### Post Doctoral Fellowship to SC/ST Candidates

**INTRODUCTION**

This scheme has been initiated keeping in view the social background of the candidates from the deprived section of the society and to provide them an opportunity to undertake advanced studies and research in Science, Engineering & Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences in Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges.

**OBJECTIVE**

The objective of the scheme is to provide an opportunity to SC/ST candidates to undertake postdoctoral research in Sciences, Engineering & Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences at Indian Universities/Institutions/Colleges as indicated below:

* Universities/Institutions/Colleges included under Section 2(f) and 12 (B) of UGC Act.
* Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and eligible to receive grants-in-aid from UGC.
* Universities/Institutions/Colleges funded by Central / State Government.
* Institutes of National Importance.

**ELIGIBILITY**:

Unemployed candidates from the deprived section of the society with Ph.D. Degree awarded and aptitude for research.

1. The candidate must have a doctorate degree in the relevant subject preferably with published research work to their credit. (Provisional degree certificate may be accepted if degree is not awarded)
2. Only Ph.D. awarded unemployed candidates will be eligible for the award of Post Doctoral Fellowship.
3. (iii)The upper age limit for male applicants is 50 years as on last date of receipt of online applications and 55 years in the case of female candidates.
4. (iv)The candidates of SC/ST categories having 50% marks at UG level and 55% marks at PG level are eligible to apply under the Scheme.
5. (v) The candidate must upload the No Objection Certificate from the proposed research place duly forwarded by Head of Department and Registrar / Director / Principal in the online application. (Annexure –I).
6. (vi) Transgender candidates are eligible to apply under the scheme. The reservation shall be followed as per government of India norms.

**NATURE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME:**

The number of slots available under the scheme are 100 per year The tenure of the award is two years with no provision for further extension

The financial assistance available under the scheme is as follows:

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(Pre-revised)

Rate of Fellowship

(Revised w. e. f. 01.12.2014) Tenure

of Award

1 Fellowship @ Rs. 16,000/- p.m @ Rs. 38,800/- p.m. for first 2 years &

Rs.46,500/-p.m. from third years onwards. Five

Years

2 Contingency @Rs.30,000/-p.a. @Rs.50,000/-p.a.

3 Departmental

Assistance 10% of the Post Doctoral Fellowship

to the host Institution. \*Not applicable.

4 Escorts/Reader

/Assistance

@ Rs. 2,000/- p.m. (fixed) in cases

of physically disabled & blind

Candidate.

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5 HRA As per University/Institution rules. As per University/Institution rules.

**HRA** :

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. If the fellow makes her own arrangements of accommodation, he/she may be entitled to draw HRA as per categorization of cities by the Govt. of India.