

Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST Students

Under the scheme, Fellowships are provided to ST students to take up higher studies after completing Post Graduation, such as M.Phil and Ph.D courses.

In order to remove layers resulting in time lag and to facilitate proper control over the implementation and monitoring of the two Central sector scholarship schemes for ST students viz; Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship and Top Class Education, the Ministry merged these two schemes into a single Central Sector Scheme called "National Fellowship and Scholarship for Higher Education of ST students". Guidelines were issued on 20th April, 2015.

Objectives

Fellowship: The objective of the scheme is to encourage the ST students, a section of society with the lowest literacy level s in the country, to acquire higher education in the form of fellowships to pursue M. Phil and Ph. D. Courses, with a view to create qualified professionals to hold posts of teachers /professionals and other higher stages of employment

Scholarship: ST Students is intended to encourage meritorious ST students to pursue courses at Graduate/Post Graduate level in identified Institutions of excellence, Government and Private, in professional fields such as Management, Medicine, Engineering, Information Technology, Law etc.

Eligibility

Fellowships

- The candidate belonging to ST should have passed the Post-Graduation examination for being eligible for the Fellowship. The candidate should get admission and registration for regular and full time M.Phil/Ph.D Courses in University / Academic Institutions recognized by UGC under Section 2 (f) of the UGC Act / ICAR by fulfilling conditions of admission of that University/Institution.
- The list of University/Academic Institution as referred to in sub para (i) above shall be identified by ministry..

- The ST students once considered eligible for the Fellowship shall not be entitled for any other scholarship of the Centre or State Government the same study.
- The fellowship shall be payable once the student has secured admission and started the research work.
- In order to qualify for Senior Research Fellowship a candidate will have to fulfill the UGC/ICAR norms prescribed in this regard.

Scholarship:

- ST students who have secured admission in the notified Institutions according to the norms prescribed by the respective Institutions will be eligible for the scholarship under the scheme.
- The student will be eligible to join only the list of Institution identified by Ministry.
- The total family income of the candidate to be eligible for this scholarship from all sources should not exceed Rs.6.0 lakh per annum.
- The scholarship shall be payable once the student has secured admission and started attending the classes.
- The scholarship awarded, will continue till the completion of the course, subject to satisfactory performance of the student.

Duration of Fellowship

Name of the Course	Maximum Duration
M. Phil	2 years
Ph.D	5 years
Enrollment of Ph.D after completion of M.Phil	5 years

Rate of Fellowship/Scholarship

Fellowship

	Fellowship	Contingency	HRA	Escorts/Reader Assistance
M.Phil	@ Rs. 25000/- PM	i.Rs.10000/per year for Humanities & Social Sciences	As per rules of the University/Institutions/Colleges	Rs.2000/- p.m in case of physically

		ii.Rs.12000/- per year for Science,Engineering Technology		handicapped and blind candidates for all the subjects.
Ph.D	@ Rs.28000/ - PM	i.Rs.20500 per year for Humanities & Social Sciences ii. Rs.25000 per year for Science, Engineering Technology	As per rules of the University/Institutions/Colleges	Rs.2000/ - p.m in case of physically handicapped and blind candidates for all the subjects.

Scholarships

Component	Details	Remark
Tuition Fees	full tuition fee and other non-refundable dues in respect of Government/Government-funded institutions.	There will be a ceiling of Rs.2.50 lakhs per annum per student for private sector institutions
Books & Stationery	@ Rs.3000/-	per annum per student without bills/vouchers
Living expenses	2200/- per month	Amount will be provided as per actuals subject to maximum ceiling 26400/- per annum
Computer & Accessories	Rs.45000/- (One time assistance during the tenure)	Computer may be Desktop/Laptop etc. The accessories may, interalia, include all kind of printers, CDs/DVDs, Keyboard, Mainboard, Motherboard, Hard Disk Drive, Mouse, Sound adapters, Toners, Speakers, USB Hubs/Cables, Memory Chips, Memory

Application process

Advertisement for inviting applications

Fellowship : The Scheme of Fellowship will be advertised in the leading newspapers, Employment News. Candidates shall, after getting registration/admission in the notified Universities/Institutes and after assessing their eligibility and suitability as per the criteria prescribed for Fellowship, apply online through the [online registration Portal](#). **Online applications for the National Fellowship for ST candidates for the year 2019-20 is now open. Last date of submission application is :- 30/09/2019, 5:00 PM.**

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Payment of the Fellowship/Scholarship amount of the scheme for STs would be made through the system of Direct Benefit Transfer through the Aadhaar Payment Bridge into the Aadhaar seeded bank a/c of the beneficiaries from the Ministry of Tribal Affairs. The selected candidates should obtain the Aadhaar number on priority basis. Pending Aadhaar seeding of the beneficiary bank a/c, payment would be made into the bank account through NEFT