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GOVERNMENT OF PUDUCHERRY

CHIEF SECRETARIAT

(HIGHER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION)

(G.O. Ms. No. 02, Puducherry, dated 18th January 2019)

ORDER

In supersession of G.O. Ms. No. 21, dated 28-03-2007 of the Chief Secretariat (Education), Puducherry, the existing scheme of "Award to the Research Scholars for Studentship/Fellowship for their research studies in Tamil/Telugu/Malayalam/French languages" is replaced with "Award of Fellowship to the Research Scholars for Research Studies in any subject in Government Arts and Science Colleges" from the academic year 2018-19 onwards and new guidelines appended to this order.

- 2. This order shall come into effect from the date of publication in the Official Gazette.
- 3. This issues with the concurrence of Finance Department, Puducherry *vide* their I.D. No. 2390-A/F4/A4/FC/18, dated 03-12-2018.

(By order of the Lieutenant-Governor)

F.P. VERBINA JAYARAJ,

Under Secretary to Government (Higher and Technical Education).

Guidelines for Grant of Fellowship to the Research Scholars for their Research Studies in any of the Subjects in Government/Society Run Arts and Science Colleges

I General Terms of Award:

Fellowship in the form of Stipend/Contingent Grant to all the students who are natives/residents of the Union territory of Puducherry and doing research work in any of the subjects in Kanchi Mamunivar Centre for Postgraduate Studies, Puducherry and all other Government/Society Run Arts and Science Colleges may be awarded annually.

- II Eligibility Conditions and Qualification for Fellowship:
- 1. The Research Scholars should be a native/resident of Union territory of Puducherry.
- 2. The awards will be open to students who are preferably below the age of 30 years and holding a Master's Degree in their respective subject of a recognized University in the First Class or Second Class in any of the subjects in the Colleges.
- 3. The students joining the Government Colleges must have registered for the Ph.D. Degree in Pondicherry University (*i.e.*, Affiliated University)
- 4. Full-time Ph.D. candidates alone are eligible for this Fellowship.
- 5. They should not be in receipt of any other financial assistance like scholarships, JRF or NET fellowships, *etc.*, from any Government/Non-Government organization.

6. The bills duly countersigned by the Guide and the Head of Department must be submitted for the utilization of the contingent grants which must be used for the purchase of books, journals, data, chemicals, specimen, spectra, *etc*.

III Submission of Application for Award of Fellowship:

A student who desires to apply for the award must send his/her application in the prescribed Form to the Head of the Institution through the Head of Department under whom he proposes to work. The application shall be endorsed by the Guide who supervises/proposes to supervise the work of the candidate/scholar.

IV Place of Research:

The students (Research Scholars) will work in their Department of respective Institutions.

V Value and Tenure:

- (a) The Value of Fellowship shall be $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{?}{$\sim}} 5,000$ per month for each student and contingent grant of $\stackrel{?}{\stackrel{?}{$\sim}} 10,000$ per annum.
- (b) The Fellowship shall be paid for the minimum period of the course *i.e.*, 3 years for those who join with Postgraduate qualification and 2 years with M.Phil. qualification.
- (c) The candidate will be eligible for continuation only if, he/she has successfully completed the Pre-Ph.D. examination/Annual Doctoral Committee Review.

VI Fees:

The students (Research Scholars) selected to work in their respective Institutions shall pay such fees as may be prescribed by the concerned Institutions.

VII Execution Of Bond:

On selection, each student (Research Scholars) shall execute a Bond with the Government of Puducherry, the terms of which shall be settled by the Director, Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, Puducherry, agreeing to engage diligently in research work. The cancellation of the tenure of the Studentship/Fellowship drawn by him/her in case of resignation before the expiry of the tenure or to its

forfeiture for misconduct or for unsatisfactory progress or for failure to abide by the norms of the University governing the holding of research studentship/fellowship or such rules as the University may, from time to time lay down in regard to such studentships or the conditions issued to him at the time of the award of the Studentship/Fellowship. The Bond should be registered at the cost of the students (Research Scholars) and submitted to their respective Institutions. However, due to some reason or other, if, the Research Scholar happens to discontinue further research work, the entire fellowship and the contingent grant received by him/her has to be refunded to the Government through the respective Institution. The Head of Institutions have to keep a strict vigil, over the continuity of Research Scholars till the completion of three years/ two years and inform the Director, Directorate of Higher and Technical Education, if, any of the students (Research Scholars) have discontinued their research work in the middle of the course. The Government of Puducherry shall have the power to waive the claims for refund in case of ill health supported by a Medical Certificate or in case where it considers sufficient cause has been shown to warrant such exemption from repayment.

VIII Work and Result of Investigation:

- (a) The students (Research Scholars) will do whole time research work under approved guidance in a subject selected by him and approved by the University. The students shall present a half yearly report of their research work through his Supervisor. He/She shall before the expiry of the studentship present a comprehensive report and supply to the University free of cost, a copy of the published work if any and an abstract in about 500 words of the research work during the tenure of his Studentship/Fellowship.
- (b) The students (Research Scholar) shall not, without the previous permission of the University/Institution join any other course of study, or appear at any other examination conducted by any University or Public Body or relinquishes the award.
- (c) During the tenure of the studentship, the student must engage himself diligently in his investigations. The University shall have power to deprive him/her of one's studentship at any time, if in its opinion, his progress and conduct are not satisfactory.

IX Students to be on Full-Time:

Each student (research scholar) shall be a full-time research worker while holding the studentship and shall not accept or hold any appointment, paid or otherwise or receive any emolument salary, stipend, etc. from any other source during the tenure of the award. He/She may however with the approval of the supervisor and the University undertake teaching assignment of five to nine hours a week at the Department where he/she is working without accepting any remuneration.

X Publication of Results of Investigation:

Each student (Research Scholar) shall not during the tenure of his/her studentship be at liberty to publish any results of his investigation until he/she has laid them before the syndicate of the University in accordance with the rules laid down above and has obtained sanction for such publication.

XI Submission of Renewal for Award of Studentship/Fellowship:

The renewal proposal for Fellowship/Studentship in respect of student (Research Scholars) for II and III years may be submitted along with the following particulars:

- (a) An utilization certificate
- (b) Assessment report from the Guide to consider further financial assistance for the subsequent years.

XII If, any doubt arises in implementation of the Guidelines, the decision of the Government is the final.

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