



DR. RANJIT SINGH SABHARWAL ENDOWED FUND FOR SIKH STUDIES

The Institute for South Asia Studies is thrilled to announce the establishment of the Dr. Ranjit Singh Sabharwal Endowed Fund for Sikh Studies.

Generously funded by the friends and family of Dr. Ranjit Singh Sabharwal, as well as those committed to the furthering of Sikh Studies, the Sabharwal Fund will support the creation of a semester-long visiting lecturer program. The visiting lecturer will be based in the Institute for South Asia Studies and the Department of South & Southeast Asian Studies. In addition to teaching two courses in Sikh Studies, the lecturer will give presentations of their research work to the campus and local community. We expect the first lecturer to be in residence in Fall 2022.

The Fund and the Program is named in honor of the late Dr. Ranjit Singh Sabharwal. Dr. Sabharwal received an MA in Mathematics at UC Berkeley in 1962 and a Ph.D. from Washington State University. He taught at California State University (East Bay) for twenty-six years. A much-respected and loved figure in the Bay Area Sikh community, Dr. Sabharwal was involved in the establishment of the Fremont Gurdwara as well as the Guru Granth Sahib Foundation, Inc. (Hayward Gurdwara).

For more information, please visit
[SOUTHASIA.BERKELEY.EDU/SABHARWAL-SIKH-STUDIES-FUND](https://southasia.berkeley.edu/sabharwal-sikh-studies-fund)



The Gurdwara at Stockton in 1929



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The Mission & Future Goals

The Institute for South Asia Studies at UC Berkeley is looking for your support to strengthen research and scholarship in Sikh Studies, with a special focus on literature, history, and culture. Success will allow the Institute for South Asia Studies to:

- Train the next generation of scholars and academics focused on Sikh Studies
- Increase Sikh Studies-related holdings in Berkeley's world renowned South Asia collection.
- Build on our existing Dr. Ranjit Singh Sabharwal Endowed Fund for Sikh Studies.

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Around 1520, Baba Nanak founded Kartarpur in the area that connects the present-day India and Pakistan, gathered some families there and oriented their living around the beliefs in the unity of the Creator and the institutions of the sacred book, three daily prayers, sharing of food, etc. At his passing, he nominated a successor and Gobind Singh (Guru 1675-1708), the tenth in this line, replaced his authority with that of the Panth/community and the Granth/scripture.

Working within this framework, the Sikhs established a powerful kingdom that fell to the British in the 1840s, which in turn created opportunities for travel around the globe as part of the British army and the possibilities for settlement overseas. At present there are 25 million Sikhs, 20 of whom live in Punjabi Suba, a state in India, and the rest are spread out from the Fiji islands to Europe and the Pacific coast.

Having evolved in full light of history, the Sikhs offer an important case study for those interested in the formation of religious communities, the issues facing a minority group in its homeland and the opportunities and challenges within the diaspora settings.

Related Programs at UC Berkeley

- **Punjabi Language Instruction:** Punjabi has been taught at Berkeley since the early nineties. We offer language instruction at two levels: Beginning and Intermediate. These courses are designed not only to create a strong foundation for the beginning Punjabi student and sharpen the skills of the intermediate Punjabi student but to also provide a basic cultural comprehension of the various Punjabi speaking societies across the Indian subcontinent, in Europe, and the U.S. Therefore, by learning Punjabi, students also learn about the rich cultural and religious traditions of the Punjab. In past classes, students have been particularly captivated by the poetic works in Guru Granth Sahib, the holy book of the Sikhs, and those by the Punjab's Sufi poets. More information at: SOUTHASIA.BERKELEY.EDU/PUNJABI
- **Guru Gobind Singh Fellowship:** Created by a bequest from the late Karam Singh Maughn, the fellowship is named for Guru Gobind Singh (1666 – 1708), the tenth Guru of Sikhism. The endowment offers an annual fellowship to a graduate of a university in the Punjab (India or Pakistan) pursuing graduate work at the University of California. The current amount of the Guru Gobind Singh Fellowship award is \$30,000. More information at: SOUTHASIA.BERKELEY.EDU/SINGH-FELLOWSHIP



The Golden Temple, or Harmandir Sahib, in Amritsar, Punjab, northwestern India.
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- Outright cash contributions, tax-deductible within certain limits of law
- A pledge to be paid over several years
- Gifts of securities
- Matching gifts by employers. Many companies match gifts from retirees and board members as well as employees
- Bequests

All donations are tax deductible.

All individuals donating above \$500 will be acknowledged on the Institute's Sikh Studies webpage. All individuals donating above \$1000 will also receive a personalized certificate of appreciation from the Institute' acknowledging their support.

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