



## SACRED WRITES

PUBLIC SCHOLARSHIP ON RELIGION

### MEDIA PARTNERSHIP

#### *PRI The World*

Sacred Writes is now accepting applications for a funded media partnership with PRI's *The World* focused on the role of **religion, ethnicity, and politics in India and the Indian diaspora**.

This partnership requires graduate level training in religious studies, theology, biblical studies, or a related field and is open to faculty, independent and contingent scholars, and graduate students.

Applications will be accepted until **10 January 2020**.

### ABOUT THE WORLD

*The World* is an hour-long international news program that reaches almost 3 million listeners on more than 300 public radio stations. It is co-produced by the BBC World Service, PRI-PRX, and WGBH in Boston.

### SCOPE

*The World* is planning a series of radio news reports about the role of religion in India's current political climate. The focus of the series is still evolving, and this is an opportunity for a scholar to help shape its final form. Topics might include the role of the Indian diaspora and Bollywood, but scholars should feel free to pitch other story ideas as well.

*The World* will broadcast this series and include companion pieces online at [TheWorld.org](http://TheWorld.org). **The scholar selected for this partnership will collaborate with *The World's* correspondent Rupa Shenoy on 2-4 profile stories for radio and online.**

The ideal scholar for this partnership will be familiar with the history of religion(s) in India and/or contemporary Indian politics as well as having robust connections with religious and community leaders in India and/or the Indian diaspora. This scholar should be eager to collaborate on reporting and producing the series for radio and the website. Reporting and producing would include contributing to dynamic storytelling, engaging narration, and interviewing in the public radio style, as a co-reporter of the series.

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The preferred start date of this partnership is **15 January 2020**. In January, the scholar will help PRI's *The World* reporter Rupa Shenoy prepare for a reporting trip to India by brainstorming story ideas, identifying sources to interview (who can remain anonymous given the current political situation), and planning the logistics of a reporting trip. If possible, based on schedules and interest, the scholar might be asked to participate in the trip in late January or February. In March, the scholar will provide feedback on scripts.

The partnership will last approximately 3 months, until the program is aired sometime in Spring 2020. Sacred Writes will provide the scholar a **\$2000 stipend** for their time and labor and a **\$2000 travel budget** for any reporting trips related to this partnership.

## TO APPLY

To apply, please submit the following materials through the online form, available at [www.sacred-writes.org/apply](http://www.sacred-writes.org/apply):

- A 1-2 page cover letter explaining:
  - How your scholarly expertise can help frame this series
  - Which sources you suggest talking with
- CV, including any public scholarship
- OPTIONAL: a link to a video or audio file (for example, a link to a podcast you were interviewed for)

Finalists may be interviewed by Rupa Shenoy via phone.

