BAREFOOT RISE FELLOWSHIP 2018

APPLY NOW
LAST DATE - 30 MAY 2018

A 24-MONTH JOURNEY,
TEACHING AT THE GRASSROOTS
WITH SHIKSHANIKETAN
The Barefoot Rise Fellowship is an immersive, 12-month experience with a that helps in achieving educational equity in rural India by providing an opportunity to India’s brightest individuals to serve as full-time teachers in Shikshaniketan, a school run by Barefoot College. Through this experience of teaching in classrooms and working with teachers and other key stakeholders of the organisation, our fellows not only get exposed to the grassroots realities of India’s education system but also develop a personality in being strong advocates of change by cultivating the knowledge, skills, and mindsets necessary to attain positions of leadership in the education system and identify their role in building a larger movement for equity in education.

The fellows cover the 24-month journey in 2 stages. After spending the first 12 months at Shikshaniketan, the fellows get an option to continue their works for another 12 months. The experience shall begin with an orientation week at Barefoot College where the fellows will get exposed to grassroots development and organisation’s strong philosophies. Each Fellow is then assigned a set of classrooms in Shikshaniketan and have the responsibility to teach academics, values and mindsets and to give their students the access and exposure they need to reach their personal, long-term visions. With prime focus given to the personal development of fellow as well, they get an opportunity to undergo field visits, exposure training by representing Barefoot College at an international level.

Barefoot College educates more than 7,000 children each year by making academic subjects relevant to rural lifestyles. We emphasise a hands-on, learning-by-doing approach and focus on poor, isolated communities in order to tackle social norms regarding gender and access to quality education. A deep appreciation for the Rural Hero lies at the heart of our curricula, as does admiration for traditional livelihoods such as weavers, bone setters and midwives. With this combination of traditional wisdom and practical skills, we empower children to become active participants and leaders in their communities.
**SELECTION PROCESS**

Fellows complete a rigorous, multi-stage selection process where they are evaluated for core competencies that are essential for success within and beyond the Fellowship. Competencies include demonstrated leadership, critical thinking, and commitment to our goal of developing a strong quality localised education model.

**COMPLETE APPLICATION FORM**

Shortlisted candidates submit a 5-min video demonstrating your teaching capabilities and 5-min video explaining your teaching material* on any one of these topics-

- Fractions
- Pulleys and Levers
- Word formation in English/Hindi
- Understanding Geography

*You shall be assessed on your idea, creativity, motivation and ability to articulate. Finish/look/detailing of TLM is not important. TLM out of waste or easily available low cost material shall be preferred.

**VIDEO CONFERENCE BASED INTERVIEW FOR FURTHER SHORTLISTING**

**FINAL INTERVIEW AT MAJOR METROPOLITIAN CITIES BY FRIENDS OF BAREFOOT COLLEGE**
ELIGIBILITY

Young-at-heart professionals or graduates, motivated and energetic, high on communication skills, who are interested or are already participating in developing or delivering quality education to children aged 5 to 15.

FELLOW SUPPORT

- Monthly stipend of Rs. 8,000 to meet living expenses
- Affordable housing and dining at the project location
- Rs. 50,000 and a certificate of appreciation, at the completion of year 1 of fellowship
- Rs. 1,00,000 and a certificate of appreciation, at the completion of year 2 of fellowship
- Mentorship by experienced professionals in the field
- Exposure visits and trainings twice every year

LOCATION

Shikshaniketan is a day school run by Barefoot College in a village called Tilonia of Rajasthan. With its rural charm still intact, you as a fellow will be closely interacting with children and teachers from the communities in and around.

During the summers, the temperature reaches 47 deg Celcius - hot enough to melt the brain but, not hot enough to melt your strong soul. The monsoon and the winters that trail the summers will keep you cool as ice.
**Frequently Asked Questions**

**How can I apply for the Fellowship?**
Applications for the 2018 Fellowship will open on 10 May 2018 until 31 May 2018. Submit the application through this [link](#).

**Why should I join the Barefoot Rise Fellowship?**
Barefoot College offers you the chance to make a real difference in tackling one of India’s most pressing challenges — Access to quality education. Working with Barefoot College, you will not only overcome the challenge but also develop a strong understanding of the rural development eco-space through developing and leveraging your strong leadership skills.

**Who is the fellowship looking for?**
Barefoot College is looking for potential Fellows who have exhibited academic proficiency, demonstrated leadership, strong organisational skills, hold a graduate degree and are inclined to make a commitment to the community. Students and professionals with a Bachelor’s Degree at the time of joining the Fellowship are invited to apply.

**What does the Barefoot Rise Fellowship entail?**
The two-year commitment is necessary to make the impact we wish to have on student achievement. Throughout the period, fellows will refine their teaching skills and will start to establish respect and trust among various stakeholders within the school community and the students. During this same period, the fellows with work closely with Barefoot College to develop teaching strategies to achieve an overall goal of providing access to quality education to children from underprivileged communities of India.
Who will I be teaching?
Barefoot Rise Fellows will be placed in Shikshaniketan - a school located in Tilonia, Headquarters of Barefoot College. Based on the qualifications and personal interests, the fellows will be required to teach students from class 1 to 8.

How much will I be paid during the Fellowship?
Barefoot Rise fellows will be paid a monthly stipend of Rs. 8,000. They will also be paid an amount of Rs. 50,000 at the completion of year 1 and Rs. 1,00,000 at the completion of year 2 of the fellowship.

How will the Barefoot Rise experience help me grow professionally?
We believe that by spending 2 years in Shikshaniketan, you will not only gain on premium teaching experience but also develop strong leadership skills and quality that take a young profession from being a participant to being a leader in delivering change.

For any other queries contact,

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