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Historians study old documents, archives and monuments to research, interpret and write about the past. They work in universities, archives, museums, media and publishing.



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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। • An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

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2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 12 (any stream) + bachelor's in history; MA/PhD for research
Work mode	Office, library and classroom; travel to archives and historic sites
Demand	Moderate - openings in teaching, heritage tourism and digital history
Top earning	₹2 lakh+/month as a professor or acclaimed author

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- Deep interest in knowing and understanding the past
- Drawn to forts, monuments and old documents
- Love of reading, research and writing

ABILITIES

- Fine attention to detail
- Skilled communication and presentation
- Good writing skills

KEY SKILLS

- Source criticism and evidence-based analysis
- Research methods in archives and old records

- Clear academic and popular writing
- Digital tools - databases and digital archives
- Familiarity with old scripts/languages (Persian, Rajasthani etc.)
- Patience to see long research through

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 12 in any stream (history in arts is useful).
- 2 Do a BA in history; take CUET for admission.
- 3 Do an MA in history or a related field.
- 4 Clear UGC-NET/JRF and pursue a PhD for research/teaching.
- 5 Intern with an archive, museum or research project.
- 6 Publish your work through papers, books or digital platforms.

MAIN EXAMS

- CUET UG/PG for university admission
- UGC-NET/JRF (History) for research and assistant professor roles
- RPSC assistant professor/school lecturer (history) exams

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- University of Rajasthan (Dept. of History) — Jaipur, Rajasthan
- Jai Narain Vyas University — Jodhpur, Rajasthan
- Mohanlal Sukhadia University — Udaipur, Rajasthan
- Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University — Ajmer, Rajasthan
- Jawaharlal Nehru University — New Delhi
- Banaras Hindu University — Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- Banasthali Vidyapith — Tonk (near Jaipur), Rajasthan
- St. Xavier's College — Kolkata, West Bengal
- Christ University — Bengaluru, Karnataka
- Fergusson College — Pune, Maharashtra

ONLINE

- Vardhman Mahaveer Open University (BA/MA History, distance) — Kota, Rajasthan
- IGNOU (BA/MA History, distance) — Distance education

FEES

Course fees roughly ₹3,000 to ₹1,00,000; very low at government universities and IGNOU/VMOU. Varies by institute.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- National Scholarship Portal (<https://scholarships.gov.in>)
- Buddy4Study scholarship gateway (<https://www.buddy4study.com>)
- Vidya Lakshmi Education Loan Portal (<https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>)

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Universities, research institutes, museums, archives, historical societies, media and publishing.

WORK CULTURE

Mostly office, classroom and library time with flexible hours; travel to archives and historic sites for research. Opportunities exist for persons with disabilities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Universities and colleges - teaching and research | • Archaeological Survey of India (ASI) |
| • Rajasthan State Archives, Bikaner and the National Archives | • Museums and heritage trusts (INTACH etc.) |
| • Media, publishing and documentary makers | • Heritage tourism companies - interpreting forts and palaces |

DEMAND (2026)

Demand is moderate in 2026 - teaching posts are competitive, but Rajasthan's rich heritage, museum modernisation and digital history content are creating new openings.

7 Career growth

- 1 Research intern/Research assistant
- 2 Assistant professor or archives/museum officer
- 3 Historian/Associate professor
- 4 Professor/Senior historian/Head of department

EARNINGS

Starting	₹15,000-30,000
Mid level	₹60,000-1,00,000
Senior level	₹1,50,000-2,50,000

JRF pays a fellowship of about ₹37,000/month; assistant professors get UGC scales. Books and documentaries can add income.

8 The good parts · The challenges

The good parts

- Intellectually rich work of uncovering the past
- Flexible hours and chances to travel for research
- Recognition and extra income possible through writing and media

The challenges

- Long, competitive road to permanent academic posts
- Limited income in the early years
- Research demands patience and long solitary hours

9 Real-life journeys

Irfan Habib

Professor Emeritus, Aligarh Muslim University - historian of medieval India

Irfan Habib reshaped Indian history-writing with his landmark research on the agrarian system of Mughal India; he received the Padma Bhushan in 2005 and taught history at AMU for decades.

Wikipedia · https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Irfan_Habib

Ira Mukhoty**History writer - chronicler of Mughal women and Indian heroines**

Trained in science, Ira Mukhoty taught herself research and turned to history writing; with books like *Daughters of the Sun* and *Akbar*, she brought forgotten women of history to everyday readers.

Scroll.in · <https://scroll.in/article/1020183/there-is-a-great-hunger-to-see-ourselves-reflected-in-history-to-hear-our-stories-ira-mukhoty>

10 If this route does not work out

One exam or one attempt does not close the door. The same subjects also open these routes — entry is usually easier, and you can return to this field later.

- Sociologist
- Psephologist
- Political Scientist

11 Sources & further reading

1. Rajasthan Career Guidance portal - official career page — <https://cg.rajasthan.gov.in/careerguidance/hi/career/historian-%e0%a4%87%e0%a4%e0%a4%bf%e0%a4%b9%e0%a4%be%e0%a4%b8%e0%a4%95%e0%a4%be%e0%a4%b0/>
2. National Career Service portal — <https://www.ncs.gov.in>
3. National Scholarship Portal — <https://scholarships.gov.in>
4. NIRF institute rankings — <https://www.nirfindia.org>
5. Vidya Lakshmi education loan portal — <https://www.vidyalakshmi.co.in>

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