciplines.
- Exceptional candidates from other disciplines may also apply.

Benefits:

- Fellowship Stipend: ₹75,000 per month
- Research Grant up to ₹50,000
- Free Residential Accommodation at Mussorie Campus
- Meals and Academic Facilities
- Mentorship by leading policy experts
- Publication Opportunities
- Certificate of Completion

2. Policy Research Associate

Duration: 6 Months

Eligibility:

- Bachelor's Degree in any discipline, preferably Social Sciences, Humanities, Law, Management, Engineering, or Data Science.

Benefits:

- Stipend: ₹45,000 per month
- Residential Accommodation and Meals
- Research and Professional Development Support
- Certificate of Completion

WHAT THE FELLOWSHIP OFFERS

- Hands-on Public Policy Research Experience
- Field Visits and Stakeholder Consultations
- Opportunities to contribute to policy briefs and reports
- Interaction with senior bureaucrats, legislators, academics, and practitioners
- Publication in the Annual Policy Compendium
- Networking with national and international policy professionals
- Career guidance and research mentorship

SELECTION PROCESS

Stage I: Application Screening

Stage II: Submission of Research Proposal/Statement of Purpose

Stage III: Personal Interview

Final Selection based on academic merit, research aptitude, leadership potential, and commitment to public service.

IMPORTANT DATES

Applications Open: 05 June 2026

Application Deadline: 25 June 2026

Interviews: First/Second Week of July 2026

Commencement of Fellowship: September 2026

HOW TO APPLY

Interested candidates may submit their applications online through:

Website: www.samairapolicy.in

Applicants must submit:

- Curriculum Vitae (CV)
- Statement of Purpose (Maximum 1,000 words)
- Writing Sample (Optional but Encouraged)
- Research Proposal (For Fellowship Applicants)

ABOUT SAMAIRA POLICY RESEARCH INSTITUTE

Samaira Policy Research Institute (SPRI), Dehradun, is a non-partisan public policy think tank dedicated to advancing evidence-based policymaking, governance reforms, and public leadership. The Institute works at the intersection of research, policy innovation, and capacity building to address contemporary challenges facing India and the Global South.

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