

# **KSCSTE Research Fellowship**

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## **Objectives (KSCSTE Research Fellowship)**

- The scheme “KSCSTE Research Fellowship” is for encouraging enthusiastic and passionate post graduate science/ engineering students by supporting them financially in their Ph.D. studies. There are seven science streams in which the students can opt for fellowship. They are Mathematical Sciences, Life Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Engineering Sciences, Environmental Sciences, and Earth
- Atmospheric and Planetary Sciences. Under the scheme, the fellows are selected based on a rigorous online examination among bright post graduate students.

## **Important Features (KSCSTE Research Fellowship)**

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## **Benefits (KSCSTE Research Fellowship)**

- The Fellowship carries a monthly stipend of ₹31,000/
- for the first two years (JRF) and ₹35,000/
- per month in the third year (SRF). There is an annual contingency grant of ₹20,000/
- All Research Fellows shall be allowed hostel accommodation wherever available and those residing in a hostel provided by the University/Institute shall not be eligible for HRA. Reimbursement of hostel fee shall not be permissible, where the hostel facility is not possible. House Rent Allowance shall be allowed a maximum of 10% of their fellowship. The fellowship is for a period not exceeding three years.

## **Eligibility (KSCSTE Research Fellowship)**

- Candidates, who have qualified for the post
- graduate degree, shall have three consecutive chances to apply for the Fellowship programme. Thus, a candidate who has passed the examination in the current year can apply in this year, the next year, and the year after next. The candidates (General and OBC candidates) should have a minimum of 70% marks or equivalent CGPA in their PG examination and 65% for SC/ST and differently abled candidates. Only candidates who have their qualifying degree (PG) from any of the Universities in Kerala are eligible to apply. Upper age limit: Maximum 35 years (Should not exceed 35 years as of the 1st of the month of the advertisement published on the website) for all applicants.

## **Application Process (KSCSTE Research Fellowship)**

- Step 01: Generally, applications are invited during September - October every year.
- Step 02: Applications are invited through online mode and applicants need to visit the Official Website of KSCSTE.
- Note 01: There is a non-refundable registration fee of ₹750/- for general candidates and SC/ST/Persons with disability candidates are exempted.
- Note 02: No hard copies of the application form will be accepted.
- Note 03: Candidates who have registered for the fellowship have to appear for an examination which is conducted online at three centers across Kerala.
- Contact Details: The Head, Basic Science Division, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment (KSCSTE), Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom, Thiruvananthapuram - 695 004, Tel: +91 471 2548360/314 E-mail: [bsd.kscste@kerala.gov.in](mailto:bsd.kscste@kerala.gov.in)

## **Documents Required (KSCSTE Research Fellowship)**

- 1. Identity proof of applicant
- 2. Passport size photographs
- 3. PG Marks sheet & Degree certificate
- 4. Proof of age
- 5. Caste certificate for SC/ST candidates
- 6. Medical certificate for persons with disability
- 7. Any other document
- as required

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