

Policy for CHARUSAT PhD Scholars' Fellowship (CPSF)

1. Preface & Objective:

Research and Innovation is considered an impetus of growth and development at CHARUSAT. PhD Programmes at CHARUSAT form an important component of Research canvass of CHARUSAT. The PhD Programmes are offered in the realms of Applied Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Computer Science and Applications, Pharmaceutical Sciences, Management Sciences, Physiotherapy, Nursing and Paramedical Sciences.

The PhD Scholars are expected to work on frontier research problems with unidisciplinary, interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary approaches.

This policy aims to encourage bright candidates to pursue full-time PhD Programme at CHARUSAT.

2. Brief information:

This policy encompasses offering of Fellowship to selected full-time PhD scholars registered at CHARUSAT.

The PhD Scholars' Fellowship will comprise of a monthly fellowship to selected full-time PhD scholars for minimum three years duration and subject to allied terms & conditions mentioned hereunder:

The CPSF shall be available to two categories of the registered full-time PhD scholars as under:

- (i) Candidates who have successfully cleared National level tests mentioned hereafter:
- (ii) Candidates who have not cleared any National level test but have merit-listed themselves by taking CHARUSAT PhD Scholars' Fellowship (CPSF) exam.

The candidates availing PhD fellowship are expected to contribute in academic, Research & Development activities of Department (Engg.) / Institute to the extent of minimum 8 hours/week.

The selected PhD fellows shall be allocated to their respective Supervisors who will guide them for their Institute / Department (Engg.) contributions as mentioned above in consultation with Principal / HOD (Engg.).

3. Selection Procedure:

3.1 Category I: Candidates who have successfully cleared National level tests

3.1.1 Eligibility:

- The candidate should have minimum First Class in Masters' Degree

- The candidate should have successfully cleared National level tests such as Junior Research Fellowship Test (JRF), National Eligibility Test (NET), State level Eligibility Test (SLET), Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering (GATE), Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT) ,Joint Entrance Screening Test (JEST), DST INSPIRE Fellowship Test, or any other similar national level testes conducted by Government / Statutory Bodies

3.1.2 Selection Procedure:

- Any eligible candidate as mentioned above who registers for full-time PhD at CHARUSAT shall have to apply to his/her research Supervisor alongwith proof of National Test cleared for availing the fellowship
- He / She shall start getting the fellowship from the next month of his/her registration on approval of the application by the University.

3.1.3 Other terms:

- The candidate who gets fellowships/stipend by virtue of clearing their National level tests or other such avenues, shall get PhD Fees waiver instead of CHARUSAT Fellowship.
- The PhD fees for such candidates shall be waived completely for a maximum period of three years after their registration for full-time CHARUSAT PhD Programme

3.2 Category II: Candidates who have not cleared any National level tests but have merit-listed themselves by taking CHARUSAT PhD Fellowship (CPF) test:

3.2.1 Eligibility:

- The candidate should have minimum First Class in Masters' Degree
- The candidate should take CPSF test and get himself/herself successfully merit-listed under it

3.2.2 Selection Procedure:

- All the registered PhD candidates other than category I above shall take CPSF test
- CPSF test will be conducted within two months after the CHARUSAT Doctoral Entrance Test (Refer the PhD guidelines at CHARUSAT e-governance for details about CDET test)
- CPSF will comprise of components like domain knowledge, research aptitude, verbal ability and others so as to make it at par with National level tests. The concerned Faculty Dean shall ensure the question paper according to the components.
- A merit list will be prepared based on the performance in CPSF test. According to the vacancies for CHARUSAT PhD Fellows the merit list will be operated. For eg., if there are four vacancies in a Faculty, then the first four merit listed candidates will be offered the fellowship.
- The vacancies will be notified in advance based on pro rata allocation to the six faculties of CHARUSAT. Prorata allocation shall mean allocation of

vacancies in proportion to the number of PhD scholars registered in a given Faculty in a given academic year

- The fellowship will start from the next month of the registration of PhD

4. Fellowship amount & other terms:

- Every year maximum 30 CHARUSAT PhD Scholars' Fellowships will be offered including both the categories. For any additional requirements university will take appropriate decision.
- The selected candidates shall receive a fellowship of INR 25,000/- per month for the first year. Fellowship amount will be increased to INR 2,500/- per month every year for subsequent years. This is reflected as under:

Year of PhD Programme	PhD Scholars' Fellowship (INR per month)
First year	INR 25,000/- per month
Second year	INR 27,500/- per month
Third year	INR 30,000/- per month

- The fellowship will be given for a maximum of three years.
- In case a candidate drawing CPSF leaves his/her programme halfway, the fellowship amount / fee waiver shall have to be refunded by the candidate.
- For instances arising in operating of this policy but not covered explicitly in the policy, a University Committee shall take appropriate decision.
- Any intellectual property generated shall be owned by CHARUSAT. Due recognition will be given to the PhD Fellow based on significance of contribution.