

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

MRP Bureau

S. No.	Questions	Answers
1.	Who is eligible to get MRP assistances?	The University Grants Commission will provide support to permanent/regular working/retired teachers in the State, Central, Deemed and Private Universities and Colleges (Under Section 2(f) and 12 B of UGC Act, 1956) only.
2.	Whether Librarian of Universities and Colleges are eligible to participate in this scheme?	Only the teaching faculty of Library Science is eligible to participate in this scheme.
3.	What is the procedure for applying?	All eligible <i>permanent</i> teachers may submit their MRP applications ONLINE in the prescribed proforma available on the UGC website. Before submitting to UGC, the concerned institute should get the proposal assessed by their Research bodies with a certificate that the proposed research work is in conformity with the MRP guidelines.
4.	What is a gap year for applying another project?	After completion of one project (date of finalization of accounts of the project), if a teacher desires to undertake another UGC project, a gap of one year will be necessary.
5.	Whether a retired teacher entitle for project fellow?	The Retired Principal Investigators are not entitled for Project Fellow. They should do full time research.
6.	Whether a teacher who retired during the tenure is eligible for Honorarium?	He/she will not be eligible for Honorarium.
7.	Whether a Principal Investigator could appoint a NET/GATE qualified candidate?	The Project Fellow whether NET/GATE or Non-NET/Non- GATE, the recommendation of the UGC interface committee of Major Research project may be final and abiding.
8.	Whether Project Fellow can work on two projects on same period?	No, the Project Fellow should work fulltime in the project and get the fellowship from one funding agency/source only.
9.	Whether a project fellow eligible for enhanced fellowship as per public notice issued on UGC website during December, 2014?	The MRP project fellows are not entitled for the enhanced fellowship which was revised on 01 December 2014.
10.	Whether a project fellow appointed in MRP project can claim his fellowship during the extension period of the project?	Yes, within the allocation of project fellow salary and duration of period of project, fellows can claim fellowship as per recommendation of the Interface Committee.
11.	When the 2 nd Instalment of grant released	On the basis of recommendations of the Mid –Term Evaluation Experts Committee, progress report, expenditure statement and utilization certificate (atleast 80% of 1 st Instalment), UGC will release 40% of the total recurring grant as second instalment.
12.	Whether re – appropriation of grant is permissible?	The Principal Investigator may re-appropriate maximum 20 per cent of the recurring grant allocated

		under each head with permission of the Registrar/Principal under intimation to the UGC with the justifications. The non-recurring grant and fellowship/ Honorarium/ Institutional overhead grants cannot be re-appropriated.
13.	Whether Mid – Term presentation is mandatory?	Yes, If Principal Investigator fails to attend mid-term review meetings, the Commission may discontinue/cancel the project in normal circumstances and entire amount is to be refunded by the Principal Investigator to UGC.
14.	Whether project can be transferred to Co- Principal Investigator?	Project is not transferable in any case.
15.	When the Co – Principal Investigator act as Principal Investigator?	In the absence of Principal Investigator, who wants to go on any assignment outside the country not exceeding three months, Co – Investigator may act as Principal Investigator.
16.	Whether Principal Investigator transferred his project from one Institute to another. If yes, what is the procedure?	If PI is transferred from his/her original place of work to another Institution (under Section 2 (f) and 12 (B) of the UGC Act, 1956) No Objection Certificate should be furnished for the transfer of the project from both the Institutions stating that necessary facilities will be provided by the Institution in which the awardee is transferred for smooth conduct of the Major Research Project.
17.	Whether transferred of project from one Institute to another is permissible after Mid – Term Meeting?	The transfer of the project will not be permissible after the Mid-term Evaluation Committee Meeting.
18.	Whether project period can be extended?	No extension in tenure is permissible under any circumstance.
19.	Whether final report assessment/ evaluation is mandatory?	After the completion of project tenure i.e. 3 years, the parent institution of PI's should arrange to make the final assessment/evaluation of the project minimum by two expert members (not belonging to their institution) nominated by Registrar/Principal. Then, institution should forward the completion documents along with expert committee report in the prescribed proforma.
20.	Whether posting of final report and executive summary on Institution's website?	It is mandatory to post the FINAL REPORT and Executive summary of the report, Research documents, monograph, academic papers provided under Major Research Project on the website of the University/College. A Certificate of the same duly signed and stamped by the Registrar/Principal.
21.	Whether detailed statement of Travel and Fieldwork is mandatory?	A consolidated audited detailed statement of travel and fieldwork during the complete project period duly signed and sealed by Govt. Internal Auditor/ Chartered Accountant, Registrar/ Principal as well as

		the Principal Investigator in the prescribed proforma is mandatory.
22.	Whether statement of expenditure and Utilization Certificate should be audited?	Yes, a consolidated audited Utilization Certificate and audited item – wise detailed statement of expenditure incurred during the complete project period duly signed and sealed by Govt. Internal Auditor/ Chartered Accountant, Registrar/ Principal as well as the Principal Investigator in the prescribed proforma to be submitted.
23.	What is time limit for utilizing the non-recurring grant?	If the Non-Recurring grant is not utilized before Mid-term Evaluation meeting, prior permission may be obtained from the Vice-Chancellor of the University.
24.	Which type of Bank account should be opened for the MRP grant?	It is mandatory to keep the UGC grant in separate savings bank account.
25.	Whether Bank account should be mapped with PFMS portal?	It has been decided to make all the financial transactions to the institutions which covered under section 12(b) of the UGC Act through Public Finance Management System (PFMS) portal only from the financial year 2016-17 onwards. The Registrars/Principals are requested to get their institution's Bank Accounts for Major Research Project Schemes (UGC General Scheme Code No. 0875) registered/mapped under PFMS.
26.	It is mandatory to show the Interest earned on UGC grant?	Yes, It is mandatory to show the Interest earned in the statement of expenditure and utilization certificate. At the time of finalization of account, interest earned on MRP grant is to be refunded to UGC.