

PART-IV - SECTION-G

**AWARD OF JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS IN LAW AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES WITH LAW**

*(Approved by the Executive Council at its meeting held on 30.10.2009 Para 21)
(Amendment approved by the Academic Council meeting dt. 25.01.2020
and Executive Council meeting dt. 08.02.2020 Para 2 (17))*

The University shall follow the UGC Rules/Guidelines in the implementation of the scheme for the award of UGC Junior Research Fellowships, as laid down by the University Grants Commission from time to time.

(1) Objectives

The objective of the JRF scheme is to provide opportunities to the NET-Qualified candidates to undertake advanced studies and research leading to Ph.D. Degrees in Law and Social Sciences.

(2) Eligibility

(i) The Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) Scheme of the University Grants Commission (UGC) is open to the candidates who qualify in the National Eligibility Test (NET) of the UGC and the UGC-Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR) joint test with the following minimum qualifications as laid down by the UGC.

(ii) [However, the registration for the M.Phil./PhD. is made by the Universities/ Institutions/ Colleges within stipulated period of two years from the date of declaration of result or date of issue of award letter/date of joining the fellowship].¹⁹

(3) Nature of Assistant available under the Scheme

The tenure of fellowship is initially for two years under the JRF scheme. Upon expiry of this period, the work of the fellow will be evaluated by a committee constituted by the Vice-Chancellor for this purpose. If the research work is found satisfactory, his/her tenure will be extended for a further period of three years under the enhanced emoluments of the Senior Research Fellowship (SRF). In case the work for the first two years is not found satisfactory, an additional year will be given to him/her for improvement. However,

¹⁹ Replaced by the decisions of the Academic Council meeting dt. 25.01.2020 and Executive Council meeting dt. 08.02.2020 Para 2 (17))

during this period he/she will be designated as a Junior Research Fellow. In such cases, his/her work will be evaluated again after one year, and if improvement is found, satisfactory the Fellow will get two more years under the SRF. Thus, the total period of fellowship (JRF and SRF) is five years, with no further provision of extension.

(4) Amount of Fellowship²⁰

- 1) The revised rates of Fellowship amount under the UGC Scheme for Junior Research Fellowship / Senior Research Fellowship in Science, Humanities and Social Sciences (UGC-NET) given as under:

Sr. No.	Name of Fellowship Scheme	Existing Fellowship Amount (Rs. Per month)	Revised Fellowship Amount (Rs. Per month)
1.	JRF in Science, Humanities & Social Sciences (UGC-NET)	Rs. 25,000/- P.M.	Rs. 31,000/- P.M.
2.	SRF in Science, Humanities & Social Sciences (UGC-NET)	Rs. 28,000/- P.M.	Rs. 35,000/- P.M.

- 2) The above revised rates of Fellowship are applicable w.e.f. 01.01.2019.
- 3) The HRA at the revised rate of 8%, 16% and 24% is allowed as per Govt. of India norms as applicable in the city/location where the research fellows are working.
- 4) The other terms and conditions will remain same as per the UGC XII Plan JRF guidelines.

(5) Contingency²¹

(i)	Rs. 10,000/- per annum for initial two years	(Humanities & Social Sciences)
(ii)	Rs. 20,500/- per annum for remaining tenure	(Humanities & Social Sciences)

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- (6) **Escort / Reader Assistance²²**
Rs. 2,000/- per month in case of physically Handicapped & blind candidates.
- (7) **House Rent Allowance**
- (i) Suitable single-seated hostel accommodation may be provided to the candidates in the institutions. In such cases, the fellow is eligible to draw only hostel fees excluding mess, electricity, water charges, etc. A certificate to this effect is to be furnished through the Registrar / Director / Principal. HRA is not permissible for those candidates who are staying in Hostel accommodation.
- (ii) In case of non-availability of hostel accommodation, the fellow may be provided with single accommodation by the host institution. In such cases, the rent paid by the fellow on actual basis may be reimbursed subject to the ceiling of HRA as per Govt. of India norms.
- (iii) If the fellow makes her own arrangements of accommodation, she may be entitled to draw HRA as per categorization of cities by the Govt. of India.²³
- (8) **Medical Allowance**
No separate/fixed medical assistance is provided to the fellows. However, the Fellow may avail of the medical facilities available in the University.
- (9) **Leave Entitlement**
- (i) Fellows are entitled for a maximum period of 30 days of leave in a year in addition to public holidays. They are not entitled to any other vacations.
- (ii) Candidates are eligible 135 days for maternity and 10 days for Paternity leave twice in the entire career as per Govt. of India norms issued from time to time at full rates of fellowship once during the tenure of their award.
- (iii) Beside this an 'Intermittent Break' for a maximum period of 1 year may also be permissible to the women candidates. The leave can be availed 3 times during the entire period of fellowship. However, the

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total duration of leave shall not exceed one year. This Flexi Time period should not be counted towards the tenure of the fellowship and thus effectively the total period of fellowship will remain the same.

