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International Mother Language Institute (IMLI) Research Scholarship 2026–2027
Guidelines for the Submission of Applications

Applications are invited by the Language, Research & Planning Division of the International Mother Language Institute (IMLI) for research scholarships in different categories, following the IMLI Research Policy-2022, from eligible researchers enrolled in MPhil, PhD, or Post-Doctoral programmes at any recognized national or international universities/institutes, as well as from professional and fellowship researchers, subject to the qualifications, terms, and conditions specified below.

1. The candidate must have a research interest in the history of the language movement(s) of Bangla and other languages; the history and evolution of languages; the use of information technology for the preservation and internationalization of languages; language teaching and acquisition; the education, literature, culture, politics, heritage, history, and human resource development (relating to language) of the mother languages and dialects of ethnic groups at home and abroad; the identification of endangered and nearly extinct languages (critically endangered languages); and the preservation, documentation, standardization, revitalization, and corpus development of languages.
2. Research category
 - (A) Any officer/employee of IMLI may apply for a research scholarship under the Professional Research category for conducting either small-scale research (six months) or large-scale research (ten months). The Research Management Committee shall evaluate and select applicants based on their academic qualifications and relevant professional experience. The selected researcher shall conduct the research activities in accordance with the approved research guidelines, and the Research Department of IMLI shall regularly supervise, monitor, and evaluate the progress of the research work.
 - (B) Any government officer (above forty years of age), retired officer, professor/associate professor at a university or college, experienced researcher, or any person engaged in research activities at a recognized research institute may apply for a research scholarship under the Fellowship Research category. The applicant must possess an MPhil/PhD degree and have at least 2 (two) research articles published in

recognized peer-reviewed journals with ISSN. The relevant supporting documents must be attached to the application form. The selected researcher shall conduct the research work in accordance with the approved research guidelines, and the progress of the research activities shall be regularly supervised and monitored by the Research Department of IMLI.

(C) Any person/researcher who has already received an offer letter of admission from any recognized local or foreign university for pursuing an MPhil or PhD degree related to the activities of the International Mother Language Institute and on the topics/subjects mentioned above, along with a consent letter from the supervisor or competent authority, may apply for a research scholarship under the MPhil and PhD Research category by submitting the necessary documents.

(D) Any person/researcher holding a PhD degree from any recognized local or foreign university and having at least 2 (two) published research articles in recognized research journals may apply for a research scholarship under the Post-Doctoral Research category on the topics/subjects mentioned above by submitting the necessary documents.

3. Applicants who are currently conducting research work at any other university/institute with funding or a scholarship shall not be eligible to apply for this IMLI scholarship.
4. The same research proposal shall not be submitted under more than one category.
5. Researchers nominated for all full-time research programmes (Fellowship, MPhil, PhD, and Post-doctoral) funded by IMLI shall not be engaged in any other or new research work until the ongoing research work has been finally submitted.
6. Researchers nominated for the scholarship must obtain prior approval from the IMLI authority before undertaking any travel or stay, whether within the country or abroad, during the research period.
7. Researchers must comply with the conditions and instructions specified in the research guidelines for implementing/conducting research activities and shall use the allocated scholarship funds accordingly.
8. Applicants must submit the completed application form along with photocopies of all academic certificates and transcripts, a biodata, and a list of publications/research works, if applicable.
9. Applicants residing outside Bangladesh shall download the application form available on the website www.imli.gov.bd and submit the duly completed form by email to imli.moebd@gmail.com, rmcimli2010@gmail.com in either PDF, JPEG, or JPG format.
10. A soft copy of the research proposal shall be submitted in both MS Word and PDF formats to the email address: imli.moebd@gmail.com/rmcimli2010@gmail.com.
11. A pay order/bank draft for Tk. 1,000/- (Taka one thousand only), issued by any branch of a scheduled bank in favour of the Director General & Director (Administration & Finance), International Mother Language Institute, Agrani Bank PLC, Jatiya Press Club Branch, shall be attached to the application. Applicants residing outside Bangladesh shall submit the pay order/bank draft through their local representatives in Bangladesh.
12. The application must be forwarded through the appropriate channel or authority (if applicable).
13. Any incomplete application shall be rejected.
14. The decision of the IMLI Research Management Committee regarding the award of any category of scholarship shall be considered final;
15. Any fraudulent activity, forgery, or submission of false information/documents by a researcher at any stage of the scholarship nomination process shall result in the

cancellation of the scholarship, and legal action may be taken against the concerned researcher.

16. Any personal communication or recommendation submitted in favour of an applicant shall be considered as disqualification.
17. Application Deadline: 31st August 2026.



(Professor Dr. Mohammad Ashaduzzaman)

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