

IAR Fellows Program
2022/23
Call for Applications

Program description

The Institute of Asian Research (IAR), which is situated in the School of Public Policy and Global Affairs (SPPGA), is pleased to announce the **IAR Fellows** program. This program brings together UBC graduate students with an interest in advancing research that addresses a broad range of issues — particularly those with relevance to policy or global affairs — and is based on engagement with and deep knowledge of Asia.

The IAR is home to five interdisciplinary, regionally-focused research Centres: the Centre for Chinese Research; the Centre for India and South Asia Research; the Centre for Japanese Research; the Centre for Korean Research; and the Centre for Southeast Asia Research. In addition, there are smaller programs that focus on other parts of Asia, including Himalaya Program and Inner-Asia. Each IAR Fellow will be affiliated with one of these Centres or programs. The IAR and its Centres are intended to operate as forums for collaborative work and joint exploration of issues relevant to Asia and its diaspora, rather than only as workspaces for completing individual projects in isolation.

IAR Fellows will benefit from a research stipend, desk space, supportive engagement both with other fellows and faculty members, and immersion in the intellectually stimulating IAR/SPPGA community for the entire academic year (September 2022 to July 2023). They will also have unique opportunities to showcase their research amongst both academics and relevant community stakeholders. The program welcomes applications from all disciplines across the social sciences, applied sciences, professional schools, and humanities.

Eligibility:

Graduate students (MA and PhD) enrolled at UBC for the 2022/23 academic year are eligible to apply. Applications from students enrolled in the Masters of Public Policy and Global Affairs program are especially encouraged. Advanced undergraduates will be considered in exceptional cases if they are actively conducting research as part of their degree program. UBC post-docs interested in engaging with the IAR should contact us for separate opportunities.

IAR Fellows Benefits:

- Desk space in one of the IAR regional centres (with usage subject to each Centre's policy and desk availability)
- \$500 research stipend per Fellow
- Possibility of applying for additional research funds to support collaborative projects between Fellows
- Opportunities to receive mentorship from faculty associated with the IAR centres, as well as collaboration and mutual learning with other Fellows
- Opportunities to collaborate in organizing scholarly and professional events
- Extensive networking with scholars and professionals in the field, especially in the scope of IAR events
- Opportunities to participate in professional development workshops and academic seminar designed specifically for IAR Fellows.
- As the IAR is situated in the SPPGA, Fellows are invited to produce a short policy-oriented memo/paper based on their research. If the Fellow is successful in publishing the piece in a designated outlet (including, for example, The East Asia Forum, The Diplomat, iAffairs Canada), the Fellow is entitled to up to an additional \$500 award. Deadline for publication is July 2023. A considerable number of 2021/22 IAR Fellows were successful in publishing under this award. Please see the section below ***IAR Fellows 2021/2022 Publications** for the list of publications.

Program Expectations:

Active engagement with the IAR and other IAR fellows. This includes the following:

- Participating in and contributing to IAR brown-bag series. This could include a presentation of ongoing research, a guided discussion on key regional developments, or inviting guest speakers. Brown-bag series can also be used as an opportunity for IAR Fellows to explore a range of questions and discussions related to their research interests by hosting a discussion session with other members of the Centre(s).
- Regular participation in IAR and Centre events
- A brief one-page report due in May 2023 that outlines the Fellow's activities during their term

Application:

- Please complete the IAR Fellows Application Form and return by email to iar.sppga@ubc.ca. Please Include "IAR Fellows application" under the subject line.

Deadline: **September 7, 2022**. Applications may be accepted later if slots remain available.

Applicants will be informed of their result at the start of the 2022/23 Academic Year.

***IAR Fellows 2021/2022 Publications:**

- Anoushka Chandarana and Narayan Gopalan Laskshmi (MPPGA) from CISAR co-authored "[The Hurdles Facing Mongolia's Overseas Voters](#)" published in *The Diplomat*.
- Manimugdha Sharma (History Department), also from CISAR, published "[The Mughal-Rajput ties that gave India its Taj Mahal](#)" in *The Times of India*.
- Younus Ahmed (Anthropology), another Fellow from CISAR, published "[Solving India's sanitation scourge](#)" in *East Asia Forum*.
- Inner Asia Fellow Orkhon Gantogkh (EDST) authored "[Mongolia's paradoxical education problem](#)" published in *East Asia Forum*.
- CKR Fellow Christina Song (Political Science) co-authored a piece with CJR Director Yves Tiberghian titled "[Domestic realities constrain Yoon's foreign policy rebalancing](#)" in *East Asia Forum*.