

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

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**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.D.s in a sustained manner in their career and who are likely to superannuate within a year or two. In a recent analysis conducted by UGC in 2008 on the status of faculty positions filled up in universities and colleges, based on a sample survey, has revealed the following: (i) out of 46 universities with 16579 sanction posts of teachers, 53.11% of lecturer posts, 51.31% of Reader posts and 44.63% of professor posts were vacant and (ii) Out of 1344 Colleges with 23,208 sanctioned posts of teachers, 41% of lecturer posts and 18% of Reader posts were vacant. The superannuation of teachers at varying ages ranging from 55 years to 60 years in State Universities and their affiliated Colleges has further depleted the scientifically producing manpower who may be at the peak of contribution to 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.

**Eligibility criteria to apply:**

- (a) Teachers at the level of Readers/Associate professors / Professors in the Science and Technology departments of the universities.
- (b) Should have at least 15 research publications in reputed journals and have qualified at least 15 Ph.Ds in Basic Sciences or 10 in Engineering and Technology in their career out of which 5 should be in the last 10 years.
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- (d) Evidence of having handled/sponsored research projects as Principal Investigator, funded by national/international agencies in the last 10 years.
- (e) This scheme is applicable to the teachers one or two years prior to his/her age of superannuation stipulated by the concerned university.
- (f) The applicant shall not hold any administrative responsibility during tenure of the fellowship which would be from the date of superannuation.
- (g) 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.

**UGC - BSR FACULTY FELLOWSHIP AWARD:**

- (i) It will carry a fellowship amount of Rs. 30,000 per month for a maximum duration of THREE YEARS which would be exclusive of the pension and/or other retirement benefits.
- (ii) A contingency grant of Rs. 3.00 lakhs per annum out of which a sum of Rs.50,000/-may be utilized by two research scholar under the BSR Faculty Fellow.
- (iii) 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 the UC/annual audited statement of Accounts.

**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.

