Research Fellowship Scheme

For S.T. Candidates

The Schedule Tribe candidates of the Scheduled Area and Saheria Project Area of the State of Rajasthan have not been able, by and large, to get Ph.D qualification for want of financial viability and effective academic guidance. Consequently, the academic positions of reserved category for S.T. candidates in University teaching departments and/or in various research organisations have remained unoccupied.

In order to bridge the gap between the number of positions and the number of eligible candidates, the Tribal Area Development Department of the State Government has evolved the new "Research fellowship Scheme for S.T. Candidates" through the M.L.Verma Tribal Research and Training Institute, Udaipur. The scheme will aims at enabling the tribal candidates of Scheduled area to register themselves as research scholars with all recognised
Central/State/Deemed/Private University located in any part of India for perusing Ph.D programme.

1. **Eligibility Conditions:**

   The Scheme envisages the provisions for scholarships and contingency grants to the S.T. Candidates willing to conduct research for Ph.D degree.

   The eligibility criteria for such scholars may be as under:

   (a) Resident of Scheduled Area and resident of Shahbad and Kishanganj Tehsil of Baran District (Saheeria Project Area) of Rajasthan.

   (b) At least 50 percent marks in any subject at the Post-graduate level. The objective of this award is to provide fellowships in the form of financial assistance to students belonging to ST for pursuing research leading to Ph.D degree from all recognised Universities. However, preference shall be given to the meritorious students.
Following percentage will be credited in percentage of P.G. degree while calculating merit of candidate:

1. Ist Division or equivalent grade in Secondary 2%

2. Ist Division or equivalent grade in Sr. Secondary 3%

3. Ist Division or equivalent grade in U.G degree 5%

4. NET/SLET certificate 7%

The distribution of fellowship will be as per following categories -

1. Faculty of Arts. 50%

2. Faculty of commerce and management 25%
3. Faculty of Science and Technology
   25%

   including Medical and Engineering

   If eligible candidate are not found in any above category fellowship will be distributed among eligible candidates of other category.

   (c) Candidate getting any other scholarship/fellowship, getting emoluments from Central Government/State Government/PSU Local Body or engaged in any other gainful employment will not be eligible. Candidate will submit undertaking to this fact duly verified by Supervisor and Head of the Department in every six months.

   (d) After every six month from date of commencement of fellowship the Ph.D scholar will produce the satisfactory report alongwith attendance certificate issued by supervisor and Head of the Department than the next installments of fellowship will be released.
2. **Selection Process:**

(a) Applications will be invited in prescribed format (Application Form) forwarded through Supervisor, Head of the Department & Dean from the eligible candidates once in a year in the month of July through advertisement in newspaper and departmental website.

(b) Selection will be made on the basis of categorywise (faculty) merit of candidates.

(c) The application with merit list will be placed before a screening committee consist of the following:

(i) Director, T.R.I., Udaipur - Chairperson

(ii) Dy. Director, T.R.I. - Member

(iii) Departmental representative - Member
to be nominated by the Commissioner
(iv) Associate Professor, T.R.I - Member Secretary

(d) The Committee shall finalise the list of candidates and access the competence of the candidate through personal interview.

3. Terms and Conditions:

(a) The tenure of the scholarship shall be for a period of maximum three years from the date of sanction from the Tribal Research Institute or completion of Ph.D. which ever is earlier.

(b) The selected scholar shall be paid @ Rs. 15,000/- (Fifteen thousand) per month.

(c) A contingency grant of Rs. 40,000/- (Forty thousand) shall be given to the candidate for meeting the recurring expenditure viz. books/ Journals/Traveling/Stationery/ survey/field work/
Typing/Zeroxing etc., Contingent to the study on submission of bills duly verified by supervisor and Head of the Department.

Payment of contingency amount will be paid in two equal installments. First installment will be paid after submission of one year progress from the commencement of fellowship, second and final installment shall be paid after completion of two years from commencement of fellowship.

On completion of Research Project, the candidate shall deposit one copy of thesis alongwith copy of provisional certificate/degree in Tribal Research Institute, Udaipur.

(d) If the candidate is found irregular/careless/indiscipline or University take any disciplinary action against him/her, the fellowship shall be terminated
forthwith at the discretion of the Director, Tribal Research Institute, Udaipur

(e) Contingency bill will reimburse after submission of bill verified by Supervisor and Head of the Department.

(f) No arrear will be paid to the candidate prior to the date of sanction of fellowship from the Institute (T.R.I.).

(g) In case of any doubt arising regarding the scope and interpretation of these rules, the decision taken by the Commissioner, Tribal Area Development Department, Udaipur will be final.

4. Extension of Fellowship Term & Final Payments:
The scholarship term shall not be extended under any circumstances. If, per chance, the candidate fails to complete his/her Ph.D work within the period of three years, the final installment of scholarship (equivalent to six month and last installment of contingency) shall be withheld until the Ph.D. is awarded to the candidate.

a. Scheduled area residence certificate
b. Caste Certificate
c. Declaration
d. Recommendation of Forwarding Authority
e. Photograph
f. Signature
g. Bank Passbook