- (iv) **Academic Leave:-**Academic leave without fellowship shall be permissible only for one year throughout the tenure (for any kind of academic assignment/teaching/ foreign visit in connection with research work). The period of leave without fellowship will be counted towards the tenure. Expenditure on foreign visit in connection to research work cannot be claimed from UGC.

Note: All kinds of leave should be approved at the level of the University/College/Institute. Prior approval of the University/ Institution/ College is mandatory for all types of leaves.]²⁴

(10) Tenure of Fellowship²⁵

These are integrated five year fellowship for M.Phil. and Ph.D. subject academic criteria in force for selection of Ph.D. programme.

The duration of fellowship is as under:-

Name of the course	Maximum duration	Admissibility of JRF and SRF	
		JRF	SRF
M.Phil. +Ph.D	5 years	2 years	Remaining 3 years
Ph.D	5 years	2 years	Remaining 3 years

Tenure of fellowship is for five years from the date of joining. M. Phil is for two years. Fellowship will be granted upto date of submission of Ph.D. Thesis or 5 years whichever is earlier.

(11) Joining in Fellowship & Registration in Ph.D.²⁶

- (i) The candidate must join the fellowship within 6 months from date of issue of the award letter.
- (ii) For the candidates already registered/admitted in Ph.D./M.Phil., the fellowship shall commence from the declaration of UGC NET-JRF/ CSIR-UGC-NET-JRF result, whichever is applicable.

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²⁶ Ibid.

- (iii) For the candidates who are not yet registered/admitted in Ph.D./M.Phil., the fellowship shall commence from the date of joining as a research fellow in M.Phil/Ph.D. programme
 - (iv) The tenure of the fellowship is of five years from date of commencement of fellowship.
 - (v) In case of integrated Ph.D. or M.Phil. to Ph.D., the maximum tenure is 5 years including M.Phil. period of fellowship.
 - (vi) Registration for Ph.D. is mandatory within 2 years from the date of joining as a research fellow. If candidate has not registered himself/herself within 2 years from date of joining, then fellowship will be discontinued upto his registration for Ph.D.
 - (vii) In the cases where the fellowship has been discontinued as per clause (vi) above, the fellowship may be resumed after the registration in Ph.D. within 5 years from the commencement of fellowship subject to satisfactory performance (verified by Supervisor and counter signed by the Registrar/ Principal / Director of the University / College / Institute concerned). However, the tenure of fellowship in such cases will be limited to 5 years from the date of joining in fellowship including the M.Phil. period of fellowship.
- (12) Procedure for release of grants by the UGC²⁷**
- (i) **Joining:-** On receipt of the Joining Report in the prescribed proforma (**Annexure-II**) and eligibility certificate from the university/ institution, the UGC office will accept the candidature of the Fellow and will release the first installment of admissible grants to the individual JRFs as per norms.
 - (ii) **Continuation Certificate:-** At the end of every three months a 'Continuation Certificate' in the prescribed proforma as per Annexure-III. This will make the fellow eligible to draw the fellowship for the next three months.
- (13) Disbursement of fellowship for NON-DBT/Legacy Cases²⁸**
- UGC has developed a dedicated web portal (<https://scholarship.canarabank.in/AdminLogin.aspx>) for capturing data for eligible scholars through which the legacy cases (Non-DBT)

²⁷ Ibid.

²⁸ Ibid.

shall be transferred on DBT platform. The Universities/ Colleges/ Institutions will submit the master data of the eligible beneficiaries on the portal with a unique users profile (user name and password). The bank account numbers of the beneficiaries will be validated through PFMS for creation of beneficiary ID.

The Universities/Institutions/ Colleges shall update the information in the master data (regarding continuation, HRA, up-gradation, resignation etc.) of the beneficiaries monthly. Based on the master data received from the concerned Universities / Institutions / Colleges the payment of the fellowship will be made to the beneficiaries.

(14) Aadhar Seeding²⁹

The Ministry of Human Resource Development, Government of India vide its letter D.No. No18-7/2013-U1A dated 10th June, 2016 has instructed the University Grants Commission that from the financial year 2016-17 onward the Aadhar has been mandatory for disbursement of all Government subsidies/Scholarships/Fellowships which are to be disbursed directly to the beneficiary's account.

(15) Transfer of the Research Place³⁰

Transfer of the Research Place should be done by university concerned under the intimation to UGC and designated agency. Transfer of Research place will be allowed only once during the entire tenure.

