**UNDERTAKING FOR THE CANDIDATE PURSUING Ph.D.**

I, Mr./Ms. -----------------------------------------------------------------------, Son/Daughter of Shri -------------------------------------------------, Resident of ----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------, Tal. ------------------------------, Dist. ---------------------------------- of Maharashtra State, do hereby confirm and agree to abide by the following terms and conditions for receiving financial assistance under the Schedule Tribes Research Fellowship (STRF)- 2023-24, provided by the Tribal Research and Training Institute, Pune (hereinafter referred to as 'TRTI'):

1. Financial assistance under STRF- 2023-24 for my Ph.D. studies will be directly deposited into my Aadhar-linked savings bank account.
2. I shall comply with all terms and conditions set forth by TRTI and shall be entitled to financial assistance as per eligibility from the date of the fellowship award letter issued by TRTI and as per G.R dated 3/02/2023
3. The award letter is provisional and subject to verification of submitted documents.
4. I am entitled to financial assistance as specified in Clause 8 below.
5. I agree not to request retroactive financial assistance or any extension beyond my Ph.D. tenure or thesis submission date, whichever is earlier.
6. Any change in my financial status will be promptly reported to TRTI.
7. The fellowship is awarded for the research subject stated in my registration letter submitted to TRTI.
8. Details of financial assistance applicable to me under STRF- 2023-24 are as follows, effective from dt------------------------- (date of PHD registration)

Sr. Item Financial Assistance

* 1. Amount of Fellowship Rs. 31,000/- per month.
  2. Contingency (Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce) Rs. 20,500/- per annum. Contingency (Sciences, Engineering & Technology) Rs. 25,000/- per annum. Escorts/Reader Assistance Rs. 2,000/- per month for physically and visually challenged candidates
  3. HRA As per Govt. of Maharashtra rules

1. The total tenure of financial assistance is 5 years with no extensions allowed. Financial assistance will be calculated from the date of PhD registration.
2. Disbursement of fellowship and other financial assistance will occur every Three months based on my Presence report and progress report, to my Aadhar-linked savings bank account.
3. I agree to submit the following documents in prescribed formats to TRTI:

i. Joining report (Annexure - I)

ii. Half-yearly progress report with abstract (Annexure - II)

iii. Continuation Certificate (Annexure - III)

iv. Utilization Certificate for Contingency grant (Annexure - IV)

v. Details of expenditure from Contingency grant (Annexure - V)

vi. Annual HRA certificate (Annexure - VI)

vii. Monthly Attendance details (Annexure - VII)

viii. Evaluation report after two years (Annexure VIII)

1. All information will be provided in formats specified by TRTI.
2. Progress reports will be evaluated by TRTI, with release of the last three months' fellowship contingent upon satisfactory progress.
3. **I agree not to hold any paid or unpaid position during the fellowship period, nor accept any other form of emolument or scholarship. Breach of this condition will result in discontinuation of financial assistance and recovery of funds disbursed.**
4. I understand that any lapse on my part may lead to ineligibility for financial assistance under STRF- 2023-24.
5. I will undertake full-time research under an approved guide on the selected subject, as per university/institution approval.
6. The approved research topic will not be changed during my Ph.D. tenure.
7. I will submit a detailed narrative Status Report every six months on my research progress as per TRTI format.
8. Financial assistance is subject to evaluation of my progress and entitlement as per TRTI criteria.
9. I will attend workshops and seminars organized by TRTI during the fellowship tenure.
10. The last six months' fellowship will be disbursed only after submission of my research thesis.
11. **In case of discontinuation or surrender of the fellowship, I agree to refund the entire amount spent by TRTI on me.**
12. I will adhere to all current and future terms set by TRTI and ensure sincerity and propriety in completing my research.
13. I will be available for discussions related to my research as required by TRTI, without entitlement to financial assistance or allowance.
14. I will maintain proper conduct throughout the fellowship period. Any misconduct may result in penalties including cancellation of fellowship.
15. I will be responsible for messages sent by TRTI to my mobile number and email address provided.
16. I will provide all requested information to TRTI promptly for performance evaluation or other purposes during the fellowship period.
17. I have submitted copies of required documents with this agreement and will submit any outstanding documents by July 31, 2024.
18. I understand that verification of all submitted documents will occur, and any proven falsehood may result in cancellation of fellowship and requirement to refund TRTI.
19. I will cooperate with TRTI in any document verification or investigation.
20. I acknowledge that the fellowship may be cancelled if I breach any conditions listed below:

[List of cancellation conditions Mentioned in GR 3/02/2024 of Tribal Development department] Government of Maharastra]

1. I accept that TRTI may add additional terms and conditions in the future, which will be binding.
2. In case of disputes, the decision of Commissioner TRTI pune will be final and binding.

Accepted and signed voluntarily, with full understanding of the implications and responsibilities involved.

**Signature of Candidate:**

Full Name:

Full Address:

E-mail:

Mobile No.:

Aadhar No.:

[Aadhar Photo Copy Attached]

|  |  |
| --- | --- |
| **Signature of Witness - 1:** | **Signature of Witness - 2:** |
| Full Name: | Full Name: |
| Full Address: | Full Address: |
| E-mail: | E-mail: |
| Mobile No.: | Mobile No.: |
| Aadhar No.: | Aadhar No.: |

[Aadhar Photo Copy Attached]