



LATE SRI MAN BAHADUR GAHATRAJ & LATE SRIMATI ISHWORI GAHATRAJ AWARD



Purpose

In loving memory of his beloved maternal grandparents, Dr. Drona Prakash Rasali, has established the *Late Sri Man Bahadur Gahatraj and Late Srimati Ishwori Gahatraj Award* at the Professional Development and Research Center (PDRC). This is a one-time-only scholarship award to be awarded to a first or second year Master's level Dalit student in the field of Education, Psychology or Applied Psychology.

The purpose of this award is to encourage and reward beginning scholars with excellent academic performance and the passion for scholarly studies of Dalit issues in future. This award is further designed to honor the talent and potential of the next generation of leaders who aspire to conduct research related to education and psychology in future.

Selection criteria

Application will be accepted from the individuals in the early stage of their professional development and who have demonstrated outstanding academic standing and potential that will enhance contribution in the areas of education and psychology. This award will be given to a first or second year master's Dalit student in the field of Education, Psychology or applied Psychology. Nomination for this award by a credible institution or individual is also accepted.

Application/nomination process and timeline:

Submission of the Application/nomination should be sent to PDRC by the deadline. Person submitting application/nominations will be requested to submit either electronically (as word or PDF attachment) or in hard copy at the address given below. The application/nomination requires a) A Statement of Purpose or a letter of nomination explaining why the nominee is qualified to be recognized b) nominee's most recent curriculum vitae and c) Recommendation letter from the college/university confirming his/her affiliation with the college.

1. Call for nomination: **4 April, 2013**
2. Submission deadline: **16 April, 2013**
3. Winner announcement: **18 April, 2013**
4. Award ceremony: **19 April, 2013**

Review process and selection criteria:

Each submitted nomination/application will be assessed by the award committee based first on the review of the nominees' CV. The following criteria will be used to evaluate and select the recipient of the award: Outstanding academic accomplishments, commitment to develop career in research activities, additional professional accomplishments/contribution and the quality of statement of purpose.

Award prize:

The winner of the award will receive cash award NRs. 10,000.00, Letter of Appreciation, and enrollment in PDRC's Academic & Intellectual Discourse on Dalit.

Application requirements:

The application must consist of the following materials;

1. The transcript of Bachelor Degree.
2. Letter of recommendation from the current College/University
3. Letter of nomination or the statement of purpose (SoP) that signifies who you are, what has influenced your career path so far, and where do you see yourself in ten years from now along the path.
4. One passport-sized photograph

Dr. Drona Rasali is currently the Director, Population Health Surveillance at the British Columbia Government's Provincial Health Services Authority in Canada, also holding an adjunct position of Professor of Health Studies at the University of Regina in Canada. An Advisor to the NRN Association International Coordination Council as well as the NRN-Canada, he is one of the original proponents of the NRNA's Open University of Nepal Initiative. Last Year, he sponsored Late Sri Dambar Singh Rasali and Late Srimati Seti Rasali Scholarship Award for a Master's level student in the field of Sociology and Anthropology in the loving memory of his paternal grand-parents.

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