(16) Resignation from the Fellowship³¹

Resignation of the candidate will be forwarded by the concerned university to the UGC designated agency under intimation to the UGC office.

- Departmental Assistance will not be given under the DBT disbursal mode.
- Fellowship/scholarship shall be disbursed once in every 3 months.

²⁹ *Ibid.*

³⁰ *Ibid.*

³¹ *Ibid.*

(17) Procedure for Monitoring the Progress of the Scheme³²

The performance of the Junior or Senior Research Fellow shall be monitored by their respective supervisor/guide and reflected in the half yearly progress report submitted to the University for submission to the UGC office.

On completion of first two years of the award, the Fellow may apply to the University for up-gradation to Senior Research Fellowship (SRF). For this purpose, a three member Committee consisting of the Registrar, Supervisor and one Outside Expert of the concerned subject will be constituted by the Vice-Chancellor to evaluate the research work done by the Fellow. On the Recommendations/Comments of the aforesaid Committee, the Fellow will be upgraded to the level of SRF and his/her fellowship amount will be accordingly enhanced with the approval of the UGC,

The concerned Research Centre will monitor the work of the Fellow continuously. He/She shall not accept or hold any position, paid or otherwise, or receive emoluments, salary, stipend, etc. etc. from any other sources, whatsoever, during the tenure of the award.

The fellowship may be terminated at any time during the tenure and the decision of the UGC shall be final and binding. The tenure of the fellowship is for five years from the date of joining, subject to the satisfactory progress report of the Fellow or submission of Ph.D. thesis, whichever is earlier. No extension is permissible beyond the total tenure of five years and the awardee ceases to be a UGC JRF/SRF immediately after expiry of the due date. Any claim/reference to this effect will be illegal and the individual may have to face disciplinary action for such an act.

[Feedback:

- For every Fellowship/Scholarship scheme of UGC the beneficiary will have to submit a feedback in form of the report on the research work done.
- After completion of the Research Work the student will submit his/her research work in the INFLIBNET repository along with the research papers published. For Doctoral Fellowships at least 2 Research Papers(1 National and 1 international), 1 National/International publication at the time of

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upgradation and 1 National/International Publication by the end of the tenure must be submitted.

Note: The last 2 installments will be released only after submission of the feedback and Research work in the Repository.]³³

(18) Gap Period³⁴

The gap period for continuation from M.Phil. to Ph.D. under Doctoral Fellowship schemes shall be 1 year. However the total tenure of fellowship will remain for five years.

Paid Assignment/Job

The fellow shall not undertake any paid assignment during the tenure of the fellowship (Except in case of leave without fellowship upto one academic year during the entire tenure).

(19) Other Conditions

The Fellow, with the consent of the guide/head of department/centre co-ordinator, may assist the University in its academic work, including tutorials, evaluation of the test papers, laboratory demonstration, supervision of fieldwork, library activities like group seminars and symposia, provided that such work is not likely to hinder the research programmes on hand. The total amount of time to be spent on such activities should not exceed ten hours a week.

(20) Cancellation of Award

[The fellowship is liable to cancellation in case of:

- Registration not within two years from date of joining.
- Misconduct;
- Unsatisfactory progress of research work/failure in any examination related to M.Phil/Ph.D. or,
- He/She is found ineligible later.

Any false information furnished by the applicant or any fraudulent activity by the Scholar / Fellow / Research Awardees shall lead to Penal action against him / her.]³⁵

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Part-IV – SECTION-H

**RESEARCH ASSOCIATES AND RESEARCH ASSISTANTS
IN THE FOLLOWING RGNUL RESEARCH CENTRES
(Approved by the Executive Council/Academic Council at their
respective meetings held on 20.01.2018 2 (10))**

Centres	Research Associate	Research Assistant
Centre for Advanced Study in Criminal Law (CASCL)	01	02
Centre for Consumer Protection Law and Advocacy (CCPLA)	01	02
Centre for Advanced Study in International Humanitarian Law (CASH)	01	02
School of Agricultural and Economics (SALE)	01	02
Centre for Advanced Studies in Human Rights (CASIHR)	01	01
Centre for Advanced Studies in Labour and Welfare (CASLW)	01	01
School of Social Sciences and Interdisciplinary Studies (SSSIS)	01	02
Centre for Environmental Legal Studies (CELS)	01	02
Centre for Advanced Study in Energy Law (CASEL)	01	02

Qualifications

- (i) **Research Associate:** Doctoral Degree in Law or related area of research, as per requirement of the respective Research Centre.
Fixed salary of Rs. 40,000/- pm
- (ii) **Research Assistant:** LL.M. with 55% marks or Post-Graduate degree with 55% marks in the related area of research, as per requirement of the respective Research Centres.
Fixed salary of Rs. 30,000/- pm