

ICAR Senior Research Fellowship For Post-Graduate Studies In Agricultural Sciences

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Ministry Of Agriculture and Farmers Welfare

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Agriculture Fellowship Research Details

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Benefits

Veterinary Sciences: ₹ 12,000/- per month With a contingency grant of ₹ 6,000/- per annum.

All disciplines other than Veterinary Sciences: ₹ 8,640/- per month With a contingency grant of ₹ 6,000/- per annum.

The rates of fellowship and contingency grants for higher studies will be as prescribed by the Council from time to time.

Eligibility

Method of Award

ICAR-SRF (PGS) will be awarded on the basis of merit in the All India Competitive Entrance Examination for - (i) ICAR-SRF (PGS), and (ii) concurrent admission to Master's degree program at - a) State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), and b) Deemed Universities viz. IARI (New Delhi) / IVRI (Izatnagar) / NDRI (Karnal) / CIFE (Mumbai) / AAU (Allahabad), Central Agricultural University (Imphal, Manipur), and c) Central Universities having faculty of agriculture viz. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Visva Bharti, and Nagaland University, collectively hereinafter referred to as the Agricultural Universities (AUs).

Eligibility

Candidates having completed their Master's degree program with a minimum of 55% marks or an OGPA of 5.5/10.00 or 2.75/5.00 or 2.20/4.00 or an equivalent OGPA from any recognized University in India and abroad would be eligible. For SC/ST and Physically Handicapped (PH) candidates, the minimum percentage of marks will be relaxed by 5 percent or an equivalent OGPA. The equivalence of OGPA to percent marks, where needed, will be certified by the Registrar of the concerned University. Candidates appearing in the final semester would also be eligible provided they complete their postgraduate degree in all respects by the date of examination and produce the complete degree certificate from the Registrar to this effect. The fellowship would be granted only when the candidate gets eventually admitted and pursues a Ph.D. degree in an Agricultural University (AU) other than the Agricultural University (AU) from where the candidate has completed M.Sc./M.V.Sc./ M.E./M.Tech. degree. The upper age limit would be 30 years as of the date of the examination. For SC/ST & PH categories, the upper age limit will be relaxed by 5 years. For OBC the upper age limit will be relaxed by 3 years. For in-service candidates of Agricultural Universities (AU), the upper age limit would be 45 years as of the date of examination whereas, the academic performance requirement would remain as stated above.

NOTE 1: Reservation of various categories such as SC/ST/OBC and PH etc. will be given as per Government of India rules/instructions issued from time to time. The responsibility of verification of the genuineness of SC/ST/OBC and PH certificates will solely rest with the concerned Agricultural University (AU) where the candidate has been recommended for admission or granted provisional admission.

NOTE 2: The ICAR-SRF (PGS) will NOT be available for admission in any university other than the AUs as mentioned above.

Application Process

Online

Step 1: Candidates need to create an online Registrar ID by using a unique Email ID and Mobile No.

Step 2: Now, fill in the necessary details such as Details, Date of birth, etc.

Step 3: Upload the required documents like the scanned photograph, signature, thumb impression, etc.

Step 4: Now, pay the online fee.

Step 5: After filling the online form, the candidate will get the system generated online number.

Step 6: The candidate letting the candidate's details will have to send the hard copy of the online form and the candidate's details to the Registrar (Dr. Edn.) by the latest date.

Application Correction

After submitting the application form for ICAR SRF candidates will get a chance to correct their mistakes. The NTA will provide a correction window to edit the application for the last time. With the help of credentials, candidates can update the application form and rectify their mistakes. No further chance will be given to candidates if they fail to correct their application in this window.

Documents Required

Candidates must be ready with the following documents while filling out the Application form.

Candidate's Photograph (file size: 10 kb - 200 kb)

Candidate's Signature (file size: 4kb - 30kb)

Thumb impression (file size: 3kb-30kb)

Govt Identity Details like Aadhaar Number / Election Card (EPIC No.) / Passport number / Ration Card Number / Bank Account Number / PAN Number / Other valid Govt Ids.

Three identical copies of the latest passport-size colored photographs (with name and date)

Copy of payment of application fee (As proof)

Post-office receipt as postal dispatch proof of application.

Address for communication, Mobile Number, email id, etc.

Bank Account details for payment of Fee, for uploading as part of the submission of the online application.

Note - The Thumb Impression used for filling the Online Application Form for ICAR, should be Left (for Males) and Right (for Females).

Frequently Asked Questions

Does ICAR release the application forms for PhD courses?

The National Testing Agency (NTA) conducted ICAR AICE and ICAR AIEEA on behalf of ICAR. Candidates had to visit the official website of ICAR-NTA to apply online.

What are different modes to apply for SRF (PhD)?

Application Forms can only be submitted online mode on the website <https://icar.nta.ac.in>. The Application Form other than online mode will not be accepted.

Can a person submit more than one application form for the exam?

NO. Only ONE application is to be submitted by a candidate for appearing in the exam.

What documents or certificates do I need to upload along with the Application Form?

Candidates need to upload scanned images of their photograph, signature and thumb impression, with the Application Form. No certificates are required to be uploaded along with the Application Form at the time of online submission.

How can I pay Application Fee?

Fee can be paid using SBI/Canara /HDFC/ICICI Bank Payment Gateway through Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking/UPI/Paytm. Candidates need to keep proof of fee paid.

If I have made any mistake(s) while registering/applying, can I make changes later in the Application Form?

Once the "Final Submit" button has been clicked, the candidate's details cannot be edited/changed. However, NTA shall open the "Correction Window" as per the schedule and the Correction in particulars of the Application Form can be incorporated on the website only during the "Correction Window". No corrections shall be allowed after the closure of the correction window and all particulars entered by the candidate would be considered as final.

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