
QASD Fellowship Programme

Shortlisted applicants may be invited for an interview and the fellow will be selected after the assessment by a panel of experts.

The Quality and Sustainable Development (QASD) Foundation is launching its maiden research and documentation fellowship programme in Kenya. QASD invites applicants to the three-month written research fellowship programme to research historical materials about Mombasa-based philanthropist and businessman Hasmukh Patel.

The QASD Fellowship programme invites aspiring academics, economists, development professionals, historians and researchers to create an engaging and pertinent research paper beneficial for a wider community by documenting Patel's life and legacy comprehensively.

This invitation to apply for the fellowship is only open to the aspirants living in Kenya. The paper will focus on pre-defined topics including Patel's life, family, vision and legacy while fully covering his contributions to community development, good practices and business, humanitarian, employment and empowerment initiatives in Kenya and abroad. Recipients of the fellowship are expected to focus their time on interviewing family members, prominent figures related to Patel, his employees and beneficiaries of his initiatives. Also, the research should comprehensively cover institutions and projects by Patel. Also, the research paper should define the legacy of Patel.

Terms of the Award

- The fellowship is awarded for three months.

- A stipend of USD 3000 will be awarded to the fellow.
- The fellow shall be responsible for obtaining all required permits, permissions and other authorisation to take any photographs, copyrighted materials or other property. QASD may support the fellow to obtain these.

Fellowship Topic

Legacy of Hasmukh Patel- A Life Dedicated to Sustainable Development

Obligations of the Fellowship

The fellow is required to sign an agreement to participate in the fellowship and permit QASD to publish and use all or parts of the work in its projects as well as abide by the directions provided.

- Submit a part of a minimum of 5000 words before the end of the first month of the fellowship. The research paper must be reviewed by an external reviewer before submission. The fellow must share the name, title and contact details of the reviewer. The research paper should be submitted before the given period.
- Attend and actively participate in scheduled open discussions about the research project with QASD representatives.
- Arrange for monthly progress meetings as per the submitted milestones set in the project schedule.
- Acknowledge QASD in presentations or publications of the works.
- Grant QASD the first right to publish the projects where appropriate, including repackaging the content in different formats. The paper may be subjected to editorial changes where necessary. The work must acknowledge the support of QASD in all future uses.
- Prepare and share feedback and analysis of the fellowship experience within one month of the end of the fellowship period.

Who Can Apply?

- Applications are open to students, journalists, economist, researchers and academics. They should possess relevant credentials and have an established record of achievement in their chosen field.
- Applicants must be able to dedicate at least 20-25 hours per week to the project and be proficient in English.
- The fellow should have a postgraduate degree

What to Submit

Each applicant must submit:

- A synopsis of 1,000 to 3,000 words on the project to be sent to admin@qasdevelopment.com. The synopsis should detail the thought processes behind the works with an outline of the selected topic or theme of research.
- Description of the intended outcome of the project, including the form of output and the possible platforms where this output can be showcased.
- Key milestones and estimated time needed for each milestone.
- How the selected projects will provide new perspectives on Hasmukh Patel.
- A curriculum vitae (CV) that includes the following information (if applicable):
 - o Highest educational qualification received.
 - o Details of research awards or residencies previously and concurrently held.
 - o Details of professional seminars, conference papers, or public lectures presented (if any).
 - o A list of major publications and exhibitions participated in (if any).
 - o Details of any other past or current involvement in creative projects.
- A portfolio of at least two (2) previous writing samples that demonstrate the applicant's capability.
- Reference letters from two referees (academic referees are required for written research fellows) that should address the following:

- o The applicant's qualifications, ability and experience.
- o The quality of the applicant's previous works.
- o The applicant's demonstrated capacity to complete projects within a reasonable time frame, and the feasibility of the project in terms of available resources and time or other constraints.
- o Whether the project will make a substantial contribution to knowledge in the field.
- o Contact details.

All information related to education or professional experience will be accepted in digital photocopied format when attached at the time of application. However, once awarded the fellowship, the original or certified copy must be presented for verification.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be assessed based on the following criteria:

- Unique approach to the fellowship topic.
- A strong track record of research and creative achievement demonstrated through a portfolio of previous work and referees' letters.
- The proposal must be achievable within three months.

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