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research proposal are given in Appendix A) Areas of Research and Eligible Projects: The selected Scholars will normally work on a project that benefits the Nodal Institution in terms of unraveling its resources. The subject of research should be one that can be usefully pursued with the resources and facilities of the Nodal Institution awarding the Scholarship, though he/she will be free to draw on the resources and facilities of other institutions, as well. If the subject of research extends to more than one institution or the Scholar otherwise needs to draw upon the resources and facilities of other institution(s), the Nodal Institution awarding the Scholarship would recommend the Scholars to such other institution(s). In rare cases, where two institutions appear to be of almost equal importance to the Scholars, the second institution may be deemed to be the "Co-institution" and the two may sign a Tripartite MoU regarding Intellectual Property, Publication, Credit sharing, facilities, etc. but accounting shall be with the Nodal Institution. Since the Scheme is focused on unraveling the cultural resources of the Nodal Institution, the project must be driven in that direction, that is, to use substantially the resources of the Nodal Institution. The inputs required for the project should have a very strong linkage with the resources available with the Nodal Institution and (in rare cases) the Co-institution. At the end of it, the project outcome must be beneficial for the Nodal Institution or co-institution, if any, and must add to the existing knowledge of the institution/subject.

**Application Process**

**Offline Application Process:**

**Step 01:** The Ministry of Culture and/or the concerned institution will widely advertise the Scholarship in the leading national/regional newspapers and on its website (which should give all details) and also disseminate the scheme through professional associations/forums in the relevant fields, so that maximum publicity is accorded to the Scheme.

**Step 02:** Eligible Scholars who can spare time of about two years to do a project based on the resources of any of the participating institutions can only apply during the prescribed timeline mentioned in the advertisement.

**Step 03:** The candidates may submit their application form, prepared according to the prescribed guidelines of the Scheme, to any one of the Nodal Institutions of his/her choice depending upon the area of research proposed to be undertaken.

**Step 04:** Candidates may submit their application form along with a biocatalyst of publications and other relevant documents including a write-up on the proposed work (guidelines are in Appendix A), the applicant should enclose a declaration stating that if selected for the Scholarship, he/she will complete the tenure of the Scholarship. **Note:** The list of nodal institutions along with the other relevant details of the Scheme and application form is available on the website of the Ministry of Culture and Prime Ministers Museum and Library (PMML) (erstwhile Nehru Memorial Museum and Library (NMML) under the Scheme Head of the website).

**Process of Selection:**

**Step 01:** The received applications will be examined by the Institution Level Search-cum-Screening Committee (ILSSC) constituted by each participating institution for the purposes of this scheme.

**Step 02:** The applications found worthy of consideration will be shortlisted by the ILSSC.

**Step 03:** The selection will be based on the relevance of the study, the benefits of the nodal institution from that particular study, and the credentials and reputation of the scholar. Only such proposals may be selected that seek to (a) engage Scholars who have achieved national or international recognition and proven acceptance of their work in national/ international circles; (b) bring out resources that are not yet fully out in the public domain; and (c) publish the work for the benefit of the concerned institution. The selection will be done in two stages.

**Step 04:** The first stage will be of shortlisting of projects and candidates by the ILSSC, according to the criteria broadly specified as part of the Search-cum-Screening process. Apart from considering the applications received, the ILSSC is also expected to adopt a proactive approach to identify relevant projects and search for reputed Scholars in that field, contact such Scholars, and encourage them to submit their proposals. If the received proposals are not worthy of consideration, the ILSSC need not feel compelled to recommend any proposals for consideration by the NSC.

**Step 05:** At the second stage, applications/names of short-listed candidates will be considered by the NSC for each institution.

**Contact Details:**

(i) Director, Nehru Memorial Museum & Library, Teen Murti Bhawan, New Delhi-1100011. @ Ph. No. 011-23013152 or through E-mail: [aroresearch.nmml@gov.in](mailto:aroresearch.nmml@gov.in)

(ii) Section Officer (S & F, Ministry of Culture), Puratatava Bhawan, 2nd Floor, D-Block, GPO Complex, INA, New Delhi-110023, Ph. No. 011-24642133 Between 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM or through e-mail [@scholar-culture@nic.in](mailto:@scholar-culture@nic.in)

**Note:** Correspondences (In relation to queries/submission of six monthly progress reports only) through e-mail to the Ministry of Culture and Nehru Memorial Museum and Library would be considered as an approved mode of communication regarding the scheme.

**Documents Required**

Identity proof i.e. Aadhaar Card

Passport-size Photograph

Qualifications certificates

Caste certificate, if applicable

Disability certificate, if applicable

Details of Publications, if any (including publication presentation of papers, performances, awards, recognitions, etc., if separately)

A write-up/synopsis of proposed research work

A short write-up along with application - How the proposed research project is going to be beneficial to the Nodal Institution.

