

UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

(Abstract)

Ph.D Programme – Extension of the tenure of University research fellowship and revised norms for the sanctioning of University Research Fellowship for Full-time research scholars in the approved research centres of University of Kerala - Approved – Orders issued.

ACADEMIC 'E.I' SECTION

No. Ac.EI/A2/17871/2019

Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 24th April, 2020

- Read:
1. UO No.Ac E I/A2/17871/2019 dated 15.05.2019
 2. Item No.05.80.A10 of the Minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate held on 30.10.2019
 3. Item No. A20 of the Minutes of the Meeting of the Standing Committee of the Syndicate on Academics and Research held on 18.02.2020
 4. Item No.10.34.A20 in the Minutes of the Syndicate held on 13.03.2020.
 5. Finance Endorsement No.FOS 1004 dated 15.05.2019

ORDER

The tenure of the University research fellowship granted to the research scholars in the University approved research centres had been extended from three and a half years to five years, vide UO read as paper (1) above, subject to the fulfillment of the conditions laid down in the said UO.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 30.10.2019 resolved to revise the norms for granting University research fellowship to the research scholars in the University approved Research Centres and entrusted a sub-committee comprising of Dr.S.Nazeeb (Convener), Dr.K.G.Gopchandran, Dr.Vijayan Pillai.M, and Sri.J.Jairaj, Members of Syndicate and Dr.B.S.Jamuna, Dean Faculty of Arts, Dr.Jayachandran.R, Dean, Faculty of Oriental Studies, Dr.A.Bijukumar, Vice-Chairman CSS to submit a detailed report along with specific proposals on the above matter.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 13.03.2020, vide item no.10.34.A20, considered the minutes of the above Sub-committee held on 16.01.2020 formulating specific norms for the granting of University Research Fellowship, along with the modifications suggested by the Standing committee of the Syndicate on Academic and Research, vide paper read as (3) above, and resolved to approve the same with modifications.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to implement the revised norms, as approved by the Syndicate, for granting the University Research Fellowship to the research scholars in the University approved research centres. (Norms appended).

University Order read as (1) above stands modified to this extent.

Orders are issued accordingly.

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UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
REVISED NORMS FOR GRANTING UNIVERSITY RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

- I. Eligible Research Scholars in the University as per the prevailing norms will be granted University Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) for the First Year of their research, after successful completion of their registration formalities and issue of formal registration order by the University.

- II. The extension of University JRF for the Second Year of research will be sanctioned on fulfillment of the following conditions:
 - a. The candidate should successfully complete the mandatory course work examinations. If the scholar fails to qualify in the course work examination during the First Year of Research, the extension of University Fellowship for the second year will be issued only with effect from the date of qualifying the said examination, till the expiry of the second year of their research.

 - b. One publication in any academically established journal or at least one paper presentation on a theme related to his/her research work in Seminars. Evidence on the same should be presented at the Annual Review Meeting, conducted at the Research Centre concerned.

 - c. The assessment of Research work of first year research shall be done at the Research centre. The Assessment Report certified by the Research Supervisor, countersigned by the Head of the Research Centre, to be submitted to the Doctoral Committee, Chairman. The Doctoral Committee, Chairman will forward the Assessment Report to the Registrar with due verification and recommendation along with the application for renewal of fellowship.

 - d. Exemptions for conditions (a) & (b) on genuine grounds shall be granted by the Syndicate on the request of the Research scholars. The extension of fellowship shall be granted by the Pro Vice- Chancellor / Research Director.

- III. Extension of University Fellowship for the Third year of Research will be issued if the research scholar has fulfilled the following conditions:
 - a. The Scholar should publish one additional Research oriented paper, related to his/her Research Topic in an academically established Journal.

 - b. The assessment of second year of Research work of the scholar shall be done at the Research centre. The Assessment Report certified by the Research Supervisor, countersigned by the Head of the Research Centre, to be submitted to the Doctoral Committee, Chairman. The Doctoral Committee, Chairman will forward the Assessment Report with due verification of recommendation along with application for renewal of fellowship to the Registrar. The extension of fellowship shall be granted by the Pro Vice- Chancellor / Research Director.

