

The Centre for the Study of Culture and Society (CSCS) offers a fellowship awarded by SEPHIS to a student from any country in the South to spend one academic year in Bangalore, India, beginning July 2009.

The main purpose of the fellowship programme is to help develop alternative frameworks for research and teaching as well as new theoretical paradigms that take into account the specific experiences of non-Western societies.

The student can either register with CSCS for the **Ph.D. in Cultural Studies** (validated by the Manipal University and Kuvempu University) or register in his/her own country and do the CSCS coursework for two semesters.

The Ph.D. programme's uniqueness lies in the following:

- Focus on inter-disciplinarity
- Emphasis on the formulation of research problems and teaching programmes in relation to democracy and cultural issues that draw on conventional disciplines but cut across their boundaries.

Research areas at CSCS include:

- Culture and Colonial histories; Law and Society; Gender; Psychoanalysis; Culture and rights; Cultural policy; Culture industries; Film and popular culture; Political Studies; Theorising the region (focus on the Indian Ocean and Southern India).

The following are the ongoing research programmes at CSCS with which students may also be associated (for a description of these programmes, please visit programme pages on the cscs website: www.cscsarchive.org):

- Culture: Industries and Diversity in Asia (CIDASIA)
- Law, Society, Culture
- Higher Education
- Culture, Subjectivity and Psyche (CUSP)
- Archive and Access

Eligibility: A Master's Degree in any discipline with 55% marks or its grade equivalent if the student is registering with CSCS for the Ph.D., OR proof of Ph.D. registration in any Southern university outside India if the student is coming only for coursework.

Benefits: A substantial stipend, international airfare, accommodation in Bangalore, travel costs for three weeks within India for visits to different academic institutions, tuition and other fees will be provided for. If the student registers for a PhD at CSCS, financial support available after the first year will be at par with that of other CSCS students.

Current CSCS faculty are drawn from the fields of film and media studies, political theory, history, and art history, gender studies, psychoanalytic and legal theory with a strong background in at least ten years of inter-disciplinary cultural studies. Applicants are requested to visit the CSCS websites for more information of the institution, its faculty, courses, library, etc: www.cscsarchive.org

To apply: Applications should include a sample of writing such as a term paper, a current CV, two letters of recommendation, transcripts of last two degrees obtained, and proof of eligibility.

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Deadline: Complete applications must reach CSCS by March 21, 2009. E-mail and fax applications are acceptable only if followed by a hard copy sent by airmail or courier. Candidates will be informed of the outcome by March 31, 2009. The CSCS academic year begins in the last week of July. In case of delays related to visa procedures, selected applicants may also officially begin their coursework in the following semester beginning January 2010.