

HERITAGE CLUB-Legal History Research Forum Invites Applications from Legal History professionals, Students, faculties and Research scholars for the **MINOR RESEARCH PROJECTS GRANT** for 2023-24 (15th November to 15th May Cycle).

Application Guidelines

Heritage Club-Legal History Research Forum, Department of History, KLE Law College, Bengaluru, invites applications for the “**Minor - Research Projects Grant**” for Heritage Studies. This grant is designed to support empirical research initiatives that contribute to our understanding of various aspects of heritage, with a particular focus on legal history, Heritage Legislations and historical dimensions from Ancient to modern periods.

Purpose and Duration:

The Heritage Club awards a maximum of 05 “**Minor Research projects grant**” with a duration of up to 06 Months and a grant of up to 30,000 INR (Not Exceeding, 5000 Rs. per Month) for the purpose of undertaking fieldwork, for the acquisition of research materials, and other relevant sources, or those undertaking minor research data collections.

Eligibility

These grant awards are available to citizens of India, who are pursuing graduation degrees (Three or Five Years), Post-Graduation students, and Ph.D. Scholars, and professionals (Academicians, Faculties and Research Scholars) engaged in the study of Indian Heritage and Culture.

Age Limit: Below 45 Years of Age as on October 2023.

Research Themes:

1. **Heritage:** Explore the legal aspects and implications of heritage preservation and conservation, focusing on the protection of cultural artefacts, historical sites, and intangible heritage.
2. **Archaeology:** Investigate the intersection of law and archaeology, examining the legal frameworks governing archaeological excavations, artefacts ownership, repatriation, and the ethical considerations surrounding cultural heritage.
3. **History:** Study the legal history of a specific region or time period, analysing the development of legal systems, legal institutions, and their impact on societal norms, governance, and cultural heritage.
4. **Legal History:** Examine the evolution of legal systems, legislation, and legal doctrines, with a focus on their historical context and their influence on contemporary legal frameworks and practices.
5. **Heritage Legislations:** Analyse the existing heritage legislations and policies at the national, regional, or international level, assessing their effectiveness in safeguarding cultural heritage and addressing the challenges faced in their implementation.

6. **Ancient to Modern Administration Systems:** Investigate the administrative structures and systems of ancient civilizations or specific historical periods, exploring their legal frameworks, governance practices, and their relevance to contemporary legal systems.
7. **Legacy and Law of Tribals:** Explore the legal aspects surrounding tribal heritage, rights, custom, and cultural legacy, focusing on issues such as land rights, intellectual property rights, tribal self-governance, and the protection of indigenous practices.

By incorporating these research themes, the project will contribute to a comprehensive understanding of the intersection between law, heritage, archaeology, history, legal history, heritage legislations, administration and Judicial systems, legacy, and the law of tribals.

Key Areas

1. Origin and Evolution of administrative system (Ancient to Modern period)
2. Recent Scientific Approaches to the Aryan Migration
3. Impact of foreign invasion during Ancient India (Socio, economic and Cultural Exchange)
4. Role of women in society
5. Women in Courts
6. Economic conditions - Market Reforms, Agrarian Reforms during Medieval Period
7. Innovation in Military Technology during Medieval Period
8. Tribals and peasants revolt during Modern Period
9. Study of Coins and Inscriptions (Land grants, Legal Codes and Regulations, Legal Language and Terminology, Judicial Decisions, Legal Symbols and Icons etc).
10. Concept of Feudal system
11. Dalits and Women's centric subaltern's writings
12. Judicial Reforms during Modern Period
13. Archival Records
14. The Intersection of Colonialism, Law, and Society in British India

The proposal must include 1000 words consisting of an introduction, study area, previous work, research map, aims and objectives, methodology, etc. approved by the head of the institution or guide.

Institutional affiliation

Candidates are requested to demonstrate their institution's support for their application through authorised signature (Vice-Chancellor/Registrar /Director/HOD/Research Guide/ Mentor).

Final Report

The students/ researcher/award holders must submit a project report on their topic and a financial statement of their expenses. This statement must be certified by an institution authority, or his/her academic supervisor. If the researcher decide to discontinue the grant without completing the research project within the stipulated time, shall be liable to refund the entire amount of grant received for the purpose.

