

“UGC – BSR FACULTY FELLOWSHIP SCHEME”
under
THE MHRD / UGC – PROGRAMME ON “STRENGTHENING OF
BASIC SCIENCE RESEARCH (BSR) IN UNIVERSITIES”

BACKGROUND:

The quality of an university depends on the quality of the faculty in the university who will be able to attract the best of the students for higher education & research. In the pursuit of increasing output of quality Ph.Ds throughout India, it is planned to utilize the services of talented faculty members who have a record of qualified Ph.Ds in a sustained manner in their career and who are likely to superannuate within a year. The superannuation of teachers at varying ages ranging from 58 years to 62 years in State Universities and their affiliated Colleges has further depleted the scientifically producing manpower who may be at the peak of contribution of Science and Technology. With a view to provide opportunity for continuance of research contributions by talented Science and Technology teachers who are nearing superannuation in State Universities of Basic Science Research in universities has evolved the “UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship Scheme”.

OBJECTIVES:

- (i) To facilitate talented teachers in Science and Technology at the verge of superannuation to continue their productive research for an additional period of THREE YEARS after superannuation.
- (ii) To play a research mentorship role for young researchers and Ph.D students.

Selection Criteria:

- a) Teachers at the level of Readers/Associate professors / Professors in the Science and Technology departments of the universities.
- b) The applicant must have successfully supervised the Ph.D. dissertation of 15 (in basic sciences) or 10 (in engineering and technology) full time candidates, 5 of whom having received their degrees during the preceding 10 years.
- c) The cumulative impact factor of the published papers by the applicant should be ≥ 50 (according to the Journal citation Reports of Thomson Reuters).

- d) The applicant must have handled, as Principal Investigator, at least 3 sponsored research projects funded by national / international agencies, in the last 10 years.
- d) The applicant must apply within one year of the date of superannuation in the University.
- f) The applicant shall not hold any administrative responsibility during tenure of the fellowship which would be from the date of superannuation.
- i) The Department / School / University shall have to provide an undertaking in the application that the applicant would be provided (i) with the required laboratory infrastructure and administrative assistance for undertaking the fellowship work and (ii) with permission to take a minimum of Two stipendiary candidates for Ph.D. under the applicant, if selected for the UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship Award.

Quantum of Support:

- i) Financial assistance under the scheme shall be: 50,000/- p.m. (exclusive of the pension and / or other retirement benefits), and a research grant of 5,00,000/- p.a.
- ii) The Research can be utilized for purchase equipments, computer / laptop, printer, chemicals glassware and consumables, contingency, hiring project/technical assistant, field work, travel (within India), etc.
- iii) The grant cannot be utilized for International travel and purchase of furniture.
- iv) The recipient can decide the quantum of funds under these heads depending on his / her needs.
- v) Tenure of fellowship for Three years / 68 year whichever is earlier.

The awardee shall execute the undertaking to UGC along with the university for joining the fellowship and to abide by the norms and guidelines of UGC pertaining to this fellowship from time to time and to send the bi-annual progress report and UC/annual audited statement of accounts.

Procedure for Release of Grants

The fellowship amount shall be disbursed through UGC designated Bank into the bank account of the awardee directly. The list of designated branches of UGC identified bank is available on the UGC portal. The awardee is required to approach the designated branch along with a Copy of the Award Letter and Joining Report with photograph, address and contact number in the prescribed proforma Annexure-II. The awardee is also required to submit the following documents to the designated branch of the UGC designated Bank at the stipulated period interval. The approved Agency may verify the genuineness of records before disbursement of funds.

- i. At the end of every three months a 'Continuation Certificate' in the prescribed proforma. Annexure-III. This will make the awardee eligible to draw the fellowship for the next three months.
- ii. After completion of one year of the award of fellowship, the concerned fellow/awardee shall submit and present the abstract of its Progress Report in about 1000 words.
- iii. The Fellow/awardee shall also submit and present accounts of contingency grants in the proforma prescribed by the UGC as given in Annexure-IV.