NoC, if a regular Central/State Government Employee

Any other document, as required

**Frequently Asked Questions**

What is the "Tagore National Scholarship for Cultural Research" Scheme?

The Scheme has been introduced to invigorate and revitalize the various institutions under the Ministry of Culture (MoC) and other identified cultural institutions in the country, by encouraging Scholars/academicians to affiliate themselves with these institutions to work on projects of mutual interest.

Which is the implementing agency of this scheme?

Institutions under the Ministry of Culture, Government of India

Who are eligible to apply under the scheme?

A scholar with good academic credentials at least one publication, either a book or a research paper in reputed journals, and 2 years of research/teaching experience will be eligible to apply for the Tagore National Scholarships.

What is the number of Scholarships awarded annually?

The scheme envisages the granting of up to 25 Scholarships in a year.

What is the scope of this Scheme?

The scope of the Scheme is to enable the identified cultural institutions to engage Scholars of outstanding merit, to work on research projects in order to unravel their unexplored resources. For purposes of convenience, monitoring, accounting, and responsibility, one of the institutions listed above would be the "Nodal Institution" for each project, and the Scholars will be attached/anchored to that institution.

Can young artists/performers apply for the scholarship?

Yes, this scheme also gives opportunities to young artists/performers to apply for the scholarship.

Can a candidate apply again for a Scholarship under this scheme, Once awarded a Tagore National Scholarship?

No, the scholarship shall not be awarded again to the same candidate.

How much will the monthly Scholarship be given to the eligible Scholar?

The scholarship honorarium will be ₹50,000/- per month. However, if the scholar is from a University, College, Research Institute, or Government set-up in India, he/she would be entitled to the same pay, including grade pay, etc., which he/she would have drawn had he/she continued in his/her parent organization.

How much will the contingency grant to be paid to the eligible Scholars?

In case of scholars selected as Tagore Scholars under Non-MoC institutions, will also be paid a contingency grant by the Ministry on an "actuals basis" up to a maximum ceiling of ₹10,000/- per month and such other allowances/benefits provided in this scheme depending on the nature and the duration of the project subject to the verification of the bills by the Nodal Institutions.

What is the duration of the Scholarship?

The duration of the Tagore Scholarship is up to 2 years.

Will the Scholars be entitled to receive a House Rent Allowance?

Yes, the selected Scholar will be entitled to receive a House Rent Allowance of up to 30% of the honorarium.

How can an applicant apply for the scheme?

The applicants may submit their application form, prepared according to the prescribed guidelines of the Scheme, to any one of the Nodal Institutions of his/her choice depending upon the area of research proposed to be undertaken.

**Sources And References**

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**Nodal Institutions (Participating Institutions):**The Scheme shall cover the institutions under the Ministry of Culture (MoC), as listed in the Guidelines, and may cover other such institutions in the future. The scheme will also cover Non-MoC institutions with cultural resources like manuscripts, artifacts, antiquities, books, publications, records, etc., and seek to take advantage of the scheme by engaging distinguished Scholars to work on its resources and also known for its rich publications. The nodal institutions (both MoC and non-MoC) are classified into four groups broadly based on their different areas of specialization, focus, and resources. The classification is as follows:

1. Group-A: Archaeology, Antiquities, Museums & Galleries
2. Group-B: Archives, Libraries and General Scholarship
3. Group-C: Anthropology & Sociology
4. Group D: Crafts, Performing/Visual/Literary Arts

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**Duration of the Scholarship:**The duration of the Tagore Scholarship is up to 2 years. In exceptional cases, the institution may recommend to the NSC an extension for a period of up to one more year, or a reduction to somewhat less than two years, if it is supported by its assessment of the quality of the work undertaken. However, in the case of extension, the Scholar won’t be eligible for any remuneration including contingency. The award of the Scholarship will commence from the date of joining and the “months” and “years” will be reckoned accordingly.

**Number of Scholarships:**The scheme envisages the granting of up to 25 Scholarships in a year. Each nodal institution can be awarded 1 Scholarship or a maximum of 2 scholarships in a year. However, the MoC has the discretionary power to relax these numbers.

**Administration of the Scheme:**The total number of Scholarships administered by the institutions may be decided by the Ministry of Culture from time to time, in consultation with the participating institutions. This will be based on certain criteria such as the size of its untapped holdings, physical facilities already existing in the institution, the capacity of the institution to guide and inspire the Scholars to get the best out of them, its past record in publication and research, need for research/study in a particular area, etc. An amount of up to 2% of the total allocation may be set aside for meeting expenses related to the administration of the scheme including monitoring, implementation, inspection, review, etc. of the research work carried out by the Scholars, through outsourcing or Consultants.

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