

FAQS

1. How do I apply?

Answer: You could apply for the Praja ER fellowship by logging on to Praja's website (www.praja.org) and filling up the online registration form or downloading the form and mailing it to isha@praja.org.

2. Do I need to submit letters of recommendation?

Answer: We do not provide any addition scores for any recommendation letters.

3. Who is an ideal candidate for this fellowship?

Answer: Any motivated and dedicated student pursuing his/her graduation or post-graduation is an ideal candidate as long as he/she is willing to work for 20 hours a week for 6 months.

4. Are there some age criteria for the fellowship?

Answer: needs to be above 18 years of age.

5. What will the average work day consist of?

Answer: Work with an elected representative varies. Fellows need to fulfil 20 hours a week irrespective of any other commitment.

6. How much will I be paid during the fellowship?

Answer: You will be provided with a stipend of Rs. 6,000 per month for 6 months.

7. What options will be open to me after the fellowship?

Answer: There are various opportunities opening up in the area of policy and governance. Therefore, one can work in policy space in both government and private organisations. Think Tanks are also a good option for policy related research.

8. If I can't apply to the fellowship now, can I apply at a later date?

Answer: The registration for the fellowship closes on 24th January, 2019. That will be the final deadline and no applications will be entertained there on.

9. Is the training required?

Answer: The training is extremely important as the fellow would be introduced to powers and functions of a Councillor, the various committees, the devices that can be used by the Councillors to ask questions, budget allocations, etc. This is necessary so that the fellows can understand how and when questions are raised, among other things.

10. What is the expected work week?

Answer: The number of hours expected at the very minimum from a fellow is 20 Hours in a week.

11. How will the information be sourced?

Answer: Praja Foundations staff will be constantly in touch with the fellow and will be provide information to the fellow to be conveyed to the respective Councillor.

12. How does the placement process work?

Answer: After the registration is complete, candidates' applications will be screened and the selected candidates will be shortlisted for an interview at Praja Foundation's Office.

13. Will I get a living expense stipend/are my travel expenses that are work related covered?

Answer: Work related travel expenses will be covered as long as the fellow provides adequate bills and receipts for the same.

14. What type of on-site support will I have for the project?

Answer: Fellows will be assigned one Praja member who will take care of their complaints, needs, grievances or any other such issue.

15. Is there any language requirement?

Answer: One should be familiar with the basics of English and Hindi.

16. Do Fellows get holidays?

Answer: Yes, assignment breaks and exams breaks could be taken as long as you compensate the number of hours and inform your Praja coordinator well in advance.

17. Who is eligible to apply?

Answer: Any person who is a citizen of India and understands or speaks basic Hindi and is above 18 years of age who has registered himself/herself at an institute is eligible to apply.

18. Can an outstation candidate apply? Will there be any accommodation provision?

Answer: Any outstation Candidate may apply but there is no provision of accommodation.

19. Can I speak to an alumni?

Answer: Praja had conducted a programme in Mumbai in 2017-18 and the second cohort of 2018-2019 in Mumbai is currently underway. We would be happy to answer all your questions and doubts on the fellowship programme. You can always contact us on isha@praja.org / info@praja.org or call us on :- +91 – 7838159892/ 011-23321559. **We can then forward the contact of the Alumni.**

20. Will I get offs on public Holidays?

Answer: Yes.

21. Do I need to have a social sector background to apply?

Answer: There is no such requirement as long as the fellow is dedicated towards the programme.

22. When will get to know the zone that I will be placed in?

Answer: This information will be given to you on the completion of your orientation and training programme.

23. Will I get to select the zone and the councillor of my choice?

Answer: No. That will be at the discrepancy of the organisation.

24. Will the timings of the fellowship be flexible according to my schedule?

Answer: As long as one dedicates 20 hours per week, there is flexibility to complete it as per the fellow's schedule.

25. Will I get breaks during exams and assignments?

Answer: Yes, you will get unpaid breaks as long as the fellow completes 6 months through the scheduled program

26. Will I be the only one placed in a particular zone?

Answer: No, there would be two fellows allotted to every zone. Fellows are assigned in proportion to the councillors participating in this initiative at every zone. In zones which have more councillors, more fellows could be placed.

27. Can I travel by my own vehicle and be compensated for it later?

Answer: No. A fellow will only be compensated for Public transport for which he/she will have to provide bills and receipts.

28. How much will I be paid during the fellowship?

Answer: You will be provided with a stipend of Rs 6,000 on the completion of 80 hours every month and a total of 480 hours to be completed between 6-8 months.