

National Human Rights Commission

Manav Adhikar Bhawan, C-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023

Invitation for Expression of Interest for Research Projects/ Studies

National Human Rights Commission, a statutory body constituted under the Protection of Human Rights (PHR) Act, 1993, intends to promote such research projects which are more focused along the lines of applied research or action based research. The ultimate aim is to translate the research findings into an action plan so as to protect and promote human rights- civil and political as well as economic, social and cultural rights.

The Commission invites Expression of Interest (EOI) from the reputed research institutions, universities, recognized NGOs devoted to the espousal of the cause of human rights, for undertaking research projects/ studies on the thrust areas/ themes listed below.

Thrust areas/ Themes of Research Projects/ Studies

- i) Reintegration and rehabilitation of Acid Attack victims.
- ii) Vulnerability, legal protection and work conditions of Domestic Workers.
- iii) Trafficking of women and children - Challenges and remedies.
- iv) Role of CCIs in care, protection and rehabilitation of children.
- v) Status of rights of children of sex workers.
- vi) Issues and challenges related to child labour with reference to human rights.
- vii) Business and Human Rights – State's duty to protect human rights
- viii) Business and Human Rights- Due Diligence in practice.
- ix) Business and Human Rights – Access to remedy.
- x) Role, challenges and threats in effective functioning of HR Defenders at the grassroots level.
- xi) Comparative analysis of the realization of rights of persons with disabilities in institutional care vs. community based rehabilitation.
- xii) Persons with disabilities and their access to justice.
- xiii) Role and efficacy of Maintenance Tribunals in protecting the rights of elderly persons.
- xiv) Social security and health rights of migrant workers.
- xv) Trends and patterns of deaths in prisons and in police custody: an empirical research covering atleast 4 States having higher incidence of such deaths.
- xvi) Functioning of Sentence Review Board with reference to human rights of life convicts.

Eligibility Criteria

The research grant would be made available to an institution having adequate infrastructure to execute the research project(s). An institution which is associated in any manner with any aspect of protection and promotion of human rights, with good track record, qualified human resource and trained manpower, and which is not run for profit, shall be eligible to be considered for entrusting the research project, such as:

- (i) Research and Training Institutions set up and fully funded by the Central Government/State Government/Public Sector Undertaking;
- (ii) Institutions/ Organizations registered as professional society under the Societies Registration Act, 1860 (Act XXI of 1860);
- (iii) Institutions registered as 'Trusts' under The Indian Trust Act, 1882;
- (iv) Registered institutions exclusively devoting itself to the espousal of the cause of human rights;
- (v) University or a Deemed University;
- (vi) College covered under Section 2 (f) and 12 B of the UGC Act, 1956;
- (vii) Private college covered under Section 2(f) of the UGC Act, 1956 and affiliated to the university.

Note: In case of the institutions listed at S. Nos. (ii) to (iv) above, their eligibility for receiving assistance will be decided by the Competent Authority of the Commission after perusal/ consideration of their registration certificate, audited annual report and balance sheet of the last 3 years, etc.

The procedure for submission of the Project Proposal as per the prescribed format, selection/ sanction of the project, release of grant, and other conditions are given in the "**GUIDELINES FOR SPONSORING RESEARCH PROJECTS**", a copy of which is **annexed** herewith.

The eligible institutions/ organizations may submit their proposal in the prescribed format to the Joint Secretary (T&R)/ Joint Director (Research), NHRC, Manav Adhikar Bhawan, C-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023 **upto 15th May 2019 (Wednesday)**.
