

CHARLES WALLACE INDIA TRUST TRANSLATION FELLOWSHIP 2027

About the Fellowship

Monday 25th January – Saturday 20th March 2027

Applications are invited for the 2027 Charles Wallace India Trust Fellowship in Literary Translation. This well-established residency programme has been hosted by BCLT since the 1990s, offering translators from India the opportunity to spend time at the University of East Anglia in Norwich, England, working on a literary translation project of their choice.

In 2027 we are offering one Fellowship - the successful applicant will be in residence at BCLT for 8 weeks from Monday 25th January – Saturday 20th March 2027.

About BCLT

BCLT (<http://www.bclt.org.uk/>) is located within the School of Literature, Drama and Creative Writing, which offers teaching at post-graduate level in literary translation.

Fellows are issued with a 'campus card' giving comprehensive access to the University Library and IT services. While their translation project will form the focus of their stay with us, we also encourage Fellows to engage in the academic, cultural and social life of the faculty.

During their stay, the CWIT Fellow is expected to give an online BCLT research seminar to talk about their work in progress with translators and creative writers. At UEA there are also a variety of events open to Fellows, from public lectures to informal literary events.

The UEA campus is situated three miles from the centre of Norwich and provides a stimulating environment for translators to initiate or continue with a literary translation project.

Norwich was awarded UNESCO City of Literature status in 2012 and there are many opportunities to engage in the cultural life of the city. One of our partners, the National Centre for Writing (<http://www.nationalcentreforwriting.org.uk/>), organises a range of events, including regular book launches and workshops for creative writers.

Accommodation

The Fellow will stay in suitable accommodation either on-campus or within easy reach of the University. This may be a homestay arrangement organised and verified by the University Accommodation Office or an ensuite bedroom on campus with access to kitchen facilities. The accommodation rental cost will be deducted from the living grant. Some Fellows choose to organise their own accommodation independently.

Travel and Expenses

A living grant of **£4,200** will be paid to cover accommodation, local travel, visa costs, subsistence and other living expenses incurred during the residency.

Accommodation costs are likely to be between £2,200 and £2,750. This will leave between £1450 and £2000 to cover local travel, visa costs and subsistence during the 8 weeks.

BCLT will deduct the rental price of the accommodation for the eight weeks from the living grant and will pay the remaining balance as a subsistence payment to the Fellow in two instalments. The Fellow will need to set up a bank account that can accept UK payments, such as a Revolut account or check that their Indian bank account will accept payments from the university.

The Charles Wallace India Trust will also make a further contribution of **£800** towards international travel, payable on arrival into the UK. This will be paid once proof of purchase has been verified.

BCLT will also provide a ticket for the Fellow to attend London Book Fair (16-18 March 2027), as well as an additional budget for research activities and events whilst in the UK.

The successful applicant will need to ensure they have valid travel insurance to cover medical costs incurred during their visit to the UK.

Who is eligible?

The applicant must:

- be an Indian national (and domiciled in India)
- hold a PhD in the relevant field, and/or demonstrate a proven track record and show a willingness to work collaboratively
- provide a proposal stating clearly what they want to do at the host institution and how they plan to use the experience on their return to India. The proposal must state how the experience of an international Fellowship may benefit their career development
- be proficient in English language skills
- not have received any other CWIT grant in the last 5 years

This fellowship provides a rare opportunity for a mid-career scholar, who has not had too many opportunities to live and work outside India.

How to apply

Applications should be sent by email only to bclt@uea.ac.uk and must include the following:

- Application form
- A full CV
- A photo
- A clear proposal (1,000 words maximum) of what you want to achieve in coming to BCLT and how you will use this in your work once you return to India.
- Examples of your literary translation work – no more than 4 pages.

Attachments must be in PDF, Word or JPEG format (photo).

Please do not send any supporting material such as books by post as such material cannot be taken into account in assessing your application and we will not be able to return it to you.

Your application should also include two completed reference forms from referees who know your work very well. The reference form should be completed by your referees, who should return the form directly to BCLT.

Please note that this residency is subject to a successful visa application.

Any further enquiries can be made to bclt@uea.ac.uk

The closing date for receipt of applications is 6th September 2026.

The successful applicant will be notified by week commencing **28th September 2026.**