

National Fellowship For OBC Students

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Objectives (National Fellowship For OBC Students)

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Important Features (National Fellowship For OBC Students)

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Benefits (National Fellowship For OBC Students)

- Number of Slots for Fellowship
- ■ The total number of slots for NFOBC under the scheme is 1000 per year. Out of 1000 slots available under this scheme, 750 will be allocated for the subjects under National Eligibility Test – Junior Research Fellowship (NET JRF) of UGC and the remaining 250 UGC Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (UGC CSIR) NET JRF joint test (for Science streams). These 1000 slots will be over and above the OBC Students selected under the normal reservation policy of the Government. ■ **Duration of Fellowship**
- ■ **Name of the Course: M.Phil.** Maximum Duration (Years): 2 Admissibility of JRF (Years): 2 Admissibility of SRF (Years): Nil ■ **Name of the Course: Ph.D.** Maximum Duration (Years): 5 Admissibility of JRF (Years): 2 Admissibility of SRF (Years): Remaining 3 years ■ **Name of the Course: M.Phil. + Ph.D.** Maximum Duration (Years): 5 Admissibility of JRF (Years): 2 Admissibility of SRF (Years): Remaining 3 years ■ **Rate of Fellowship**
- The rates of fellowship for JRF and SRF will be at par with the UGC Fellowship (w.e.f 01.01.2019). Presently these rates are as follows: ■ **Fellowship in Science, Humanities, and Social Science @** ■ 31,000/
- p.m. for initial two years (JRF) @ ■ 35,000/
- p.m. for remaining tenure (SRF) ■ **Fellowship in Engineering & Technology @** ■ 31,000/
- p.m. for initial two years (JRF) @ ■ 35,000/
- p.m. for remaining tenure (SRF) ■ **Contingency for Humanities & Social Sciences @** ■ 10,000/
- p.a. for initial two years @ ■ 20,500/
- p.a. for remaining tenure ■ **Contingency for Sciences, Engineering & Technology @** ■ 12,000/
- p.a. for initial two years @ ■ 25,000/

- p.a. for remaining tenure ■ Escorts/Reader assistance (All subjects) @ ■ 2,000/
- p.m. in cases of physically and visually handicapped candidates ■ House Rent Allowance HRA will be on the UGC pattern and will be payable to those students who are not provided with hostel accommodation. In case hostel accommodation offered by the University/institution is refused, the student will forfeit his claim of HRA, and other facilities such as medical facilities, and leave including maternity leave will be governed as per the guidelines of the UGC in case of their fellowship program.

Eligibility (National Fellowship For OBC Students)

- The eligibility conditions are as per notification for UGC
- NET and CSIR
- UGC
- NET examinations. ■ The other Backward Class (OBC) candidates qualifying for the award of NFOBC will be eligible to receive a fellowship subject to finding placement in the University/IITs/Institutions. The validity period of the offer is 3 years with effect from the date of issue of the JRF Award letter. However, in the case of candidates who have already joined M/Phil. /Ph.D. the date of commencement of fellowship shall be from the date of declaration of result of NFOBC or date of their joining, whichever is later. Students belonging to the Other Backward Class (OBC) category once considered eligible for the fellowship shall not be entitled to any other benefits from the Central or State Government or any other body like UGC offering similar benefits to avoid duplication and increase coverage. Only those, doing regular and full
- time M./Phil. /Ph.D. course of a University/Research Institution shall be eligible for the fellowship. After two years, if the progress in the research work of the awardee is found satisfactory, his/her tenure will be extended for a further period of three years as Senior Research Fellow (SRF). The research work will be assessed as per the UGC norms. The total period of award of JRF and SRF shall not exceed a period of 5 years. At least 4% of the total seats should be reserved for students with disabilities while making a selection of candidates for the award of fellowships by the UGC. Employees of any University/College/Educational institution/Central/State/UT Government shall be excluded from availing the fellowship, even if they are on study leave or Extra Ordinary Leave (EOL) to pursue M.Phil./Ph.D. ■
- Selection Procedure The selection of students will be made on the basis of merit in each UGC
- NET
- JRF and CSIR
- NET
- JRF examination and will be made twice a year. However, preference will be given to such students who have secured admission. In case sufficient such candidates are not available, candidates who have not secured admission will also be selected in the order of merit in the NET examination. A separate merit list would be drawn up for such candidates if required. The qualified candidates have to enroll in universities/institutions/colleges recognized under: ■ Under Sections 2 (f) of the UGC Act, 1956, i.e., Universities established under Central, Provincial, or State Acts or any other institution recognized by UGC. Grant
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- Aid Deemed Universities under Section 3 of the UGC Act, i.e., institutions for higher education notified by the Central Government to be deemed Universities, in consultation with UGC. Universities/Institutions funded by State/ Central Government. Institutions of National Important as notified by the Ministry of Human Resource Development. (mhrd.gov.in/institutions
- national
- importance) The decision of the UGC regarding to awarding the fellowship shall be final and no appeal could be filed against it. ■

Application Process (National Fellowship For OBC Students)

- PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR THE SCHEME Applications are invited online once a year through advertisements in leading newspapers and Employment News.
- The same is also uploaded on the UGC website.
- The selection is made based on merit and as per the procedure of the Commission.
- ■ Step 1: Go to the official website of UGC.
- ■ ■ Step 2: On the homepage, locate the “e-SARTS Scholarships-Fellowships” link.
- (Normally placed on the right side of the homepage) Step 3: A new page will open, wherein the candidate has to select “National Fellowship for OBC Candidate” Step 4: Click on the “Apply Now”

option which is available at the top of the page.

- Step 5: Fill out all the required information with personal and academic details.
- Step 6: Attach all the required documents in the prescribed format.
- Step 7: Lastly, click on Submit to submit the form successfully.
- ■ In order to get your application considered, submit it before the deadline.

Documents Required (National Fellowship For OBC Students)

- Aadhaar Number Caste Certificate Parent's Annual Income Certificate (issued by the competent authority) Passport-size Photograph and Signature Mark-sheet of Masters Degree Declaration/Certificate from Head of Department/Institution or University/College Proof of Physical Disability (if required) Bank Details

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