



**UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION
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**GUIDELINES FOR POST GRADUATE MERIT SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME FOR
UNIVERSITY RANK HOLDERS AT UNDER GRADUATE LEVEL**

INTRODUCTION

Higher Education has had played a very vital role in the history of nation building all over the world. It is amply clear that no rise in general standards of living and culture is possible without strengthening the higher education system in the country. It obviously calls for a multipronged strategy. There is a need to modernize our higher education system, and equally important to continuously attract young and talented students to pursue higher education. It is being increasingly observed that the brighter lot is not pursuing Post-Graduate education in our institutions of higher learning. To emerge as a powerful nation, there is an urgent need to bring in talented boys and girls in the field of Post-Graduate education by way of providing them good incentives in the form of scholarships. The UGC, therefore, introduced a Post-Graduate Merit Scholarship Scheme for University undergraduate rank holders.

The scholarship may be tenable **for a period of two years to enable the rank holders of each university at undergraduate level to pursue their Master's Degree.** All universities/degree awarding institutions would be required to issue rank certificates to the toppers of the university in B.A., B.Sc., and B.Com. The purpose of this scheme is to attract talent for pursuing post graduate studies besides strengthening the basic subjects at Undergraduate level. The awardees, under this scheme, can pursue their Postgraduate programme in any area of specialization in any institution of higher learning in the country.

OBJECTIVES OF THE SCHEME

The objectives of the scheme are:

- a) to promote and nurture talent;
- b) to reward meritorious students with outstanding performance at the Under graduate level for pursuing postgraduate studies;
- c) to Promote study in **basic courses** at undergraduate level. Professional courses are not covered under the scheme;
- d) to build up academic excellence at postgraduate level across the colleges and universities in the country.

ELIGIBILITY/TARGET GROUP

- The First & Second Rank holders at undergraduate level and admitted in any Postgraduate Course would be awarded the scholarship. The students will have to submit the proof of their merit position at undergraduate level as well as their admission in postgraduate courses.
- The scholarship would, however, be subjected to securing a minimum of **sixty per cent** marks at undergraduate level.
- The scheme is applicable to such students who have taken admission in regular, full-time Master's Degree course in any recognized university, deemed university, private university, autonomous college or a post graduate college.
- The scholarship is available to the student for first PG Degree only. Age limit for the students is 30 years at the time of admission in PG course.
- Distance mode of education will not be considered under the scheme.

The Undergraduate courses from following streams have been identified for the award of scholarships:

S.No. Streams

1. Life Sciences
2. Physical Sciences
3. Chemical Sciences
4. Earth Sciences
5. Mathematical Sciences
6. Social Sciences
7. Commerce
8. Languages

Before forwarding applications students/Universities may kindly ensure that application satisfy all norms as per guidelines.

NUMBER OF SCHOLARSHIP AND TENURE OF SCHOLARSHIP

- The total number of scholarships in the first academic year would be **3000**. **The duration of the scholarship will be two years only**. The tenure of the scholarship will not be extendable beyond two years, under any circumstances.
- The rank holders would be considered from affiliated universities wherein at least **100** students and in Deemed/Private Universities, Autonomous/Non-affiliated Colleges, at least **25** students have appeared in the examination at undergraduate level in the aforesaid programmes.

MONITORING / OPERATION OF THE SCHEME

The Scholarship will be awarded by the UGC and will be informed to the concerned Universities and awardees pursuing Master's programmes. The selection will be purely merit based. The scholarship will be disbursed through College/ University where the awardees have taken admission in PG Course.

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER THE SCHEME

- The financial assistance for the scheme will be provided by the UGC to all the eligible universities/ institutions which are under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act. The Universities in turn will be responsible to submit all documents such as Statement of Expenditure and Utilization Certificate etc. to the UGC to settle the accounts.
- Each awardee, under the scheme, will be provided a scholarship of Rs.2,000/- p.m. for a period of two years (i.e. 10 months in a year). The second year grant will be released after receiving Utilization Certificate and statement of expenditure along with the progress report of the first year .
- No other additional grants will be payable in lieu of hostel charges and medical charges etc.

