



International School for Jain Studies

(A Division of Amar Prerana Trust, Pune)



7th BHAGWAN MAHAVIRA FELLOWSHIP TO STUDY PRAKRIT IN INDIA 2026-2027

OBJECTIVE

To prepare serious scholars of Prakrit and Jain Studies to work in India and abroad to impart sound knowledge of Prakrit language, Prakrit literature, especially Prakrit scriptures and Prakrit manuscripts. The specific aim is to teach Prakrit language and literature and carry out research in the area of Prakrit & Jain studies, in higher institutions all over the world, through the scholars prepared by this program.

PREAMBLE

For deep and proper understanding and appreciation of any tradition, study and research based on its original sources is essential. The stalwarts like Hermann Jacobi, A.N. Upadhye, Padmanabh S. Jaini have showed us the way.

PROGRAM

This Annual program is being organised by ISJS with the financial support of Vardhamana Charitable Foundation (VCF) and Jain Academic Foundation of North America (JAFNA), USA, since 2020.



2025-26 Batch

Duration & Commencement of the Course : Nine months, Starting of the session from 1st September 2026

Eligibility: Doctorate / Post-graduate / Graduate in Philosophy / History / Indology / Languages / Linguistics / Religious Studies from India and abroad are eligible for this course

Certification: After completion of the program participants will be awarded by a PG Diploma certificate from a reputed university in India

Desirable: The applicants with knowledge of Jain studies, Hindi, Sanskrit and Prakrit may be given preference. Ability to read and write Devanagari script is desirable

Medium of Instruction: English with the help of Roman transliteration & English equivalent of Sanskrit and Hindi terms

No. of Seats: 10 (Ten)



2024-25 Batch with ISJS Members



2023-24 Batch

Mode of Selection: Academic Qualification and Interview

Selection Panel: Selection will be made by a panel of expert academicians

Fellowship: Monthly stipend will be provided to the selected and most competent participants during the entire course to meet the cost of boarding, lodging, study material and local travel inside India, related with this program

Travel Expenses to and from: Travel expenses incurred in arriving at Pune and back home will be borne by the participants themselves

Last Date of Receipt of Application:

June 10, 2026

Date of Intimation of Selection: June 30, 2026

Examination & Periodical Tests: Written examination and viva-voce will be held at the completion of the course. During the course periodical tests in form of written and oral will be held at regular interval

Application Procedure:

- [Click here](#) for the application
- The following documents are required with the application:
 - Two recommendation letters (to be sent directly to admission@isjs.in and cchapple@lmu.edu) by the recommending faculty members
 - Academic qualifications and relevant experiences with supporting documents.
 - Address Proof and Photo ID
 - A statement reflecting your background in Jainism / Buddhism and Hindi / Sanskrit / Prakrit
 - A Statement of Purpose (400-500 words) mentioning your academic background, interest in this program, and an explanation of how this program will be beneficial and productive for you, including future research plan

Outline of the Teaching Content :

- Introductory lectures (basics of Prakrit language)
- Prakrit grammar based on Hemachandra's Siddha-hema-shabdanushasan
- Translation and grammatical analysis of selected texts of different Prakrit dialects
- Study of manuscripts, epigraphs with Devanagari transliteration and English translation
- Study of Apabhramsha grammar and literature
- Study of Brahmi script

CONTACT

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