Advertisement for Postdoctoral Fellowships

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

TCG CREST (Deemed to be University)

About the University

TCG (The Chatterjee Group) CREST (Centres for Research and Education in Science and Technology) is a multidisciplinary, research-driven institution, recently recognized by the Ministry of Education and the UGC as a Deemed to be University in the 'Distinct Category—Research' (Government of India Gazette No. 21, May 24–30, 2025).

I. TCG CREST, established in 2020, began as a cluster of 5 advanced research centres in the mathematical and natural sciences.

II. The depth and excellence of research formed the foundation for its application for recognition as a Deemed to be University in the Distinct Category, endorsed by the UGC. In May 2025, the Ministry of Education granted TCG CREST the status of Deemed to be University.

III. The University will comprise five Schools –
- Natural Sciences
- Mathematical and Computational Sciences
- Humanities and Social Sciences
- Health, Environment and Sustainability Studies
- Economics

IV. The University will follow a reverse trajectory model, commencing with PhD and master's programmes. Undergraduate studies will not begin within the first five years.

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The Programmes in Art History and Visual Studies, Cultural History and Cultural Studies, and Digital Humanities are expected to begin in late August-early September 2026, initially only with a Ph.D. Programme, consisting of a starting year (1st and 2nd semesters) of taught courses and writing assignments, with a research paper to be written at the end of the first year, leading on to the preparation and defence of a PhD proposal in the 3rd semester. There will be the default option of students exiting at the end of the first year with a second Masters in Research degree, if they do not wish to continue with a Ph.D. A two years Masters programme will follow later.

Eligibility Criteria:

1. A fresh Ph.D. (preferably of the past 4-5 years) from a reputed University in any of the following fields - Art History and Visual Studies, Cultural History, Cultural Anthropology and Cultural Studies, Digital Humanities and Culture, and Games Studies
2. Strong record of academic publications and conference participation
3. Abilities of teaching and project guidance
4. A book project in preparation (preferably in the above fields) that can be completed over the 2 years of the fellowship
5. For applicants in Digital Humanities, prior experience in handling Digital Humanities projects will be important

Application Process:

Applicants should submit the following:

1. A cover letter
2. A detailed curriculum vitae
3. A brief statement (within 1000 words) of ongoing and planned research
4. A brief statement about the semester courses they may design and teach
5. Sample of one recent peer-reviewed publication, a journal article or book chapter
6. Names of two referees, with their institutional designations and contact details.

Selection Process:

TCG CREST as an institution is committed to encouraging applications from women, members of minority communities, SC/ST/OBC groups, and others under-represented in academia.

Applications for both faculty positions and postdoctoral fellowships will be on a rolling basis. A first round of short-listing of applications will be done in end-January 2026. The selection process will involve the presentation of a seminar, followed by an interview, which can be held either in-person or online.

Applications should be sent by email to info@tcgcrestdtbu.ac.in