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Annexure A2

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Advertisement for a Research Assistant (RA) or Junior Research Fellow (JRF)

Number of Positions Available: 01

Applications are invited from motivated and eligible candidates for a RA or JRF position in the research project '*Modern Medicine and Gender in Colonial Andhra: Medicine Practiced by Two Women Missionary Doctors at their Hospitals 1880-1930*'.

Brief description of the project

This project aims to analytically examine the social history of modern medical practices carried out in two hospitals – established one each in provincial towns of Guntur and Rajahmundry – exclusively meant for women and children in the erstwhile Madras Presidency around questions of public health and modern medicine in colonial India. Being fully sensitive to historical debates that view 'body' as a site of colonizing power and contestation between colonized and colonizer, the central focus of the proposed project is to analyze the three-fold effect of modern medical practices on social constructions/reconstructions of health, gender, and religion among the Telugus. Firstly, to understand how the modern medical practices of these mission hospitals facilitated larger changes in gender roles and traditional perceptions regarding the medical profession. Secondly, to examine how these institutions transformed traditional perceptions, and sometimes stereotypes, on sources of illness, diseases, and cure. Thirdly, to analyze how the condition of women and children who were unfortunately at the receiving end of patriarchal domination has made steady progress over time. In other words, this project intends to examine how the modern medicine practiced at these two missionary hospitals opened up new possibilities and avenues for the native Telugu women to play a role in the process of bringing about positive changes in the fields of nursing, gynecology, obstetrics, and child-rearing practices.

Funding Agency: *Indian National Science Academy*

Eligibility for Research Assistant (RA):

- Post-graduation with 55% in any discipline of social sciences and humanities. Preference will be given to candidates with Sociology/Anthropology/History/Political Science background.

Eligibility for Junior Research Fellow (JRF):

- Post-graduation with 55% in any discipline of social sciences and humanities. Preference will be given to candidates with sociology/anthropology/history/political science background.
- UGC-NET qualification is required.

Stipend for RA: Rs 14,000/- pm + HRA as per applicable rates

Stipend for JRF: Rs. 18,000/- pm + HRA as per applicable rates.

- *Knowledge of Telugu language will be of added advantage as this position requires fieldwork to be carried out and collection of archival data at multiple sources in Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, and Tamil Nadu*

The category will be decided/recommended by the selection committee based on the qualification/Experience/Performance in the interview of the candidate.

Service conditions:

(i) JRFs and RAs may be provided accommodation based on availability and those residing in accommodation provided by the institute will not be eligible for drawing HRA. Wherever provision of hostel accommodation is not possible, HRA may be allowed to Junior Research Fellows as per Government norms applicable in the city/location where they are working. The stipend amount may be taken as basic for calculating the HRA.

(ii) The travel entitlement for RAs and JRFs to conduct the fieldwork and visit archival centers for primary data collection in India will be as per the terms and conditions of INSA and IIT Indore.

Duration: The appointment against this position is for an initial period of **one year**, with possible extension for the second year subject to satisfactory performance and availability of funds.

Interested candidates are requested to submit a detailed CV to *Dr. Ashok Kumar Mocherla, PI of this project*, via e-mail: ashokmocherla@iiti.ac.in by 15th November 2020.

Note: Only shortlisted candidates will be intimated by email for an interview, which is most probably going to be online. No TA/DA will be paid for appearing in the interview.

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