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Gonda PhD student grant regulations

These regulations are valid from 1 June 2015 and will remain so until the J. Gonda Foundation publishes new regulations.

About the Gonda Foundation

The J. Gonda Foundation (hereafter: the Gonda Foundation) is part of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences and supports the scholarly study of Sanskrit, other classical Indian languages and literature, and Indian cultural history. The Foundation's assets consist of the estate of Indologist Jan Gonda, who was a member of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

The Gonda PhD student grant

The Gonda Foundation awards Gonda PhD student grants to promising PhD students in the field of Sanskrit, other classical Indian languages and literature, and Indian cultural history, enabling them to complete a special research project, go on a working visit abroad, or undertake another activity.

How and when to apply

- PhD students in the field of Sanskrit, other classical Indian languages and literature, and Indian cultural history at a Dutch university or research institute are welcome to apply.
- A Gonda PhD student grant is usually between € 3000 and € 10,000. The grant cannot be used to cover salaries.
- The deadlines for applications are 1 April and 1 October of every year.
- Applicants will be notified of the status of their application (full award, partial award, no award) about two months after applying.
- The application consists of an application form that must be submitted by e-mail to the Board of the Gonda Foundation. The application form is available at www.knaw.nl/gondafund.

Assessment criteria

- The quality of the proposed research project, working visit or other activity will be reviewed in terms of:
 - clear research objectives that are relevant for the applicant's PhD research;
 - anticipated research results;
 - complementary value of funding by the Gonda Foundation to other research budgets (university, research institute, NWO).
- The quality of the applicant's educational background in science and research experience.
- The quality of the reference letter by the applicant's supervisor.

Assessment process

The Board of the Gonda Foundation assesses the applications according to the assessment criteria and consults the Foundation's Advisory Committee.

Obligations of the Gonda PhD student grantee

- Within one month of completing the research project, working visit or activity, the Gonda PhD student grantee must e-mail a final report and financial accounts to the Gonda Foundation. If the Gonda Foundation does not receive the final report and financial accounts on time, the



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grantee or institution to which the grant was remitted may be required to repay the grant to the Gonda Foundation.

- The Gonda PhD student grantee must have the approval of the Board of the Gonda Foundation before making any changes in the approved research project, working visit or activity.
- Any publications arising from the Gonda PhD student grant must state that the publication was made possible in part by the J. Gonda Foundation of the Royal Netherlands Academy of Arts and Sciences.

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