SYLFF is a fellowship programme funded by The Nippon Foundation, a Japanese non-profit foundation administered by Tokyo Foundation under the approval of Japanese Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport. It provides financial support and opportunities to the best and bright students worldwide intending to pursue higher education programmes in the social sciences and humanities who exhibit leadership potential.

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Jadavpur University: First Indian University to earn SYLFF status

- Hard work, cooperation and consistent effort with determination of the University community have earned the SYLFF status for Jadavpur University. Jadavpur University competed for the endowment fund with its goal of sustained human resource development with the objective of creating a new generation with vision and knowledge who can see beyond the boundaries of their disciplines, geographical boundaries and boundaries artificially created by caste, race, economic deprivation, social taboos and political barriers.

An Exclusive Opportunity for students in Social Science and Humanities

- The objective of the Programme at Jadavpur University is to support the education of students enrolled in M.A. and M.Phil. and those intending to join Ph.D. Programmes in the Faculty of Arts at Jadavpur University with high potential for leadership in national, regional and international affairs, in public life as well as in private endeavors, by awarding fellowships.

- These fellowships will be awarded to outstanding students majoring in social sciences and humanities fields and whose studies focus on the broad theme, Tradition, Social Change and Sustainable Development and adopt a Holistic Approach, that is, any issue or problem relevant to contemporary Indian society.

- Recipients become a part of the global partnership programme through the SYLFF Plus Programme. SYLFF Plus aims to facilitate SYLFF fellows' academic advancement, leadership development and networking among one another. It consists of SYLFF Research Abroad, SYLFF Prize, SYLFF Website & SYLFF Connect Version 2. SRA awards support academic research of SYLFF fellows related to doctoral dissertation, conducted as a non-degree student at any institution of higher learning in a foreign country. The SYLFF Prize recognizes and supports fellows who have demonstrated outstanding leadership and commitment to society. The SYLFF Website and SYLFF Connect Version 2 are designed to encourage communication within the SYLFF community and beyond.

About Jadavpur University

- The University Grants Commission (UGC) of India has identified the University as one of the first five universities in the country credited with 'Potential for Excellence'.

- The National Assessment and Accreditation Council (NAAC) has re-accredited the University with highest grade - A.
SYLFF – JU Fellowship Programme

Objectives

- Strengthen research and understanding of issues or problems relevant to contemporary Indian society by viewing human life, change and development in a total context of economic, socio-political, tradition and cultural perspectives.
- Strengthen research to help in the process of policy formulation and broader social and cultural initiatives towards operationalising sustainable and holistic development to achieve higher quality of life for citizens of India and world at large.
- Encourage multidisciplinary and interdisciplinary study.
- Applicants to identify, propose and defend the research question.

Who can apply

- For Ph. D. Programme: Applicants must have Master’s or higher degree from any faculty or interdisciplinary school of any university in any country. The applicant must propose to register at Jadavpur University under the Faculty of Arts. The applicant must have cleared the Ph.D. admission test / interview for the department or school suitable to the proposed area of research under the Faculty of Arts, Jadavpur University.

- For M.Phil. and M.A. Programmes: Students must be enrolled in the first year in current academic year in any of the departments and schools under the Faculty of Arts.

Financial arrangement:

- Ph.D. Programme: three year fellowship (of US $ 6520+7040+7560)
- M.Phil. Programme: one year fellowship of US$ 2440
- M.A. Programme: one year fellowship of US $1600

- Fellowships are paid monthly in Indian rupee value determined by the exchange rate prevailing as on date of payment.
- Maximum of four fellowships - two for M.A., one for M.Phil. and one for Ph.D. students will be awarded. Numbers may vary depending on quality of the proposals.
- Selected candidates for Ph.D. and M.Phil. Programmes are expected to devote full time to research. M.A. students are expected to take up the proposed research in addition to their regular course work.
- The proposed research must be completed within the duration of the fellowship and no dropouts or extension will be granted. In case of drop out or non completion entire fellowship withdrawn has to be refunded.

Important timeline to note (Exact dates will be announced each year):

- August 3rd / 4th Week: Distribution of application forms.
- August (Last week): Last date for distribution of application forms.
- August / September: Orientation workshop for writing a good research proposal under the SYLFF Programme to be held on JU campus (Open to all).
- November: Last date for submission of applications.
- February/March: Applicants to meet Expert Committee to defend proposals.
- April: Final selection and formal procedure completes.
- July/August: Start of fellowship period.

Important addresses:

1. Information Office, Jadavpur University, Kolkata - 700 032, India. (For distribution of application forms)
2. Professor Joyashree Roy, JU-SYLFF Project Director Department of Economics, Jadavpur University, Kolkata - 700 032, (For application, submission and all other details about the Programme).
3. www.jadavpur.edu
4. www.jusylffprogram.org.in