The GRF, as an academic and rural welfare-promotion institution, aims at contributing towards sustainable living for India’s villages through applied research on political, economic, social, environmental and cultural issues. One exemplification of this objective is the ongoing BA-BAPU 150 initiative (commemorating the 150th birth anniversary of Mahatma Gandhi [or Bapu] and his wife Kasturba [or Ba] in 2019) whose goal is to revitalise India’s rural communities. Targeting 150 villages across fourteen states of India, BA-BAPU 150 is focussing on their comprehensive transformation. – As for research, the library of the Foundation houses a multi-disciplinary collection numbering about 11,000 books on and by Mahatma Gandhi, as well as a wide range of historical and contemporary journals and periodicals. This library corpus is supplemented by the GRF’s archives which comprise extensive documentation on Gandhi (both in original manuscripts and in digitized form) as well as audio and visual material (including documentary films and historical photographs).

Situated in rural India, on the outskirts of Jalgaon, the GRF’s pollution-free campus, with its verdant garden landscape and mango groves, is veritably an Arcadian idyll in the otherwise arid region of north-western Maharashtra. The GRF, with its comprehensive library and archival collections as well as a multi-media Gandhi museum, complemented by excellent board and lodging facilities, comprises an environment congenial for student interns who could participate in a wide spectrum of activities, including the following:

- Ongoing field-work (cf. BA-BAPU 150 initiative) focussing on rural sustainability (in the areas of health, education, sanitation & hygiene, watershed management, agricultural technology and village entrepreneurship)
- Learning Khadi spinning and weaving (in the Khadi unit of the GRF)
- Acquiring skills in digitisation and preservation technology (with regard to historical documents)
- Assisting in cataloguing (ameliorating the online catalogue of the GRF), editing (articles for the monthly GRF journal), image-processing, PR work/event management (preparing announcements for the social media)
- Gaining/improving knowledge in Gandhian studies by focussed reading (supervised by a member of the GRF academic/research team) and participating in discussions/seminars
- Acquiring a basic knowledge of Marathi; improving Hindi language skills

**Terms and Conditions of the Student Internship**

- Application: with CV, indicating academic focus, special skills & interests; accompanied by an institutional letter of recommendation;
- Health insurance coverage: to be finalised before departure for India;
- Duration of the Internship: 3-6 months (from August-January, with possible extension until the end of March), fulltime;
- Accommodation and full board: on campus, shared room with attached bathroom and toilet, vegetarian food; total cost per month Rs. 15,000 (with possible reduction after the 1st three months, depending on the performance of the respective intern);
- Code of conduct: courteous behaviour; disciplined and committed work ethic; willingness to adapt; attire, preferably simple, khadi clothes; no smoking or drinking of alcohol on campus; consumption of vegetarian food only;
- Skills (advantageous): English proficiency (oral and written), Hindi (spoken); computer literacy.

Applications are to be submitted with a covering letter to:

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Gandhi Research Foundation  
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**DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION SUBMISSION: 31.03.2019 (only limited number of interns can be accepted)**