

India Science Book Fellowship

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

- Do I need to be a published author to apply for the Book Fellowship?

No, the India Science Book Fellowship is open for all. We welcome proposals from novice as well published authors.

- Can I co-write the book?

Yes. Details of the collaborator and their role in the fellowship should be mentioned in the application.

- I am interested in co-writing this book but I don't have anyone in mind yet. Can FAST India help me find a collaborator/co-writer?

Yes. FAST India can help facilitate these collaborations but the applicant will have to take the lead in building and nurturing these for the Fellowship.

- Can I submit a graphic novel/illustrated science book/comic for this Fellowship?

Yes. These should be substantial pieces of work that add to the understanding of science and technology.

- If I bring in co-writers or an illustrator on board, how will the funds be split?

The applicant is advised to discuss this with the collaborator. FAST India will only release funds to the main applicant..

- What form of publishing support would FAST India offer?

FAST India will constantly engage with select publishers in the Indian ecosystem and keep them abreast about the development of each fellow's manuscripts. FAST India will also be happy to support, however not lead, discussions between the fellows and publishers. The fellows are also free to pitch their manuscripts to publishers on their own.

- What if I'm unable to complete this book in the given time frame?

While all fellows are encouraged to complete the book within the given time frame, we understand the process of writing a book within a limited duration can be occasionally challenging. In the off-chance that the selected fellow is unable to complete their manuscript in one year, FAST India will take a call to extend monetary support/withdraw support based on the situation.

- I am an Indian based abroad. Can I apply for this fellowship?

This fellowship is only open for applicants residing in India.

- Does the applicant need to be present in India for the duration of the entire fellowship?

Yes, the applicant would need to be a resident of India during the period of the fellowship and have an Indian bank account.

- If I get selected for the Fellowship, will I be contractually obligated to discontinue other projects?

No, the India Science Book Fellowship is non-exclusive in nature. Provided our Fellows adhere to the given timelines, they are free to continue with other projects.

- If I need additional funds, will FAST India be willing to facilitate the same?

No, the India Science Book Fellowship gives a monetary grant of INR 10 Lakhs for a period of 12 months. FAST India will not provide monetary support outside of this grant. You may apply/accept funding from other sources for the book.

- Can I apply for a book in a language other than English?

Yes, we welcome applications for books written in Indian regional languages..

- I have read the Terms and Conditions as well as the FAQs document on the India Science Book Fellowship Website. Is there anything else that I need to be mindful of?

Our T&Cs and FAQs are purely for informational purposes. Once selected, our Fellows will have to sign a contract with FAST India which will be final and binding.

For more information, please visit: www.fast-india.org/science-book-fellowship/