

Scheme of Travel Grant

The Indian Council of Philosophical Research has a scheme of Travel Grant in order to provide financial assistance to scholars in philosophy and allied disciplines, irrespective of their age and status, for attending international academic conferences, seminars, symposium etc. abroad to present their papers resulting from their research work, or to act as Chairman/Convener of such conferences etc. on one or more panels thereof.

Eligibility:

The following categories of persons will be eligible.

1. The papers should be evaluated by an expert in the subject concerned.
2. The eligible applicant for travel grant should be a faculty member in a college or University of India.
3. The Applicants belonging to Philosophy would be given priority over others belonging to allied disciplines.
4. Teachers and scholars who are adjudged by the RPC to be eminent and invited to chair a session (not jointly with another), give a keynote address or lead a Seminar/discussion group at the International Conference, etc. which in the opinion of the RPC is at a high level.

Provided that no person will be given assistance under this scheme more than once in three years.

Provided further that for the same conference not more than one scholar shall be assisted by the Council. This condition may, however, be relaxed by Chairman taking into consideration the nature and size of the conference.

Pattern of Assistance:

Normally the Council shall meet only 50% of the to & fro air fare by economy class from airport in India to the nearest airport in the country where the conference is held. In case, the teacher or scholar avails of excursion ticket for air travel the Council shall meet 50% of the excursion ticket air fare if the remaining 50% is provided by some other source. In case the teacher or scholar is not able to get assistance for air travel from any other source, the Council may consider reimbursement of actual expenditure on excursion ticket air travel. In exceptional circumstances the chairman will have the discretion to decide to meet 100% of the actual to & fro economy air travel fare. Airport Tax, registration charges daily allowance or maintenance allowances shall not be payable by the Council under this scheme.

Condition: The person concerned should travel in economy class by AIR INDIA on the sectors where it operates, and even on sectors where it does not operate; Air passage should be booked through Air India only. The scholar should also avail of excursion ticket for air travel which requires a minimum stay of 14 days wherever it is considered economical compared to normal fares for fewer days abroad.

Procedure for Obtaining Grant:

The proposal should be sent to the Council's office along with the following documents directly, if they are not employed or through the Institution where they are employed well in advance so that it reaches the Council's office at least 90 days before the date of the conference.

1. A copy of the letter from the organizers of the conference accepting the papers for presentation or inviting the scholars concerned to chair a session/ section of the conference etc.,
2. Two copies of the full paper prepared by the scholar for presentation at the conference/ seminar/ symposia,
3. Information sheet containing name, place and duration of the conference, etc. complete postal address of its sponsor and their standing in the academic field,
4. Detailed particulars of other sources who have been approached for providing financial assistance in part or full and those who have agreed to provide the assistance,
5. A certificate from the Head of the Institution concerned, in case of employed scholars, to the effect that they have not been provided any financial assistance for this purpose from any source during the last three years,
6. A statement showing details of the visits of the scholar abroad during the last three years on the basis of travel grants, etc. received from different sources,
7. Payment will be made by the Council through demand draft drawn in favour of Air India. Therefore, Air India Certificate for fare be attached.

Report after attending the Conference etc.:

Each scholar shall furnish a report of his visit within a month after his return from abroad. He/She will also furnish a certificate regarding utilization of the travel grant. A certificate of attendance from the sponsors of the conference may also be furnished by the grantee.

The Chairman may, in exceptional and deserving cases, relax any of the provisions of the scheme.