Kathmandu University
School of Education

Call for Applications

Graduate Research Fellowship on Inclusive Education and Youth-Led Research

Kathmandu University School of Education (KUSoED), in partnership with Save the Children, announces a competitive fellowship program for **six graduate research fellows** interested in conducting field-based research focused on inclusive education (identifying barriers to access and retention of children in education) under the European Union-funded project: "Quality Education- Leaving No One Behind".

This fellowship supports field-based research on **equity and inclusion in education** and provides an opportunity for fellows to mentor **Youth-Led Participatory Action Research (YPAR)** groups working in project areas. The program aims to build bridges between academic research and grassroots youth engagement.

Eligibility & Focus Areas

- Open to graduate students currently enrolled in Master's, MPhil, or PhD programs at KUSoED.
- Strong interest and academic orientation in inclusive education, equity, or social justice.
- Must be willing to conduct fieldwork in rural areas and mentor YPAR youth groups.
- Applicants from diverse backgrounds (gender, caste, disability, ethnicity, geography) are strongly encouraged.
- At least 50% of the fellows selected will be female.

Fellows' Onboarding Timeline:

Application Deadline: 27 October 2026 to 5 November 2026

Fieldwork Locations

Fellows will be assigned to one of the following districts:

- **Madhesh Province** – Saptari, Mahottari
- **Karnali Province** – Jumla, Kalikot, Dailekh, Jajarkot
- **Sudurpaschim Province** – Kanchanpur

Each fellow will be assigned to one district and paired with a local YPAR group.

Fellowship Responsibilities

Fellows will:

- Conduct independent, field-based research related to inclusive education.
- Mentor assigned YPAR youth groups (two fellows per group) in data collection, documentation, and analysis.
- Participate in knowledge exchange with local communities and education stakeholders.
- Produce a research report or policy brief for publication and dissemination.
- Attend and contribute to provincial and national dissemination events.

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Application Requirements

Please submit the following documents:

1. A brief concept note (**2-3 pages**) outlining your research interests and proposed methodology related to inclusive education.
2. A letter of motivation with preference for a particular district/province.
3. A letter of recommendation from your respective Head of Department or research mentor or course facilitator.
4. A detailed Curriculum Vitae.

Submit your application to ric@kusoed.edu.np by **5 November 2026.**

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