

Prabodhini Fellowship 2024-2025

Introduction

1.1 Rambhau Mhalgi Prabodhini's Indian Institute of Democratic Leadership (IIDL) and Manipal Education and Medical Group (MEMG) had instituted the Udaan Fellowship Programme in 2020.

1.2 The Fellowship offers unique opportunities to fellows to get work experience in the socio-political sphere through close interactions with leaders, think-tanks, and voluntary organisations.

1.3 This Fellowship will now be called as 'Prabodhini Fellowship'.

Objectives of the Programme

2.1 The main objective of this Programme is to inculcate the discipline of research in the youth of Bharat. It underscores the importance of an academic endeavor while being in any field of social-political activity.

2.2 The Programme aims to facilitate quality work experience in leadership, management, politics, governance, democracy, and public policy domain.

2.3 It aims at enabling the fellows' active participation in the socio-political developments.

2.4 The Programme also aims at honing soft skills such as effective communication, writing, public speaking, etc., of the fellows which will make them more equipped for taking up new challenges.

2.5 Additionally, the Programme aims at introducing the fellows, alternative career options in the socio-political sphere.

Eligibility

3.1 The applicant should be above 21 years of age.

3.2 The applicant should have some experience in the socio-political landscape, minimum one year of experience.

3.3 The applicant should have a keen interest in the issues of society and politics, who aspire to contribute to society.

3.4 The applicant should have good communication (oral+writing) skills.

3.5 Aspiring fellows must have a Graduation Degree with minimum 50% marks.

Mode of Selection

4.1 Applications for the fellowship will be invited for the fellowship in the month of March every year.

4.2 There will be preliminary screening of the received applications.

4.3 Shortlisted candidates will be called for interview. Based on their performance in the interview, candidates will be selected for the fellowship.

Terms of the Fellowship Programme

5.1 The Fellowship will be of 12 months duration, starting in June and ending in May next year.

5.2 In all, 35 Fellowships will be awarded every year. They will be divided in following five domain categories: Electoral, Political, Social, Academic, and Policy/Governance.

5.3 Stipend of Rs. 25,000 per month will be paid to the Fellows.

5.4 During the Fellowship period, Monthly Reports regarding the work done will have to be submitted. Failure to submit Monthly Reports without a valid reason will result in cancellation of Fellowship. Further, RMP reserves the right to discontinue the Fellowship for any other reason, if the competent authority concludes so, based on objective assessment, that discontinuation is necessary.

5.5 Selected Fellows will have to commit in writing that they will not be taking up any other paid work during the duration of the Fellowship.

Mode of work

6.1 In each domain category (Electoral, Political, Social, Academic, and Policy/Governance), candidate needs to choose a Mentor. If the candidate is not able to identify a Mentor, RMP will allocate the Mentor to guide in a specific subject covered under any of the five domains.

6.2 An orientation boot camp will be organized for the Fellows.

Mentorship

7.1 RMP will finalise names of Mentors for Fellows doing Research and those working with social organisations. For Fellows working with political leaders, the latter themselves will be the Mentors.

7.2 The Mentors should remain in touch with their Fellows and guide them from time to time.

7.3 Mentors will handhold Fellows in learning various aspects of leadership, teamwork, organizational activities and processes.

7.4 Mentors will be invited to attend the boot camp and convocation ceremony.

Monitoring

8.1 RMP and Mentors will together monitor the work of the Fellows.

8.2 A monthly online meeting will be held by RMP for periodic reporting and feedback.

8.3 Mentors will decide the frequency and mode of monitoring the work of Fellows.

Report Submission

9.1 Fellows should submit their first Report (in prescribed format) after six months since the commencement of the Programme.

9.2 Final Report will have to be submitted before the end of the Fellowship Programme.

Evaluation

10.1 RMP will decide the mode of evaluation of the Reports submitted. If necessary, Fellows will be asked to make changes/improvement in the Report submitted by them.

10.2 A certificate of completion of the Fellowship Programme will be issued/awarded to the Fellows who successfully complete the Programme.

Publication and IPR

11.1 Fellows are expected to publish Articles in Print/Digital Media pertaining to their area of work/research topic.

11.2 RMP reserves the Intellectual Property Right over the final Report submitted.

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