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Cosmos Malabaricus Scholarship

Cosmos Malabaricus is a project of the Kerala Council for Historical Research, Leiden University and National Archives of the Netherlands. The project aims to make the digitized archival sources of the Kerala and Tamil Nadu Archives and the National Archives of the Netherlands more accessible to Indian and international scholars and make part of these sources available to the widest possible audience, in particular to the people of Kerala. This will be achieved (a) by further developing the existing digital Dutch- and English-language inventories of their contents, (b) by transcribing, translating and editing a selection of these sources to produce a series of source publications, and (c) by capacity building in India, i.e. training Indian archivists and historians (and related scholars) in the use (incl. paleography, epigraphy) of these seventeenth- and eighteenth-century sources for the purpose of further research particularly in the wider context of Indian Ocean studies.

In preparation of the project, the Leiden Institute for History provides a Cosmos Malabaricus scholarship for two outstanding Indian students who hold an M.A. degree in History to do an M.A. in (Colonial and Global) History with a specialization in the early modern history of Kerala as based on Dutch archival sources. Apart from the regular one-year M.A. programme, the specialist training in the Dutch language and the Dutch colonial archives will require another 6 months.

Deadline for submitting the applications & recommendation letters

10th December 2023

Deadline for submitting requisite IELTS Scores

1st January 2024

Starting date: July 2024

Target group

MA/PhD in History

Countries/ nationalities

Indian Nationals

Scholarship type

MA programme

Taught by the Faculty of

Institute for History, Leiden University

For whom

Outstanding Indian history students/ researchers with minimally an M.A.-degree who want to do an 18 months M.A. programme in History with specialization in Colonial and Global History at Leiden University.

Students who hold an M.A. degree in History, with recent outstanding expertise/experience in the early modern history of Kerala and/or the Dutch colonial empire in South Asia will have priority. Students without any expertise/experience in these specific fields are not eligible.

Eligibility requirements

To be eligible for a CSC-Leiden University Scholarship, you must:

- be a citizen of India
- hold an M.A. in history

have a high level of English language proficiency (an overall score of minimum 6.5 in IELTS. The applicant should have a minimum score of 6 in all the individual components of IELTS).

IELTS test score should be submitted either together with the application or latest by 1st January 2024.

Applications failing to submit their IELTS score by the 1st January 2024 deadline will be automatically considered rejected.

- Good working knowledge of Malayalam would be preferred.
- **Have two letters of recommendation from academic historians in South Asian, Colonial and/or Global History.**

Scholarship amount

The scholarship includes:

- tuition fee for the M.A. programme
- Dutch language courses
- return ticket from India to the Netherlands
- residence permit fee
- medical insurance
- living and housing allowance for 18 months

Application process

1. Write a concise (max 400 words) application letter with your specific motivation and concrete academic capacities relating to the Cosmos Malabaricus project.
2. Independent of the previous, two separate letters of recommendation should be sent by academic historians in the fields of South Asian, Colonial and/or Global History
3. Both the application and the letters of recommendation should be sent before **10th December 2023**. The corresponding IELTS Score should be sent latest by **1st January 2024**.

Selection process

The selection process is taken care of by the Executive Board of Cosmos Malabaricus at Leiden University.

Information

For more information on the studying at Leiden University, see <https://www.universiteitleiden.nl/en/education/international-students>

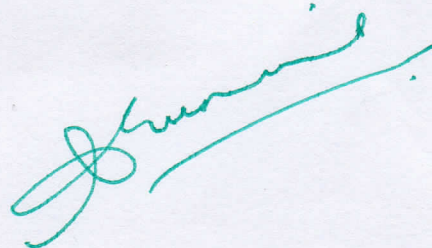
Disclaimer

The prospective PhD candidate is responsible for submitting an application that is complete, correct and on time by following the steps described above. Leiden University cannot be held responsible for late, incomplete and/or incorrect applications for the Cosmos Malabaricus Pilot scholarship.

Completed applications must be sent to

cosma.kchr@gmail.com

Applications sent to any other id /post will not be considered.



Further Clarification on Eligibility Requirements for Cosmos Malabaricus Scholarship 2024.

1. Applicant must have high level of English language proficiency
2. Overall score of atleast 6.5 in IELTS.
3. The applicant should carry a minimum score of 6 in all the individual components (Speaking/Writing/Listening) of IELTS and the the sum of all the individual components should come to atleast 6.5 in the overall score as mentioned in point no. 2.
4. University of Leiden does not accept IELTS **Academic Online** (<https://ielts.org/take-a-test/test-types/ielts-academic-test/ielts-online>) / **IELTS General Training/IELTS Indicator** as legitimate formats of the test that are currently operational. Please see the link below for further clarification.
<https://www.ielts.org/for-test-takers/ielts-online>