

## CBPS RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP 2026-27 - Call for Applications

### Introduction

The [Centre for Budget and Policy Studies \(CBPS\)](http://www.cbps.in) is a non-partisan, non-profit, independent public policy research institution based in Bengaluru. For the past twenty-eight years, we have been working in the areas of education, gender, livelihoods, public finance and governance, and health. Our projects focus on research, evaluation and evidence-based policy making engaging with issues of equity, justice, empowerment, democracy and accountability.

The CBPS **Research Fellowship** commenced in the year 2023 as we commemorated 25 years of the organisation. The fellowship is a one-year programme where we mentor budding researchers. This is a call for applications for young researchers to be part of the fourth cohort of the fellowship.

### About the CBPS Research Fellowship

The fellowship aims to help scholars develop research skills in the areas of education, gender, governance, health & nutrition, public finance, livelihoods and social security. The fellows will work out of CBPS office in Bengaluru and will interact with our research staff to gain valuable experience, support, and learnings in a collegial and academically rigorous environment which includes in-house talks, seminars/ workshops as well as other public events. With the help of a mentor, the fellowship will allow scholars to be part of the ongoing research projects in an area of interest to the scholar. The fellows will receive a stipend of ₹25,000 /- per month and will also have access to office spaces and associated facilities including internet and use of the library. The fellowship, however, does not provide funds for housing, transportation, or any other financial support.

### Who should apply?

The fellowship is primarily geared towards scholars who have recently completed their Bachelor's or are in the final year of their undergraduate programme. CBPS especially encourages applications from historically underrepresented groups, including those underrepresented in terms of class, caste, gender, religion, linguistic affiliation, first-generation scholars etc. Scholars from various disciplines and methodological approaches are invited.

### Application process

Please apply with the following documents:

- A Statement of Purpose (SoP) describing why the candidate is interested in research in the areas listed above (not more than 1500 words)
- A CV or resume (in MS Word format)
- Two letters of reference

### **Important dates and information**

- Duration of the fellowship: One year starting from 01 August 2026 to 31 July 2027
- Last date for submission of application: 31 May 2026 (Before 11:59 p.m.)
- Announcement of the fellowships: 03 July 2026
- For further enquiries related to the fellowship, write to: [fellows@cbps.in](mailto:fellows@cbps.in)
- Application documents to be sent to: [fellows@cbps.in](mailto:fellows@cbps.in)
- Incomplete applications will not be considered. Only shortlisted applicants will be contacted.