- IV. In case the work for the first three years is found satisfactory, the extension of University Fellowship (University Senior Research Fellowship) for the Fourth year of Research will be granted on the following conditions:
- a. Research scholars who have completed the first three years of research period and are continuing their research are eligible for University Senior Research fellowship, subject to the positive recommendation of an Evaluation Committee comprising of Dean, HoD (Chairman of the committee), Research Supervisor concerned and an External Expert nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from a panel of minimum three number submitted by the Research Supervisor. The meeting of the evaluation committee will be held at the venue where Doctoral Committee of the concerned scholar is conducted.
 - b. In addition to conditions laid down in III (a), the Scholar should publish an additional Research oriented paper, related to his/her Research topic in an approved Journal (University/UGC). The Research scholars under Science/ Applied Sciences and Technology faculties should publish the said additional research oriented paper in an approved journal (SCOPUS/ WoS Indexed).
 - c. A Research Scholar is eligible for University Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) only if a positive recommendation is made by the Evaluation Committee.
 - d. The rate of University JRF and SRF remains the same or as decided by the University from time to time.
 - e. The extension of Fourth Year of University Fellowship (SRF) is for a period of one year or submission of Ph.D. thesis whichever is earlier.
- V. The extension of University Senior Research Fellowship for the Fifth year of Research will be sanctioned subject to the following conditions :
- a. The extension of Fifth Year of University Fellowship (SRF) is for a period of one year or up to the submission of Ph.D. thesis whichever is earlier.
 - b. The Research Scholar should have published at least three Research oriented papers related to his/her Research Topic and should have presented at least two papers in National/International Seminar during his/her research period till date and should have completed 75% of their research work as certified by the concerned research supervisor.
 - c. The copy of the reports of the Annual Review Meeting conducted at the end of 1st year, 2nd year, 4th year and the Evaluation Committee report shall be accompanied with the application for claiming 5th year University SRF and the same shall be certified by the Research Supervisor and countersigned by the Head of Research centre. The Chairman, Doctoral Committee should verify, recommend and forward the same to the University.

- VI. No extension of Fellowship is permissible beyond the total tenure of five years and the awardee ceases to be a University JRF/SRF.
- VII. The above guidelines are applicable to those scholars who have registered for pursuing Ph.D from January 2020 Session onwards.
- VIII. Research scholars who have registered for Ph.D prior to January 2020 session shall be eligible for University JRF/SRF as per the following norms:
 - a. The Research scholars who have registered for Ph.D prior to January 2020 session, shall be eligible for claiming University JRF for the first three years of Research as per the existing norms of the University.
 - b. Conversion of JRF to SRF after the completion of 3 years of Research, shall be subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:
 - i. The University JRF awardees who have completed first three years of Research period and who are continuing their research, are eligible for extension of the fellowship for the 4th and 5th year or up to the date of submission of Thesis whichever is earlier (SRF), subject to the positive recommendation of the Evaluation Committee comprising Members of the Doctoral committee, Dean/HoD and Research Supervisor concerned. The report of the said committee along with the recommendation for granting University SRF shall be forwarded to the University along with the application for claiming fellowship for further action.
 - ii. The Research scholar should have successfully completed the Ph.D Course Work Examination.
 - iii. He/ She should have participated in at least two National/ International Seminar.
 - iv. The Research scholar should have completed at least 50% of the work of the Thesis, evidencing completion of review of literature and identifying research gap.
 - v. Candidates shall be eligible for University SRF for the 4th year or 5th year only with effect from the date of fulfilling all the above four conditions as certified by the Chairman, Doctoral Committee.
- IX. In any case candidate shall be eligible for fellowship for a maximum period of 5 years or till the submission of thesis whichever is earlier, subject to the conditions laid down in clause VIII.

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