



TAKSHASHILA VISITING SCHOLAR PROGRAMME

PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Intellectual exchange is key to evolution of policy ideas, concepts and implementation. The very foundations of The Takshashila Institution can be traced to the assertion that in today's networked societies, working in silos is counter productive and irrational.

The Takshashila Visiting Scholar Programme aims to break intellectual silos by providing an opportunity for policy professionals and scholars from around the world to work out of the Takshashila workspace in Bangalore for a period of one to three months.

WHO CAN APPLY

Policy practitioners across the world can apply for this programme after consultation with their respective institutes. The programme will be an institutional engagement between The Takshashila Institution and the partnering institute.

Experience or interest in working on Indian policy issues is not a precondition for this programme. The visiting scholars are free to carry out independent research in their area of interest. The scholars may avail the benefits of this programme for a period of one to three months depending on the terms negotiated between the two institutes.

We invite policy professionals engaged in, but not limited to the following areas of research:

- Strategic and defence studies
- Geopolitics
- Goeconomics
- Economic Reasoning in Public Policy
- Urban policy making
- Public Finance
- Public Health
- Education Policy

VISITING SCHOLAR BENEFITS

- **Peers:** Discuss and share research ideas and common interests with Takshashila's research staff working out the Bangalore office.
- **Network:** Be a part of Takshashila's global talent network working on cutting edge policy research problems concerning India's national interest.
- **Takshashila events and workshops:** The Takshashila Institution conducts policy workshops and events at regular intervals in Bangalore. Visiting scholars are free to attend and participate in these events.
- **Field visit opportunities:** The Takshashila Institution encourages and assists visiting scholars in taking up interesting field visit opportunities to appreciate the dynamics of the policy environment in India.
- **Learning:** The visiting scholar is invited to audit the various education programmes administered by our public policy school.
- **Teaching:** The visiting scholar is encouraged to take up a teaching assignment as part of our education programmes and interact with bright students coming from extremely diverse backgrounds.

ABOUT BANGALORE

Bangalore is renowned as the technology and entrepreneurship capital of India. Bangalore's hi-tech industry is tightly integrated with the global economy, making it a confluence of ideas, people and cultures from across the world. The pristine climate and its welcoming people make Bangalore an ideal place to work in India.

What is less known about Bangalore however, is that it has been at the forefront of several initiatives in the policy analysis space. Over the years, the city has emerged as a vibrant laboratory for trying out new ideas. The ever growing community of experts and enthusiasts in urban policy making, geopolitics, science and technology policy, and several other fields make working in Bangalore an indelible experience.



PEOPLE

Nitin Pai, co-founder and member of the management committee.
Mukul G Asher, Professor of Public Policy, National University of Singapore
Niranjan Rajadhyaksha, Managing Editor, Mint
Harish Narasappa, Founding Partner, Narasappa, Doraiswamy & Raja Law Associates
Ajit Ranade, Chief Economist, Aditya Birla Group
Narayan Ramachandran, Fellow & former head of Morgan Stanley India.
M R Madhavan, Head, PRS Legislative Research & Faculty GCPP
Karthik Shashidhar, Resident Quant
Pavan Srinath, Head, Policy Research
Pranay Kotasthane, Policy Analyst

TAKSHASHILA'S GLOBAL TALENT NETWORK

Takshashila's unique networked think tank model connects to the best talent regardless of geographical locations. With fellows, members and resource persons in North America, Europe, Asia and India, each module is offered by one of the brightest minds on the subject.

Takshashila is guided by a Council of exemplary individuals who provide leadership, corporate governance and ensure robustness of our intellectual output. Councillors are drawn from among those who have made significant contributions to improving public policy in India or have supported Takshashila in extraordinary ways.

Fellows are appointed on an annual basis to conduct policy research on specific areas. They are usually drawn from the ranks of accomplished professionals who have passion and energy for public policy.

About Us

Inspiration

The ancient city of Takshashila was the site of perhaps the world's oldest public policy school. It was the intellectual fountainhead not only of Indian statecraft but indeed of all fields of human endeavour. The Takshashila Institution derives inspiration from that ancient seat of learning in its contemporary objective of building the intellectual foundations of a modern India with global interests.

Institution

The Takshashila Institution is an independent, non-partisan, non-profit organisation committed to increasing public awareness and education on strategic affairs, public policy and governance.

Initiatives

Policy Research - covering geopolitics, national security and governance.

Education - Takshashila trains diverse groups of people in public policy, with a flagship graduate certificate course for working professionals that is currently running in its 9th consecutive round. Takshashila is also training up a new generation of civic leaders in Bangalore, providing undergraduate students with a foundation in public policy, besides conducting executive programmes for business leaders, nonprofits, media and others.

Pragati - The Indian National Interest Review, is a online publication on strategic affairs, public policy and governance started in 2007.

The Indian National Interest - one of India's best regarded independent online communities on public affairs, centred around blogs and twitter.

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