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VidhiAagaz Student Correspondents Fellowship

# Information for Applicants

*Call for applications*

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## 1. The Fellowship

Much of the academic life of a university is organised by its students. They run its conferences, edit its journals and lead its research and moot societies, and they are often the first to know what their institution is planning. The VidhiAagaz Student Correspondents Fellowship brings such students into the work of VidhiAagaz, an academic publisher established in 2017 and a member of Crossref.

Fellows are VidhiAagaz's correspondents on their campuses. They keep VidhiAagaz informed of the academic life of their institutions, carry its programmes to them, and assist it when it works with them. In return, VidhiAagaz trains them in the practice of academic publishing, gives them a place at its conferences and programmes, and records the work they do. Each Fellow holds the designation of VidhiAagaz Student Correspondent Fellow.

The Fellowship is honorary, and no stipend is paid under it. It is unconnected with the publication of anyone's work. Fellows do not seek papers for VidhiAagaz journals, and the Fellowship gives no advantage in the review or publication of any work.

## 2. Term and eligibility

A Fellowship is held for twelve months from the date of appointment, and is expected to take about two to four hours a week. VidhiAagaz may invite a Fellow who has completed the term well to continue for a further term as a Senior Fellow.

The Fellowship is open to students enrolled in a degree programme in law, management, the humanities or the social sciences at a university, college or institution in any country. An applicant should be enrolled at the institution for the whole of the term. A part in the academic life of the institution, such as a place on a journal, a conference committee or a research or moot society, is an advantage but is not required.

One Fellow is ordinarily appointed at each institution. An application from an institution that already has a Fellow is considered when that Fellowship comes to an end.

## 3. The work of a Fellow

A Fellow keeps VidhiAagaz informed, through a short monthly report, of the academic life of the institution: its conferences, seminars and lectures, its journals, changes in its faculty and editorial teams, and its collaborations with other bodies.

Where the institution is organising a conference, the Fellow tells its convener that VidhiAagaz publishes conference special issues and proceedings, and passes the convener's contact to VidhiAagaz. The Fellow also lets VidhiAagaz know of edited volumes that members of the faculty are planning, and brings the VidhiAagaz Journal Infrastructure Grant to the notice of the institution's journals.

The Fellow makes VidhiAagaz conferences and programmes known within the institution, and may suggest members of its faculty who would suit a session as chair or speaker. The invitation itself is always made by VidhiAagaz.

A Fellow writes reports of academic events at the institution and, where the person agrees, interviews its principal, dean or journal editors for the VidhiAagaz website. When VidhiAagaz holds or takes part in an event at the institution, the Fellow assists it on the ground. Once a year, the Fellow helps arrange a session at the institution, given by VidhiAagaz, on publishing standards and research integrity, and asks the institution's library to list the VidhiAagaz journals among its electronic resources.

## 4. What the Fellowship provides

Each Fellow completes an induction course on CLRS Academy within the first month of the term. The course covers how a scholarly journal works, the conduct of peer review, the Core Practices of the Committee on Publication Ethics, persistent identifiers such as DOIs and ORCID, the way indexing services assess journals, and how to recognise a predatory publisher. A certificate in academic publishing practice is awarded on its completion.

During the term, Fellows serve as rapporteurs, hosts and moderators at VidhiAagaz conferences, many of them with speakers from other countries, and a rapporteur's report is published under the Fellow's name. Their reports and interviews are published on the VidhiAagaz website under their names. They receive a complimentary place at VidhiAagaz conferences, workshops and courses, early notice of its calls and programmes, and a place at the annual Fellows' Conclave, held online, at which Fellows present the work of their campuses.

Each Fellow receives a letter of appointment and is listed on the VidhiAagaz website. At the end of the term, a Fellow who has completed it receives a certificate of fellowship that records the work done. VidhiAagaz may also give a letter of recommendation to a Fellow who has completed the term well, offer an internship in its events, communications or publishing operations, and name one Fellow each year as Fellow of the Year.

## 5. Principles and conditions

Three principles govern the Fellowship. First, a Fellow does no work on papers: a Fellow does not invite, collect or forward submissions to any VidhiAagaz journal, and does not assist any author, the Fellow included, in having work published by VidhiAagaz. Second, a Fellow introduces and VidhiAagaz decides: a Fellow does not quote a price, offer terms, promise anything or sign on behalf of VidhiAagaz, and every proposal and invitation is made by VidhiAagaz itself. Third, a Fellow does not ask for or receive money from anyone in connection with the Fellowship, and no commission is paid on any work.

VidhiAagaz meets a Fellow's expenses only where it has agreed to do so in writing beforehand. What a Fellow writes, photographs or records for VidhiAagaz under the Fellowship belongs to VidhiAagaz, and is published under the Fellow's name.

A Fellow who wishes to leave before the end of the term gives thirty days' notice and hands over the work in hand. The certificate of fellowship, any letter of recommendation and a place among former Fellows are given only for a completed term.

The full Terms of the Fellowship are sent with the letter of appointment, and an appointment takes effect when the Fellow signs and returns the letter.

## 6. Application

Applications are made through the online form on the Fellowship's page at vidhiaagaz.com. The applicant names as referee a member of the institution's academic staff who knows them and has agreed that VidhiAagaz may write to them. The form asks about the applicant's studies, the academic life of the institution and the reasons for applying, and for a report, of 250 to 350 words and in the applicant's own words, of a recent academic event at the institution.

Applications are considered as they arrive. VidhiAagaz may invite an applicant to a short conversation online before reaching a decision, and writes to every applicant with the outcome.

Enquiries may be addressed to the Fellowship Office, VidhiAagaz, Maihar, Madhya Pradesh 485771, India, at fellowship@vidhiaagaz.com.

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