**JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW JOB**

**INTRODUCTION**

The Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) scheme of the University Grants

Commission (UGC) is open to candidates who qualify in the National Eligibility Testing

(NET) of the UGC and the UGC-Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)

joint test. However, please note that these are qualifying tests only and do not bestow a

fellowship upon the candidate.

**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the JRF scheme is to provide opportunities to NET-qualified

candidates to undertake advanced studies and research leading to M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees

in Humanities and Social Sciences including Languages and Sciences.

**TARGET GROUP/ELIGIBILITY**

Target Group: Candidates who have qualified in NET or the UGC-CSIR joint tests.

**Eligibility**:Candidates who have qualified in NET or the UGC-CSIR joint test. However,

the selection for the JRF is made by the universities/institutions/colleges.

**Procedure For Applying For The Scheme:-**

Only NET/UGC-CSIR joint tests qualified candidates are eligible to apply (for fellowship) under

the scheme. The qualified candidates have to apply against the advertisements given by the

universities/institutions/colleges recognized under Sec. 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act. The

selection is made as per the procedure of respective institutions. Those Universities/Institutes

are not recognized under UGC Act. They may be enclosed notification of Govt. of India.

**Procedure For Approval By The UGC:-**

The award of JRFs is made candidates by the universities/institutions/colleges on the basis of

UGC-CSIR/NET examinations for admissions to Ph.D., including M.Phil.

x The candidate must get himself/herself registered for M.Phil/ Ph.D. at the first

available opportunity but not later then a period of two years from the issue of

Eligibility Certificate of UGC NET/UGC-CSIR Examinations.

x The actual payment of fellowship will be made with effect from the date of

joining only.

On completion of the above formalities, the Joining Report of the candidate duly

signed by the Supervisor/Head of Department is to be sent to the UGC through the

Registrar/Principal/Director along-with their attested copy of NET Certificate.

**NATURE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME:-**

The tenure of fellowship is initially for two years under the JRF scheme. Upon

expiry of this period, the work of the Fellow will be evaluated by experts. If the research

work is found satisfactory, his/her tenure will be extended for a further period of three

years under the enhanced emoluments of the Senior Research Fellowship (SRF).

In case the work for the first two years is not found satisfactory, an additional year

will be given to him/her for improvement. However, during this period he/she will be

designated as a Junior Research Fellow. In such cases work will be evaluated again after

three years, and if improvement is found, the Fellow will get two more years under the

SRF. Thus, the total period of fellowship (JRF and SRF) is five years, will no further

provision of extension.

**House Rent Allowance:** Suitable single-seated hostel accommodation may be provided to the

JRF candidate in the institutions. In case of non-availability, HRA as per rules of the

university/institution will be paid, to the fellow subject to the submission of HRA Certificate

through the Registrar/Principal. Junior Research Fellows provided with accommodation in a

hostels recognized/maintained by the institutions may be reimbursed the hostel fee, excluding

mess, electricity and water charges, etc. A certificate to this effect is to be furnished through the

Registrar/Principal (Annexure I). If the fellow makes his/her own arrangements of

accommodation, he/she may be entitled to draw HRA as per categorization of cities by the

Government of India. The fellow will submit a certificate for the purpose to the UGC for

claiming HRA through the concerned university/institution/colleges.

**Medical**: No separate/fixed medical assistance is provided. However, the fellow may avail of the

medical facilities available in the institution/university/college.

**Leave:** JRFs are entitled for a maximum period of 30 days of leave in a year in addition to public

holidays. They are not entitled to any other vacations. Women candidates are eligible for

maternity leave of 180 days at full rates of fellowship once during the tenure of their award.

Beside this an ‘Intermittent Break’ for a maximum period of 2 years may also be permissible to

the women candidate. This Flexi Time period should not be counted towards the tenure of the

fellowship and thus effectively the total period of fellowship should remain the same.

In special cases Junior Research Fellows may be allowed leave without fellowship by

the Commission upto one academic year during the entire tenure of the award for accepting

teaching assignments on a temporary basis, provided the assignment is in the same city/town. In

other cases, leave without fellowship will be restricted to a period not exceeding three months

during the tenure of the award on the recommendations of the supervisor and the institution. The

period of leave without fellowship will be counted towards the total tenure of the award.

JRF/SRFs are advised to apply for leave through universities/institutions/colleges well in advance

for the approval of the Commission.