

# Mukherjee Fellowship 2026-27: FAQs for the Selection Process

*These FAQs are compiled for the benefit of eligible individuals interested in applying for the upcoming cohort of the Mukherjee Fellowship. These FAQs are not exhaustive in nature, and individuals keen on applying for the process can reach out to us at [grievance@ppgf.in](mailto:grievance@ppgf.in) for further clarification.*

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**Question: What are the dates for the application process for the upcoming cohort?**

Answer: The applications open on 01 January 2026, and the deadline for applications is 01 February 2026.

**Question: Is there any application fee for the application process for the upcoming cohort?**

Answer: No. Application to the Mukherjee Fellowship is completely free.

**Question: Am I eligible to apply for the Mukherjee Fellowship Cohort 2026-27?**

Answer: If you are a citizen of India, under the age of 25, with a graduation degree (or will graduate before the commencement of the cohort in August 2026), you can apply for the upcoming cohort. Candidates in their final year of graduation will be onboarded upon selection only if they have cleared all their papers without any backlogs.

**Question: What does the selection process for the Mukherjee Fellowship look like?**

Answer: The selection pipeline for the Mukherjee Fellowship is a three-stage process. Stage 1 includes online registration and submission of the online evaluation test available on the portal. Stage 2 includes an online interview in a 1-v-1 format. Stage 3 shall be an offline panel interview of the candidate.

**Question: When can I expect to hear back from the Fellowship Management if I have cleared a round/if I have been selected?**

Answer: The entire selection process will last for around 3 months (January to March) from the launch of the application cycle. Sufficient time will be dedicated to each stage to ensure a robust selection process; however, some flexibility may be required depending on the volume of applicants. The Fellowship Management will keep the applicants informed about the outcome of each stage via email, within a reasonable timeframe. Applicants are advised to await a response from the Management.

**Question: How many candidates will be selected for the upcoming cohort?**

Answer: The upcoming cohort of Mukherjee Fellowship will have a total of 60 Fellows.

**Question: I am not from a policy/governance/humanities background. Do I have a chance to become a part of the upcoming cohort?**

Answer: We appreciate and encourage diversity in the academic backgrounds of our Fellows to facilitate an exchange of ideas, knowledge and domain-expertise. Thus, your academic background is not a hurdle in our application process.

**Question: I have exceeded the age limit for the application. Can I apply for the Fellowship?**

Answer: The prescribed age limit of 25 is not flexible. Your application will not be considered for processing if you exceed the age limit for the application.

**Question: What does the Fellowship Management look for in a candidate?**

Answer: The Fellowship Management is looking for individuals who are passionate about working in policy, politics and governance. We value academic excellence, clarity of thought and purpose, good research skills, the ability to communicate ideas in both written and spoken media, and professionalism.

**Question: What do I need to know about the online examination that I have to take as part of the registration process?**

Answer: The registration process includes submission of the form available on the portal under the 'Apply Now' section on the Mukherjee Fellowship's website, and submission of answers to the questions asked in the online examination. Without taking the online examination within a prescribed time limit of seven (7) days from submission of the registration form, your application will not be considered valid. The examination will have 5 compulsory subjective questions to be answered in a minimum of 150 words each. The online examination is proctored, and any form of cheating, AI usage, plagiarism, or unfair means is strictly prohibited. Indulging in any prohibited conduct will result in rejection of the candidature.

**Question: Any specific points to note while attempting the proctored examination?**

Answer: The best practices (Technical Instructions/Proctoring Instructions) to be followed during the proctored examination have been shared with you, along with the registration details sent to you at your registered email address. Refer to the email received after registration for more details. The DOs and DON'Ts for the examination will also be available when you attempt the examination.

**Question: Does the Mukherjee Fellowship allow for the selection of its candidates through any other means/any other process?**

Answer: Mukherjee Fellowship selects its Fellows only through the application process available publicly on its website. No other process, formal or informal, has been introduced

by the Fellowship Management. Any attempt to interfere with the selection process will result in the immediate rejection of the candidature of the defaulting candidate.

**Question: Where do I get reliable information about the selection process, and any updates concerning my application?**

Answer: Mukherjee Fellowship communicates essential information regarding the selection process to the interested individuals through its website, registered email addresses (ending with @ppgf.in domain name) and social media handles. Mukherjee Fellowship does not communicate information through any other medium or agent. Candidates are requested not to rely upon information communicated through any other means or by individuals of doubtful credentials. Fellowship Management will reach out to the candidates via a telephonic call only with respect to the scheduling of interviews and associated processes, if necessary.

**Question: I have more queries regarding the selection process. Where do I get answers to my questions?**

Answer: As explained at the beginning of this document, you can send us your queries over [grievance@ppgf.in](mailto:grievance@ppgf.in).