

The Edwin Cuthbert Hall Postgraduate Research Scholarship

This Scholarship will enable a highly ambitious PhD candidate to complete a ground-breaking interdisciplinary PhD project focused on reconstructing aspects of the ethnolinguistic prehistory of the Eastern Himalayan region. The candidate will employ cutting edge archaeological, linguistic and ethnographic methods, co-supervised by Dr. Mark W. Post (Linguistics) and Prof. Alison Betts (archaeology). The ideal applicant will have an BA and/or MA in biology, zoology, botany, archaeology, anthropology, linguistics, or an allied field. For this project, it is necessary to have existing advanced-level research and communicative competence in both English and Hindi. Prior experience in remote area fieldwork is required, as is a demonstrated track record of ethically and scientifically effective research engagement with Indigenous community members and existing eligibility to legally conduct restricted-area research in India (e.g. Arunachal Pradesh). Excellent computational skills are needed, and the ideal candidate will additionally have familiarity with Bayesian phylogenetic methods, capacities in ethnobotany and/or ethnozoology and/or remote sensing/GIS skills.