The Center for the Advanced Study of India (CASI) at the University of Pennsylvania invites applications to fill a postdoctoral fellowship position for the 2024-2025 academic year. The position is open to applicants from the humanities and social sciences whose work focuses on contemporary India. For this position, we seek a scholar whose research focuses on one or more of the following areas: environment-society relations, cities and urbanization, and climate change. We are open to applicants from a range of disciplinary traditions, particularly anthropology, architecture, geography, planning, politics and sociology. Candidates who have experience with multimedia production and/or skills in critical cartography (video, web-based platforms, GIS) are especially encouraged to apply. We also encourage applications from candidates whose research focuses on enduring inequities, such as those of caste, indigeneity, gender and sexuality.

CASI welcomes applications from scholars who have received their Ph.D. or equivalent degrees, or who will complete their degree by June 30, 2024. The term of appointment is July 1, 2024-June 30, 2025 and the Ph.D. must be in hand to begin the appointment. Since the fellowship is intended for early career scholars, Ph.D.s must have been received in 2021 or after. The position may be renewable for up to one additional year conditional on performance and budgetary approval.

The fellowship will provide candidates with opportunities to pursue their own research. They will also be responsible for working on the Penn Global funded project, Stories of Climate Action. There is no teaching requirement. Innovative new project proposals by fellows may also be considered and modestly funded by the Center. Because fellows are expected to be fully integrated with the intellectual life of the Center, they must plan to physically reside in the vicinity of the University of Pennsylvania. Each fellow receives a stipend of $65,000, contingent upon proof of conferral of the Ph.D. degree, a $2,500 research fund, and health insurance.
Since its founding in 1992 within the School of Arts & Sciences (SAS), CASI has continued to uphold Penn’s global reputation as a leading U.S. institution of research in South Asian studies and scholarship. CASI’s goals are to engage in research; host scholars and policymakers; and convene conversations through seminars, workshops, conferences, and publications. Our program values interdisciplinary research, collaboration, and collegiality; is committed to promoting a culturally diverse intellectual community; and strongly encourages applications from women, minorities, and under-represented communities.

We seek candidates who share our strong commitment to research, teaching and mentoring, and to a scholarly community shaped by values of inclusive excellence. The School of Arts and Sciences at the University of Pennsylvania is committed to cultivating and sustaining a community of students, scholars, researchers, and staff that reflects the diversity of our world. We nurture working and learning environments that are affirming, equitable, and inclusive. As a community, we are committed to thoughtful discussions and dynamic interactions as we strive for an environment where everyone is supported and valued. Please see our School’s Inclusion and Antiracism Initiatives to learn more about our active priorities.

We will accept applications immediately with review beginning on January 10, 2024 and continuing until the selections are final.

To apply, please submit the following required documents.

Required:

1. Cover Letter address to the “Selection Committee”, CASI (maximum 2 pages).
2. Curriculum Vitae
3. Writing Sample (20-25 pages approx. double-spaced)
4. Contact information of references of two faculty advisors who can provide a letter of recommendation upon request.

Optional:
Files or links to multimedia or collaborative projects that the applicant has worked on (films, websites, maps etc.)

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Please direct questions to casi@sas.upenn.edu