



Department of Asian Studies
The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Call for Applications

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Jain Studies

About the Fellowship

The Department of Asian Studies at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem invites applications for a Postdoctoral Fellowship in Jain Studies. The fellowship is designed to support an outstanding early-career scholar pursuing independent research in any area of Jain Studies, with a preference for Jain philosophy. The fellowship has been made possible through the generous support of Kalpana, Hareesh, Dhvani and Jeet Jogani.

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem is one of the very few institutions where Jain Studies is being developed at a sustained and serious academic level. This fellowship represents a significant opportunity to contribute to and advance the field within a vibrant, internationally connected department.

Duration and Start Date

The fellowship is initially awarded for one year, with the possibility of renewal for up to three years, subject to satisfactory progress and funding availability. The position begins in October 2026. In exceptional cases, a delayed start in Spring 2027 may be considered.

Responsibilities

The Postdoctoral Fellow will:

- Conduct independent scholarly research in an area of their choosing within Jain Studies, with a preference for Jain philosophy, under the academic supervision of Dr. Dimitry Shevchenko. The fellow is expected to be resident in Jerusalem for the duration of the fellowship and to regularly attend the campus.
- Publish academic articles in leading peer-reviewed journals and/or work toward the completion of a scholarly monograph.
- Present research at international academic conferences and workshops.
- Contribute to the intellectual life of the Department of Asian Studies through presentations at the departmental colloquium, participation in reading groups (including Sanskrit or Prakrit reading groups for graduate students), and involvement in department academic events.



- Contribute to the development of the Jain Studies program at the Hebrew University by helping to conceive and organize academic events, workshops, and seminars, and by actively engaging in the intellectual planning of the field's growth at the institution.

Eligibility

Applicants must:

- Hold a PhD in Asian Studies, Religious Studies, South Asian Studies, Philosophy, History, or a related field, with a focus on Jainism, awarded no more than five years prior to the start of the fellowship.
- Demonstrate a strong research focus on Jainism.
- Show evidence of scholarly excellence and potential for significant contributions to the field.
- Proficiency in Sanskrit and/or Prakrit is highly desirable.

Stipend

The fellow will receive a monthly stipend in accordance with Hebrew University postdoctoral fellowship rates (up to 11,000 ILS per month). Office space and full access to the Hebrew University library system, including its extensive digital resources, will be provided at the Hebrew University's Mount Scopus campus.

Application Materials

Interested candidates are requested to submit the following documents as a single PDF file:

- Cover letter outlining research interests, relevant skills, and motivation for applying.
- A research proposal (2–4 pages) describing the planned postdoctoral project within the field of Jain Studies.
- Curriculum vitae (including a list of publications and language proficiencies).
- A writing sample: a published article, accepted paper, or dissertation chapter (no more than 30 pages).
- Two letters of recommendation, to be sent directly by the referees to the address below.

Application Timeline

Application deadline: July 31, 2026

Shortlisting and online interviews: August 2026

Fellowship start date: October 2026 (Spring 2027 start possible in exceptional cases)

How to Apply

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Please submit all application materials electronically as a single PDF file to Dr. Dimitry Shevchenko at: dimitry.shevchenko@mail.huji.ac.il

Questions about the fellowship may be directed to the same address. For more information about the Department of Asian Studies and the Jogani Chair in Jain Studies, please visit: <https://en.asia.huji.ac.il/>

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