Research Progress Report

1. The report shall be submitted by the researcher for every two consecutive months.
2. 1st Progress Report: After completion of two months of a Minor Research Grant.
3. Final Progress Report: Final report should be submitted after completion of 6 months of research.
4. The Final report project shall be a minimum of 100 pages excluding pictures with the signature of supervisor/mentor and declaration certificate.

Important Dates

Sl. No.	Minor research grant time period (Six Months)	Last date for Application and proposal submission
1	15 th November to 15 th May Cycle	5 th November
2	15 th May to 15 th November Cycle	5 th May

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Guidelines

Guidelines for Minor Research Grant: Law College Perspective on Heritage, Archaeology, History, Legal History, Heritage Legislations, Administration and Judicial Systems of Ancient to Modern, Laws of tribals (Ancient to modern), Legacy, International laws for protecting cultural property, and Law of Tribals, etc.

The following guidelines outline the requirements and expectations for a minor research grant focusing on the intersection of heritage, archaeology, history, legal history, heritage legislations, Administration and judicial Systems of Ancient to Modern, tribal Studies, legacy, and the law of tribals, from the perspective of a law college:

Research Proposal:

- a. Prepare a comprehensive research proposal outlining the objectives, research questions, and methodology of the project.
- b. Clearly state the relevance and significance of the proposed research in the field of heritage, archaeology, history, legal history, heritage legislations, ancient administration systems, tribal laws, legacy, and the law of tribals.
- c. Provide a brief literature review to demonstrate familiarity with existing scholarship and identify the research gap that the project aims to address.
- d. Clearly define the expected outcomes and potential contributions to the field.

Research Team:

- a. Specify the principal investigator who will be solely responsible for conducting the research and completing the project.

Note: Since the research project will be conducted by a sole investigator, the team structure will consist of only the principal investigator.

- b. Highlight the expertise and qualifications of each team member, particularly their knowledge and experience in law, heritage studies, archaeology, history, ancient administration systems, tribal *Kaanunu*, legacy, or related disciplines.

Budget:

- a. Develop a detailed budget, including projected expenses for research materials, travel, fieldwork, data collection, archival access, conference presentations, and any necessary equipment or software.
- b. Justify each expense and ensure it aligns with the research objectives and methodology.
- c. Provide a breakdown of any other sources of funding or in-kind contributions for the project, if applicable.

Given the grant amount of Rs. 30,000 for Six months cycle. (5,000 Rs. per month shall be allocated totalling Rs. 30,000). The budget should be managed accordingly to meet our research vision.

Ethical Considerations:

- a. Address any ethical considerations associated with the research, such as obtaining informed consent, safeguarding cultural heritage, protecting intellectual property rights, and adhering to legal and ethical guidelines for conducting research involving human subjects, tribal communities, or sensitive data.
- b. Detail any ethical review processes or approvals required and confirm that the research will comply with relevant institutional and legal frameworks.

Timelines and Deliverables:

- a. Present a clear timeline for the research project, including key milestones and anticipated completion dates.
- b. Define the expected deliverables, such as research papers, reports, presentations, or any other scholarly outputs.
- c. Consider opportunities for dissemination beyond academia, such as engaging with heritage organizations, legal institutions, tribal communities, or public outreach initiatives.

Collaboration and Partnerships:

- a. Identify any potential collaborations or partnerships with external organizations, academic institutions, heritage sites, legal bodies, tribal organizations, or community groups.
- b. Highlight the benefits of these collaborations and explain how they will enhance the research outcomes and impact.

Dissemination and Impact:

- a. Discuss strategies for disseminating the research findings, including publication plans, conference presentations, workshops, or public engagement initiatives.
- b. Outline the potential impact of the research on the field, policy-making, legal frameworks, community empowerment, or awareness and engagement within tribal communities.

Evaluation and Reporting:

- a. Explain the mechanisms for monitoring and evaluating the progress of the research project.
- b. Establish a reporting schedule to provide updates on the project's milestones, challenges, and outcomes.

Compliance with Heritage Legislations and Legal Considerations:

- a. Emphasize the project's compliance with relevant heritage legislations, legal frameworks, and ethical guidelines.
- b. Address any legal considerations, such as intellectual property rights, cultural heritage protection, data privacy, access to tribal knowledge, or legal frameworks concerning tribals.

Please note that the guidelines provided above are subject to the college's rights to modify or adapt them based on their vision and specific requirements. The college reserves the right to make any necessary changes or additions to the guidelines in order to align them with their objectives and ensure the successful execution of the research project.

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