

2. Important Dates:

- Online Application Commences : 20/03/2026
- Last date for online submission : 10/04/2026
- Last date for submitting printouts of filled application form: 17/04/2026
- Date of the online entrance test and : Notify soon
- Presentation-cum-Interview : Notify soon
- Admit Card available : Before the Examination

3. Eligibility:

- Candidates who have registered in recognized universities for Ph.D. Programme in historical studies are eligible to apply for the ICHR Junior Research Fellowships (JRF).

4. Examination Format:

- The examination will be conducted in 02 Stages- Stage I (Online) and Stage II (Presentation-cum-Interview).

Stage- I: (100 Marks)

- a. Stage-I examination will consist of 100 online objective type questions. Each question will carry 01 mark.
- b. There will be no negative marking.
- c. The candidate has to choose his/her area of specialization (Ancient/ Medieval/ Modern India) at the time of filling online JRF application form. All the questions in the examination will be based on the area of specialization opted by the candidate in the application form. (*Annexure A*)
- d. Questions will be in both language English & Hindi i.e., bilingual.

Stage- II: (60 Marks)

- a. The candidates shortlisted on the basis of merit of Stage- I examination will be called for the Stage- II (Presentation-cum-Interview).
- b. Each shortlisted candidate will make a presentation based on his/her registered Ph.D. research topic (8-10 minutes, preferably on Power Point) followed by an interview.
- c. Stage- II (Presentation-cum-Interview) will carry a maximum of 60 marks.
- d. All shortlisted candidates should bring their Hall Tickets issued for Stage- I entrance exam while coming for the Presentation-cum-Interview.

5. Mode of Selection:

- Merit will be drawn on the basis of aggregate marks of Stage-I and II, that is **100 Marks (Stage- I) + 60 Marks (Stage- II) = 160 Marks (total marks).**

6. Examination Centres:

- **The Stage- I (Online) Examination** will be held in following cities:
 - New Delhi (Delhi)
 - Bengaluru (Karnataka)
 - Guwahati (Assam)
 - Pune (Maharashtra)
- **The Stage-II (Presentation-cum-Interview)** will be conducted at the ICHR's Headquarter, New Delhi in **hybrid mode**.

Note: Shortlisted candidates on the basis of merit of Stage- I examination will be called for the Stage II (Presentation-cum-Interview). For the Stage- II examination, Second class (sleeper) Railway or bus fare chargeable by the shortest routes from Railway Station/Bus Stand nearest to their normal place of residence or from where they actually perform the journey, whichever is nearer to the place of will be reimbursed to the SC, ST and PwD candidates on production of original ticket(s), provided that the distance travelled is not less than 30 kms.