

**NEEV LITERATURE FESTIVAL FELLOWSHIPS**  
**FOR CHILDREN’S BOOK CREATORS**  
**MARCH, 2023**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Neev Literature Festival (“**NLF**”) Fellowships for Children’s Book Creators, instituted by the Neev Literature Festival in the year 2023, is awarded to children’s writers/illustrators, or professionals actively dealing with the children’s books space with an adequate claim to scholarship, looking to create an Indian children’s book that is on a par with national and global greats.

The Neev Literature Festival began in 2017 to find and showcase great children’s books from and about Indian lives. Children’s books that are Mirrors, Windows and Doors to the Indian identity.

This year, the cycle of the Neev Literature Festival Fellowships for Children’s Book Creators will be from October, 2023 - October, 2024.

**Note:** All decisions regarding the selection of eligible entries for the longlist, the shortlist and the Fellows, will be taken solely by the NLF Fellowships jury, and the decision of the jury members shall be final and binding.

## **PROCESS FOR SHORTLISTING**

- Applications will be invited through emailers, social media announcements, posters in retail outlets by the NLF team, starting March 31, 2023. Applications close by June 30, 2023.
- Members of the NLF Fellowships Jury shall assess the proposals and prepare a shortlist of eligible candidates.
- The shortlisted candidates will be subject to a thorough interview process with a panel consisting of the NLF Fellowships Jury Members, as well as other eminent persons from the worlds of children's writing and scholarship.
- The winners will be announced during the Neev Literature Festival in October, 2023

## **ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA**

- The 2023 Neev Literature Festival Fellowships for Book Creators ("**Fellowships**") will only be open to Indian Nationals, and residents who are persons of Indian origin
- Each candidate must be a children's writer/illustrator, or a professional dealing with the children's books space actively, with an adequate claim to scholarship.

- Each candidate must be working on a different aspect of Indian children's writing.
- The Applicants will be required to provide the following along with their Application for the 2023 NLF Fellowships for Children's Book Creators:
  - o Original writing or illustration sample
  - o A Book Proposal responding to these questions: What is a project that you would like to pursue under the Fellowship? Why does this story matter to you? Why would this story matter to India/Indians?  
(Word count: 2000 - 5000 words)
  - o Curriculum Vitae/Resume

## **TERMS & CONDITIONS**

- The Fellowships are offered by the NLF for a period of 12 (twelve) months.
- Each Fellowship carries a grant of INR 6,00,000/- (Rupees Six Lakhs), payable as per the following schedule:
  - o INR 40000/- (Rupees Forty Thousand) payable as monthly stipend for a period of 12 (twelve) months;
  - o INR 1,20,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Thousand) payable once a publishing contract is signed

- The Fellow will undertake to provide the completed manuscript to the Publisher within a period of 12 (twelve) months from the commencement of the Fellowship with the NLF.
- The Fellows are expected to author original books. Though the Fellowships are not restricted in terms of genre, theme or ideology, the NLF expects proposed works to contribute to a fuller understanding of India.
- All Applications will be checked for eligibility by the Members of the Jury. Any discrepancies during such eligibility checks may lead to disqualification of the Candidate.
- Candidates will have to give a declaration that all the outputs and materials are originally created by them and they have not copied any content.
- By Applying for the 2023 NLF Fellowships for Children's Book Creators, all Candidates undertake that:
  - o The proposed title does not infringe any intellectual property rights;
  - o The proposed title does not violate the legal rights of any person or entity;
  - o The proposed title does not violate any privacy regulations;

- o The proposed title is not contrary to any laws in India, as applicable and in force at the time of submitting the nomination/entry
- The Fellowships proposals should be oriented towards final publication of the book, and a clear road map to this eventual destination is to be outlined by the applicants.
- The Candidates, once shortlisted for the Fellowships, will undertake to disclose any and all sources of additional funding that they are receiving, in addition to the Stipend under this fellowship.
- To this end, shortlisted Candidates will be required to provide a statement on a Sworn Affidavit, clarifying that they are not presently receiving any funding over and above the Stipend under this Fellowship for the development of the selected Title.
- The Fellows will also undertake to work on the Title under the Fellowship as a full-time position for a period of 12 (twelve) months.
- The Fellow shall participate in all publicity activities, including announcements and interactions with the media, promotions on social media and other events, organised by the NLF.
- Any Applications that are found to be entered on the basis of incorrect or misrepresented information shall suffer immediate

disqualification. Should any such Application be selected as a 2023 NLF Fellow, the Fellowship shall be immediately and publicly withdrawn, and the concerned Candidate shall be liable for the return and refund of all Stipend disbursed by the NLF to the Candidate, as well as for any damage or loss suffered by the NLF, including but not limited to loss of reputation and goodwill.

- Any Candidate may be contacted by the NLF or the members of the jury for additional information, which will be added to the original Application. Failure to provide any information sought by the NLF or the members of the jury may lead to disqualification of the Candidate.
- In no event shall the NLF be liable for any loss or damage, including, without limitation, any indirect or consequential loss, harm or damage, arising out of the administration of the Fellowship.
- The NLF makes no representations or warranties of any kind, express or implied, about the completeness or accuracy of information contained on the NLF's website.
- By Applying for the Fellowship, all Candidates agree to unconditionally comply with the Terms and Conditions set out hereinabove. Failure to comply with these Terms and

Conditions shall lead to immediate disqualification of the Candidates.

- The NLF shall also reserve the right to blacklist any Candidate from future rounds of the Fellowship.

### **COMMUNICATION**

All queries about the Fellowship may be directed to [literaturefestival@neevschools.com](mailto:literaturefestival@neevschools.com)

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