

The India Science Book Fellowship

By the Foundation for Advancing Science and Technology (FAST India)

TERMS AND CONDITIONS

1. The Fellowship is open to any person resident in India who is interested in writing a book on science and technology (**Candidate**). While persons may apply as a team, one of the team members must be based out of India and agree to administer the Fellowship on behalf of their team.
2. The Fellowship encourages Candidates to write and publish popular science books in India to promote scientific thinking and generate scientific knowledge relevant to contemporary India.
3. The Fellowship is provided for a period of 12 (twelve) months.
4. Each Fellowship carries a grant of INR 10,00,000/-, payable in four installments over a period of one year.
5. All proposals, along with Candidates' details (**Applications**) will be checked for eligibility and any discrepancies. Applications containing plagiarism will be immediately disqualified. The decision of FAST India in determining the eligibility of Applications will be final and binding.
6. Any Candidate may be contacted by FAST India for additional information with respect to their proposals, and information provided by the Candidates will be added to the original Application. Failure to provide any information sought by FAST India may lead to the disqualification of the Candidate.
7. The India Science Book Fellowship jury will make all decisions regarding the selection of eligible entries for the longlist, shortlist, and Fellows, and their decision will be final and binding.
8. The Fellow will commit to delivering the completed manuscript to FAST India (or their publisher, if already contracted) within 12 (twelve) months of starting the Fellowship with FAST India.
9. The Fellows are required to write unique non-fiction books. While FAST India does not prescribe any particular theme or area of science and technology, the proposal is expected to advance the knowledge of science and Indian scientists. Further, FAST India encourages multi-disciplinary proposals centred around science and technology. **However, book proposals based on the central themes of politics or religion will not be accepted for the India Science Book Fellowship.**
10. Candidates will have to give a declaration that all the outputs and materials are originally created by them and that they have not copied any content. The Fellows will be solely responsible for dealing with any claims with respect to the content of outputs and materials created by them during the course of the Fellowship.

11. By applying for **India Science Book Fellowship**, all Candidates confirm that the proposed title and content of the proposal:
 - does not violate any intellectual property rights;
 - does not infringe upon the legal rights of any person or business;
 - does not violate any privacy laws;
 - does not conflict with any Indian laws that were in effect at the time the nomination or entry was submitted.
12. The Fellowship should result in the final publication of a book, and a clear work plan on how the Candidates will accomplish this should be provided in the Application. The Fellow will need to participate in the mentorship program of the **India Science Book Fellowship** during the course of their Fellowship. FAST India reserves its right to appoint a mentor with appropriate expertise for the chosen Fellows.
13. The Fellow shall participate in all publicity activities, including announcements and interactions with the media, promotions on social media and other events, organised by FAST India.
14. The Fellow will own intellectual property rights, including copyright, over the material generated during the Fellowship. However, the Fellow must include an acknowledgement along with the material published as an outcome of the India Science Book Fellowship as follows, "This book/article/work was supported through the **India Science Book Fellowship (by FAST India)**"
15. FAST India reserves its right to disqualify Applications that are found to contain incorrect or misrepresented information at any stage of the India Science Book Fellowship. The Fellowship, if any, for such Candidates will be immediately withdrawn, and the concerned Fellow shall be liable to return and refund all the stipend disbursed to them, in addition to damages or losses suffered by FAST India. FAST India shall also reserve the right to blacklist any Candidate from future rounds of the Fellowship.
16. FAST India reserves its right to disqualify Fellows from the India Science Book Fellowship at any stage who are found to be engaging in unfair or unethical conduct while working on their book. For clarity, unfair or unethical conduct would include bribery, plagiarism, or engaging in unlawful activities.
17. In no event shall FAST India be liable for any loss or damage, including, without limitation, any indirect or consequential loss, harm or damage, arising out of the administration of the Fellowship.
18. Candidates are encouraged to check **India Science Book Fellowship** : [Frequently Asked Questions or FAQs](#) or write to info@fast-india.org for any information that they may need to confirm regarding their applications to the **India Science Book Fellowship**.
19. Selected Fellows understand and agree that they will enter into a formal contract with FAST India and/or its assigned parties detailing the terms and conditions for the **India Science Book Fellowship**.
20. By applying for the **India Science Book Fellowship (by FAST India)**, all Candidates agree to unconditionally comply with the Terms and Conditions set out herein. Failure to comply with these Terms and Conditions shall lead to immediate disqualification of the Candidates.