

## Fellowship / Scholarship-Application

NEERMAN is a niche research firm that conducts rigorous impact evaluations in water-sanitation, public health, agriculture, education, gender, child protection and energy sectors. We mainly work with leading international organizations such as World Bank, Asian Development Bank, UNICEF. You can read more about us at [www.neerman.org](http://www.neerman.org).

### Objective of the Fellowship

Collaborate with NEERMAN to publish a manuscript in fields such as social sciences, epidemiology, economics, and policy journals using India specific data (primary data collected by NEERMAN) or secondary data. The fellowship also envisions dissemination and promotion of the research in conferences. The research should use robust methods and address important questions in sectors such as water-sanitation-hygiene, nutrition and growth, maternal and child health, agriculture, gender and women empowerment, child protection, energy, environment and climate change, and education.

### Data Availability

At NEERMAN, we collect primary data for a lot of organizations and have secured secondary data from various sources as well. Please send us your “specific” queries at the below mentioned email address to know what data we can make available to you.

[Read Blog on secondary data available in India](#)

### Authorship

The fellow will lead most of the analyses and writing so that she/he will be offered the first authorship. The researchers from NEERMAN who collaborate on the paper will be co-authors. Other co-authors may include the mentor from their institution, researchers from organizations that funded NEERMANs primary research, and other collaborators as the case may be. Funding support from NEERMAN and other organizations may need to be acknowledged.

### Duration

The fellowship will be six to twelve months duration but must be concluded before the student graduates.

### Eligibility

- Preferably from top and recognized universities in the world
- Should be an enrolled in a masters or doctoral programme
- Good understanding of research methods in any relevant field (social sciences, economics, policy, epidemiology, etc.)
- Command on necessary research skills – statistical analysis (using STATA preferred), systematic reviews, qualitative analysis, writing skills (native proficiency)

## Fellowship Amount

For 2020-21, three fellowships are available with following funding support (each up to \$5,000).

- \$3000 for publishing a paper with NEERMAN co-authors: The amount would be paid in three instalments of \$1000 on draft paper, \$1000 on submission to a journal, and \$1000 upon publication.
- Upto \$1000 towards open access journal publication fees (at actuals. If fees are higher, they need to be paid from other resources available to the fellow)
- Up to \$1000 for presenting papers in conferences (not guaranteed, but depending upon type of conference, associated expenses, and relevance for NEERMAN's research)

## Procedure for Application

Interested candidates should submit the following:

- Two-page statement of purpose making a case for (a) motivation for the research question, (b) abilities and skills for the proposed research, (c) commitment to publishing the article, and (d) plan for managing other competing tasks and time.
- Detailed CV
- Two-page (maximum) proposal: propose research questions, analysis plan, and publication strategy
- A sample of your written work (such as a paper, article or a report mainly written by the applicant; not edited by others)
- Details of institutional mentor (optional): If you seek to write this paper under mentorship of your institutional guide or a senior researcher, then kindly describe their role, authorship expectations, accountability in ensuring that the paper is published.

Materials should be sent by email in PDF attachments

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