It may be noted that UGC has proposed to link "AADHAAR" with beneficiaries' bank accounts numbers so that there can be direct cash transfer and effective disbursement of fellowship into the bank account of the beneficiary. In this regard, Secretary, UGC has already requested to universities for helping the beneficiaries for Aadhaar Enrolment vide his D.O. letter No.F.14- 34/2011(CPP-I) dated 11-01-2013.

Selection Process:

The scheme is open throughout the year. There is a designated website <http://ugcfrps.ac.in/uohyd/the-ugc-bsr-faculty-fellowship/> to apply for the fellowship. The National Coordinator of this Programme goes through the applications, evaluates them and makes recommendations.

The Empowered Committee for Basic Scientific Research (BSR) in Indian Universities goes through the recommendations of the National Coordinator of the Programme and takes the final decision.

**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
UNDERTAKING FORM FOR BSR FACULTY FELLOWSHIP**

I certify that a) General Physical facilities, such as furniture/space etc. are available in the related research department of the University/College/Institute. b) I/We shall abide by the rules governing the scheme in case assistance is provided to me/us from the UGC for the above project. c) I/We shall complete the project within the stipulated period. If I/We fail to do so and if the UGC is not satisfied with the progress of the research project, the Commission may terminate the project immediately and ask for the refund of the amount received by me/us.

Name & Signature of applicant

**Registrar/Principal/Director
(Official seal)**



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'JOINING REPORT'

BSR Faculty Fellowship

Name of Fellow:

Award letter number and date :

This is to certify that Dr. has joined the Department of..... under the University/College/Instituteunder the above scheme of University Grants Commission with effect from..... (FN/AN). He/She belongs to category. He/She will be provided with all necessary facilities during her tenure of award. The terms and conditions of the offer are acceptable to Fellow. He/She has superannuated on dated.....

Also certified that she is not a recipient of emoluments from any other source after joining the above fellowship.

Signature

Name

Date :

Name of the Candidate

Ph. /Mobile No.

e-mail :

Bank A/c No.

IFSC Code :

12-digit unique (aadhaar) number, if any: Paste Passport

Signature

Name

Date :

Head of the Deptt.

(Seal)

Ph. No.

Signature

Name

Date:

Registrar/Director/Principal

Seal of University /Institution

Ph. No.

MICR Code:



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'CONTINUATION CERTIFICATE

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This is to certify that Dr. _____ has
continuously working in the Department _____ under the
above mentioned scheme for the quarter from _____ to _____ .

Signature
Name
Date :
Name of the Candidate

Signature
Name
Date :
**Head of the Deptt.
(Seal)**

Signature
Name
Date:
**Registrar/Director/Principal
Seal of University/Institution/College**



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FORM FOR SUBMITTING ACCOUNTS OF CONTINGENCY GRANTS AND THE UTILISATION CERTIFICATE

1. Name of Emeritus Fellow:
2. Award letter number and date:
3. Name of the scheme under which she is working:
4. Period to which the accounts of contingency grant relates:
5. Expenditure

From:to.....

Amount Dated

A - Books and allied items :

B- Typing:

C- Stationery :

D- Postage :

E- Chemical and electrical/electronic goods :

F- Travel/fieldwork :

Certified that the expenditure of Rs..... (Rupees.....
.....) out of the contingency grant of Rs..... Rupees
.....) in respect of has been utilized for the
purpose for which it was sanctioned in accordance with the terms and conditions laid down by the
University Grants Commission.

If, as a result of check or audit objection, some irregularity is noticed at a later stage, action will be taken to refund, adjust or regularize the objected amount.

Signature

Name

Date :

Name of the Candidate

Signature

Name

Date :

**Head of the Deptt.
(Seal)**

Signature

Name

Date:

**Registrar/Director/Principal
Seal of University/Institution/College**

N.B. For any correspondence in this regard, the Commission's letter number and date may please be quoted without fail