



Katha Research Fellowship 2009 Katha Announces Fellowships!

India's artistic and storytelling traditions are well known. Yet a mature industry for the production of quality books for children has been in deficit. There is a dearth of research on what India had, and what India needs today for a bright future, in the area of children's literature.

Kathakaar, the centre for Children's literature invites research scholars to submit proposals on issues related to children's literature in India. Three fellowships are on offer for sensitive researchers with a keen insight who can bring the larger issues into focus with clarity and without prejudice.

The Fellowship Proposal

- The fellowship proposal should contain cogently argued and deeply explored issues such as:
- The relationship between art, children's literature and modernity in India while exploring the development of linkages between national or folk culture and works for children.
- The role of national and/or cultural identity, the position of authors and publishers, the role of children's magazines; the interaction with pedagogy or with child psychology, the role of religious education, the role of media in influencing children's choices, so as to understand the role of story and storytelling, of books and illustrators among the exciting young population of India..
- The research proposal should contain the following:
 - A research title
 - The aims, significance and scope of the research question
 - The approach and methodology to be adopted
 - The potential impact of the research on the field
 - A word limit of 1500-2000 words.

The Fellowship

- The research activity would be coordinated through two or three leading academic centers and universities in India.
- It would include one-day workshops with papers being presented by scholars, at the Katha Utsav 2009 at New Delhi and a compilation of the papers and a study document emerging from the research activity.
- The duration of the research work would be four months and should be submitted at Katha by July 15, 2009.
- The word limit of the research thesis should be around 40000 words (or 100 pages appx).

The three best research proposals will be awarded one-time fellowship of Rs 10000, Rs 7000, and Rs 5000 as per merit.

- Last date for submission of proposals: January 15, 2009
- Fellowships will be announced by March 15, 2009

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