

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MEGHALAYA

Guidelines on Outstanding Research Fellowship Scheme



1. Outstanding Research Fellowship Scheme: (R2/SENATE-XXIII/20)

- i) Outstanding Research Fellowship Scheme is targeted to encourage the Institute Ph.D scholars to set an outstanding research record. This will provide an opportunity for the scholars to carry out further research in the particular domain and also motivate the scholars for completing Ph.D work with substantial research publications in time
- ii) **Eligibility:** The Ph.D scholars applying for this fellowship scheme should have completed the Pre-Thesis Submission Seminar with outstanding research records and the Thesis should have been submitted within four years from the date of admission. One can apply under this scheme if he/she has minimum requirements as stated below:
 - a) Five (5) SCI/SCIE papers published/accepted (as the 1st author) in reputed peer reviewed journals along with substantial research activities/credentials (like conference papers, research collaboration work! sponsored student project, etc.). Publications in paid journals /open access will not be considered.

OR

- b) Three (3) SCI/SCIE papers published/accepted (as the 1st author) in reputed peer reviewed journals with one Patent filed as well as additional research activities/credentials (like conference papers, research collaboration work/ sponsored student project, etc.). Publications in paid journals /open access will not be considered
- iii) Ph.D scholars from Science/Humanities Disciplines must be GATE/NET qualified in order to apply for the Outstanding Research Fellowship Scheme. (R4(B)/SENATE-XXVIII/22)
- iv) The selected scholars will be called Research Associate upon appointment.
- v) **Fellowship Amount and Appointment Period:**

The appointment of Research Associate will be considered once the Ph.D Thesis is submitted. The amount of the fellowship will be fixed at Rs. 50,000/- only pm for a period of one year (maximum duration from the date of joining). However, he/she will be paid Rs. 40, 000/- per month and remaining balance amount (i.e. Rs. 10,000/-) will be deposited in a Recurring Deposit (RD) account and shall be paid upon completion of one year. The same will be forfeited if the Research Associate leaves the institute within a year.

- vi) **Selection Procedure:**

A potential Ph .D scholar intending to carry out further research in a particular domain can submit the Application Form-B with list of publications to the Academic Section. The application Form must be routed through the Supervisor and HoD. A Committee constituted bythe Competent Authority to evaluate the research work and potentiality towards carrying additional research in a particular domain will screen the applications and the shortlisted scholar may be asked to present his/her research work before the Committee. The Academic Section may notify the constitution of committee with the approval of Competent Authority. The Committee may be constituted as follows.

 1. Dean(AA) Chairman
 2. Concerned HoD Member
 3. Subject expert from other institute Member (to be nominated Concerned HoD)
 4. Senior Faculty from Other Department Member (to be nominated by Dean(AA))
 5. Supervisor Convenor
- vii) The recommendation of the Committee will be forwarded to the Competent Authority for further decision. Once the scholar is appointed (maximum contract period of one year), his/her research work progress shall be reviewed by the Department Research Committee (DRC) along with the Supervisor every 3 (Three) months. Depending upon the recommendation and subsequent approval of the Competent Authority, his/her fellowship may be extended quarterly.

- viii) **Position of Appointment:** This is a purely temporary contractual position, and the candidate may be appointed as a Research Associate for a maximum duration of I (one) Year.
- ix) **Job Responsibilities & Assignments/Duties:** Similar to the Ph. D Scholars, besides carrying out the research work , the Research Associate shall be required to assist the Department Centre/ institute in teaching, evaluation and any other activity up to 10 hours per week as prescribed by the Department/ Centre concerned.
- x) **Hostel Accommodation, Leave and Other Facility:** The Research Associate must pay the Hostel fee as per the Institute norms. For medical facility and leave entitlement, the same rule is applicable as like Ph.D Scholar. An additional financial support of Rs 50000/- (maximum amount) may be provided towards attending conferences (maximum allowable two reputed conferences for one year).