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Duke India Initiative: Call for Graduate Student Travel Grants

The Duke India Initiative (DII) is opening a call for applications to fund graduate (Ph.D.) student travel for scholarly activities related to India. Travel can be to present a paper at a conference, attend a workshop, conduct field research or other relevant activity. We envision supporting proposals in the \$500-\$2000 range subject to the following guidelines:

1. Applicant must be full-time Ph.D. student at Duke.
2. If travel is to attend a conference, student must have formal acceptance for a presentation at the event. If paper presentation or poster is pending acceptance, funding will be contingent upon formal acceptance of presentation.
3. Travel must preferably occur between March 2020 and December 2020 (exceptions can be made).
4. Travel does not have to be to India, but travel must be related to India and aligned with the mission of the DII (<https://igs.duke.edu/units/duke-india-initiative>).

All Duke full-time Ph.D. students are eligible to apply; DII encourage applications from Ph.D. students from all Duke schools and colleges. Applications by Master's students will not be considered.

Deadline: 5 pm on January 15, 2020

Applications should include the following (items 1 through 2 should be a maximum of 2 pages, 11-point font, single line spacing and with 1" margin):

1. Name, department/unit and contact information of applicant
2. Description of the proposed travel activity
 - 2.1. Brief background and rationale for the travel
 - 2.2. If travel is for a conference or workshop, name of event and URL for the event
 - 2.3. Dates of travel
 - 2.4. Benefit to the individual
 - 2.5. Benefit to DII (how the activity contributes to advancing DII's mission)
3. Itemized budget with brief justification (0.5 page maximum). Airfare must be in economy class. Only direct costs are allowed.
4. Overlapping activities (one half-page maximum): include a statement indicating whether or not this travel is already funded or pending funding (include source). If additional funding is necessary for the travel, indicate source of funding and amount.
5. One-page CV for the applicant.
6. Brief letter of support from the student's adviser indicating how the travel will benefit the applicant.

Funding requests should be sent as one single pdf file to Rohini Thakkar (rohini.thakkar@duke.edu) **no later than 5 pm on January 15, 2020**. Use "DII Travel Funding Application" as the subject line. Receipt of proposals will be acknowledged within 48 h.

Students will be required to give a brief presentation at a DII event in Fall 2020 and deliver a brief report on their activities after completion of travel.