OTHER CONDITIONS

- The student who is awarded Post-graduate Scholarship will not be debarred from accepting any other scholarship.
- Students desirous of leaving the studies mid-way without completing the PG degree will have to take prior approval from the UGC by submitting an application along with justification through the concerned university.
- Any student who discontinues studies without prior approval of the UGC will have to refund the whole amount and the concerned institution will be responsible for this.
- The university/college/ institution has to submit a certificate of completion of the PG course in respect of each student availing this scholarship.
- No extension is permissible beyond two years.

CANCELLATION OF SCHOLARSHIP

The UGC may terminate the scholarship of any student in case of:

- a) Misconduct of the awardee, if any, reported by the University/ Institution.
- b) Unsatisfactory progress report (i.e. if the candidate scores **less than 60% marks** in the first year of Master's programme)
- c) Candidates being found ineligible at a later date shall face the penal action and will also be liable to refund the entire Scholarship amount paid.

DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED

- The candidate is required to submit an application only through **ONLINE MODE**.
- Attested copy of university undergraduate-degree.
- Matriculation certificate.
- A verification certificate by the institute where, students has taken admission to Ist Year P.G. Course.
- Prescribed format of provisional Rank certificate from the university / autonomous college.

CERTIFICATE TO BE SUBMITTED BY THE CONCERNED UNIVERSITY/ INSTITUTION TO THE UGC

Every year University/Institution will submit a compiled statement for the following:

- i) Statement giving the names of the students selected for the scholarship along with their receipt of scholarship amount.
- ii) Progress Report to be submitted after the first year of the award giving percentage of marks obtained by the candidates.
- iii) Utilization certificate.



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Post-Graduate Merit Scholarship for University Rank Holders

Name of student: _____

Award letter number and date: (to be filled after the selection) _____

(a) This is to certify that Ms./Mr. _____ D-S/o _____
is a bonafied student of PG-Ist year regular, non-professional Master degree course
_____ in the subject of _____. She/He joined the 1st year
Post-graduate degree course on dated _____ in this
Institution/College/Department _____
affiliated to _____ University.

(b) It is also certified that he/she will not be debarred from accepting any other
scholarships during the tenure of the award of PG Merit Scholarship for University Rank
Holders.

Signature
Name
Date
(Awardee)
Ph. No.
Mobile :
e-mail :
Bank A/c No.

IFSC Code :

12-digit unique (aadhaar) number, if you have:

Signature
Name
Date
(Head of Deptt.)
Seal of HoD
Ph. No.

Signature
Name
Date
(Registrar/Director/Principal)
Seal of University / Institution / College
Ph. No.

PROVISIONAL RANK CERTIFICATE

(To be issued by the University / Institute / Autonomous College from whom the student had secured the
UNDER-GRADUATE LEVEL RANK POSITION)

It is certified that Mr./Ms. _____ D/S of _____ has cleared the Under Graduate level exam (name of Degree) _____, which comes under the stream of Life Sciences , Physical Sciences , Chemical Sciences , Earth Sciences , Mathematical Sciences , Social Sciences , Commerce , Languages and obtained _____ Rank among _____ (*please mention the total number of appeared students*) students who were appeared for the above said examination at _____ under-graduate level conducted by _____ University/Institution/College.

It is also certifying that our University / Institution / College is covered under the following status (*please tick the appropriate box*):

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|-------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| (i) | Central University | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) | State University | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (ii) | State University (Private) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iii) | Deemed University (Private) | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (iv) | Deemed to be University | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (v) | Autonomous College | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (vi) | Institute of National Importance | <input type="checkbox"/> |
| (vii) | Non-University affiliated Institute | <input type="checkbox"/> |

Dated:

**Seal & Signature of
Controller of Examination / Registrar**
