

CENERS-K INTERNSHIP / RESEARCH PROGRAMME

A Preamble

Research Centre for East and North Eastern Regional Studies- Kolkata

The CENERS -K invites applications for its structured Internship / Research Programmes designed for motivated Postgraduate Students, Research Scholars, and Post-Doctoral Academics interested in public policy, strategic studies, governance, economics, international relations, security studies, social sciences, and interdisciplinary research.

The programmes seek to create a vibrant platform for young scholars and emerging researchers to engage with contemporary national and global issues through rigorous research, policy analysis, academic dialogue, and field-based studies.

Objectives of the Programmes

- To promote high-quality policy-oriented research and analytical thinking.
- To expose interns to the functioning of a professional research centre and think tank ecosystem.
- To encourage interdisciplinary scholarship and evidence-based policy recommendations.
- To develop research, writing, data analysis, and presentation skills among young academics.
- To build a network of future scholars, policy practitioners, and thought leaders.

Areas of Engagement

Interns may be associated with:

- Research projects and policy papers

- Strategic and Geopolitical studies
- Economic and Developmental analysis
- Governance and Public Administration studies
- Data collection and field surveys
- Seminar and Conference coordination
- Publication support and editorial assistance
- Media and knowledge dissemination initiatives

Eligibility

Applications are invited from:

- Postgraduate students from recognised universities
- M.Phil./Ph.D. scholars
- Post-Doctoral researchers and early-career academics
- Candidates from disciplines such as Political Science, Economics, International Relations, Sociology, Public Policy, History, Defence Studies, Law, Journalism, and allied fields

Duration

The internship or research may range from:

- Short-term: 4–8 weeks
- Long-term Research Fellowship Internships: 3–6 months

Both full-time and part-time/hybrid modes may be considered.

Programme Features

- Mentorship by senior academics and domain experts

- Access to institutional research resources and seminars
- Opportunity to co-author papers and policy briefs
- Participation in workshops, lectures, and round-table discussions
- Certificate of Internship upon satisfactory completion
- Outstanding interns may be considered for future research assignments or fellowships

Selection Process

Selection shall be based on:

- Academic background
- Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- Research interests and writing ability
- Interview/interaction, where applicable

Expected Outcomes

The programmes aim to nurture intellectually curious and socially committed researchers capable of contributing meaningfully to academia, policymaking, strategic analysis, and national development discourse.

The Process

The Research Centre for Eastern and North Eastern Regional Studies, Kolkata (CENERS-K). announces its Internship Programme yearly for university students and researchers in Indian Studies and International Relations, during November/December. The programme will be conducted in English remotely on virtual basis using email, WhatsApp & Google Meet or Zoom platforms. Applicants from second year undergraduate until doctoral levels may write and email an application in English, by 15 October each year, to info@ceners-k.com giving their full name, date of birth, present postal address, email id, WhatsApp number, affiliating

university/institution details, if any, and areas of research interest, along with an abstract of 300 words outlining the research paper that they may wish to write during the internship. Applicants selected will be informed by 24 October each year. They must, before commencement of the Programme, pay to CENERS-K a non-refundable sum of Indian Rupees 5000.00 (Rs five thousand only) by NEFT into its Savings Bank A/c No. 6103149326 at State Bank of India, Survey Park Branch, Kolkata-700075, IFSC Code SBIN0018124, SWIFT Code SBININBB.

The Programme will aim to help interns undertake focused research, under the guidance of mentors with experience and domain expertise, by drafting and finalising an original paper of 3000-5000 words in English, over a period of four weeks. The best papers selected by a CENERS-K panel will be considered for publication in the CENERS-K quarterly journal, the Calcutta Journal of Global Affairs, (<http://globaljournalceners.org>) which is approved by UGC and included in its CARE list. Applicants will also receive Certificates of Internship and of merit.

The programme focuses on Eastern & North Eastern States of India, and U.T of Andaman and Nicobar Islands. It seeks studies on eastern and north-east Indian issues, national and state government level Governance, policy reform, administration, management and leadership, economic, developmental, trade and cultural studies, energy, environment & climate change, Global Warming, Water security, the study of Turbulence, Development, Peace and Security in the Eastern Hemisphere, etc. The area of international interest covers international and strategic affairs, foreign policy in all of Asia, esp. South and South East Asia, PR China, littoral countries of Indian Ocean and Bay of Bengal, BIMSTEC, BBIN, SAARC, ASEAN, IOR, SCO, Indo-Pacific etc.. Within India. Its objective is to produce studies that may be beneficial and useful for policymaking at national and State levels.

The Research Centre for Eastern and North Eastern Regional Studies, Kolkata (CENERS-K) founded by Gen. S. Roy Choudhury in 2007-08 is a non-funded, not for profit and tax exempt organisation. It is registered as a Think Tank by NITI AYOJ and Nett Assessment Cell at New Delhi. Tax exemptions can be claimed under IT Act Sec 80-G for monetary contributions by Indian nationals to CENERS-K. It has

run internship programs for university students and arranged events in conjunction with other Indian and foreign Think Tanks and Chambers of Commerce at Kolkata. It has also held Seminars in the North East under the aegis of MHA and MEA (ICWA), and NE State Govts, on request from respective CMs. Foreign delegations from USA, China, Japan and ASEAN nations seek us out for round table interactions when they are in Kolkata.