



Buddha's Wisdom for Everyone

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PhD Program and Research Scholarship Application

PhD Program and Research Scholarships are intended to support students who are in a PhD program in Buddhist Studies, doing research for their PhD degree, or writing a doctoral dissertation.

Khyentse Foundation scholarships are awarded for one-year terms. Scholarship recipients may apply each year for continuing support to fund longer-term studies.

Use this form to apply for a PhD Program and Research Scholarship.

QUALIFICATIONS

KF accepts applications from scholars who are currently enrolled in coursework, doing PhD research, or in the final stages of their PhD dissertation. The maximum award is \$5,000 per year. Applications are reviewed by an international selection committee appointed by Dzongsar Khyentse Rinpoche.

The amount of each scholarship awarded depends on the scope of the proposal. Full funding of proposals is not always possible, and partial funding may be offered to some applications. KF is able to offer scholarships because of the great generosity of our donors. Please keep this in mind and request only what you need for your dharma activity.

INSTRUCTIONS

Applications are accepted once a year, **from June 15 to July 15**, and notifications are sent by November 15.

Please complete all four sections of the application form. If you are applying for a continuing scholarship, please complete Appendix A. Be brief and precise in stating your scholarship purpose (Section Two). Keep your answer simple. You can tell us more in the essay section of the application. Please answer all questions as completely as you can.

- If you are applying for a continuing scholarship, you must also complete Appendix A.
- Complete all essays in fewer than 400 words.
- Your budget should be in US dollars.
- Email the completed application form and the following support materials to scholarships@khyentsefoundation.org with your name in the subject line.
- If you have any questions about the scholarship or the application form, please contact scholarships@khyentsefoundation.org.

Please provide the following documents:

- CV
- Completed application form.
- Most recent academic transcript.
- A two-page executive summary of your thesis.
- One Letter of Recommendation from a professor, mentor, or other academic reference, sent by them, directly to scholarships@khyentsefoundation.org.



Section One: PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of application: _____

Full name: _____

Legal name (as it appears on your passport): _____

Country of passport: _____

Street address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Country: _____

Postal / zip code: _____

Email address: _____

Phone number: _____

Section Two: SCHOLARSHIP SPECIFICS

Tell us about the studies that this scholarship would help fund. (Keep your answers brief. You will be able to say more in the essay section).

Scholarship Purpose:

Be specific and brief in completing the following sentence.

This scholarship would help fund...



What would you like to achieve during the scholarship term?

The name of your thesis advisor: _____

Advisor's email address: _____

How many years have you been working on your PhD? Where are you in the process?

Which of the following are you applying to support?

Coursework

Research

Writing your dissertation

Institution that will be awarding your PhD:

How long have you been studying Buddhism? _____

How long have you been practicing Buddhism? _____

Start and end dates for requested KF scholarship: (mm/dd/yyyy) _____ to _____



Section Three: FINANCIAL INFORMATION

KF is able to offer scholarships because of the great generosity of our donors. Please keep this in mind and request only what is necessary for your dharma activity.

Amount needed for your studies for this year:

- Tuition: _____
- Living expenses: _____
- Other: _____

Total amount requested from KF for this year: _____

Amount of personal contribution: _____

List any other grants or scholarships you are receiving to fund your studies. (If you do not want to disclose the grantor's name, put "anonymous").

Name of grantor: _____

Amount: _____

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Amount: _____

BUDGET

Click [here](#) to see a sample budget sheet and instructions.

Item	Amount Needed (US\$)	Amount Requested from KF (US\$)	Notes
TOTAL			



If the amount awarded to you is less than the amount requested, will this prevent you from pursuing your studies?

Section Four: ESSAYS

Please answer each of the following essay questions in fewer than 400 words.

Why have you chosen this particular PhD topic and why is it important to you?



What are your plans after your PhD is completed?

Tell us more about yourself, your aspirations, how your studies fit into your worldview, and anything else you would like us to know.



Appendix A: CONTINUING SCHOLARSHIPS

Have you received a scholarship or grant from KF in the past? If yes, please complete this section.

What was the term of your previous award? (mm/dd/yyyy) _____

How much did you receive from KF for this award? _____

What studies did your previous award fund?

If your term has not completed, please fill out the following progress report.

How are your studies progressing? Are you encountering difficulties? What are you doing to actualize your aspirations?



Complete the following form to tell us how you have spent your KF funds so far. Please use the same budget items listed in your original application. You will need to provide a full accounting in your final report.

Item	Amount Spent from KF Funds So Far (US\$) Notes	
TOTAL		