

دليل المنح الدراسية للأجانب من الحكومة الهندية

Guidelines for Junior Research Fellowship and Research Associateship for Foreign Nationals from University Grant Commission

1. Introduction

This scheme was initiated keeping in view the political and cultural bilateral relations of India with other developing countries of Asia, Africa and Latin America. The scheme has opened new vistas for foreign students and teachers, enabling them to come to India and undertake advanced studies and research in science, humanities and social sciences in Indian universities.

2. Objectives

The objective of the scheme is to provide an opportunity to foreign students and teachers from developing countries to undertake advanced study and research leading to M.Phil./Ph.D. and postdoctoral research in sciences, humanities and social Sciences at Indian universities.

3. Eligibility/Target

Target Group : Students and teachers from developing countries of Asia/Africa and Latin America

for junior research fellowship (JRF): The upper age limit for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) is 35 years for men as on 1 July of the year of application and 40 years for women. The candidate must have at least a high-class master's degree with a second-class bachelor's degree, or second-class master's degree with a first-class bachelor's degree.

For Research Associateships (RA): In case of male applicants the age should be 40 years as on 1 July of the year of application, and 45 years in the case of female candidates. The candidate must have a doctorate degree, published research work to their credit and evidence of independent research work .

4. Procedure for Applying for the Scheme

The applications are invited through circulation to Indian embassies/Indian missions abroad. They will receive applications from eligible candidates and, after due screening locally, will send them to the UGC for consideration. Foreign students from Asia, Africa and Latin America studying in India who have completed their master's degrees or doctoral degrees and desire to pursue research may send their applications through the university they propose to work with. The application will have to be endorsed by their respective embassies in India for consideration by the Commission.

5. Procedure for Approval by the UGC

The applications received are placed before a short listing/screening committee constituted for this purpose. The short listed proposals are placed before the selection committee to finalise the proposals for the award of JRF and RA. The decision of the Commission is final and binding. The UGC conveys the provisional intimation of selection to the candidate. However, this intimation does not bestow the award to the candidate. The formal award letter is issued only on receipt of political clearance from the Ministry of Home Affairs and the Ministry of External affairs, Government of India. The Commission also reserves the right to withdraw/cancel the award without assigning any reason.

The financial assistance available under the scheme is as follows:

JRF:

@ Rs.12000/- p.m. for initial period of tow years

@ Rs. 14,000/- p.m. for remainig period subject to the recommendation for enhancement/ extension by a three member committee and the commission's approval for sciences for initial tow years

Contingency @ Rs.12,000/-p.a. for science
@ Rs.10,000/-p.a. for humanities and social sciences
@ Rs.25,000/-p.a. for remaining period of science
@ Rs.20,500/-p.a. for remaining period of humanities
Department @ Rs. 3000/-p.a. per jrf assistance
Escort/ @ Rs. 2000/-p.a. per JRF
Handicaped allowance
HRA as per rule of the concerned institution

RA

Fellowship @ Rs.16000/- p.m.
contingency @ Rs.30000/- p.a.
Departmental @ 10% of associateship to the host institution for providing
Assistant infrastructural facilities.
HRA as per rule of the concerned institution

HRA: Suitable single-seated hostel accommodation in the institutions may be provided to the JRF, failing which HRA as per rules of the university/institution will be paid to the fellow subject to the submission of the HRA certification through registrar/principal. JRF/RA provided with accommodation in hostel recognised/maintained by the institutions may be reimbursed the hostel fee, excluding mess, electricity, water charges, etc. A certificate to this effect is to be furnished through the registrar/principal (Annexure I). If JRF/RA makes his/her own arrangements of accommodation, he/she may be entitled to draw HRA as per categorization of cities by the Government of India. The Fellow will submit a certificate for this purpose to UGC for claiming HRA through the concerned university/institution/college

Medical: No separate/fixed medical assistance is provided. However, the JRF/RA may avail of the medical facilities available in the institution/university

Leave: Leave for a maximum period of 30 days in a year in addition to public holidays may be taken by a Fellow with the approval of the supervisor. However, they are not entitled to any other vacations, for example, summer, winter and pooja vacations. Women awardees are eligible for maternity leave at full rates of the fellowship for 135 days as per Government of India rules once during the tenure of their award. The awardee may in special cases may be allowed by the Commission leave without fellowship/associateship and contingency for a period not exceeding three months during the tenure of award on the recommendation of the supervisor/Head of department of the institution concerned. The period of leave without fellowship/associateship will be counted towards the tenure.

For more detail and uploading the forms please visit the following link:

http://www.ugc.ac.in/financialsupport/guideline_11.html