

**Guidelines for Awarding GRI-DU Fellowship
for Ph.D. Programme
(with effect from 2017-18)**

The Gandhigram Rural Institute - Deemed University

Gandhigram - 624 302, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu
Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India
Accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade (3rd Cycle)

1. Name of the Fellowship

The fellowship shall be called as "Gandhigram Rural Institute Research Fellowship" (GRIRF).

2. Objective

The primary objective of the GRIRF shall be to extend financial assistance to undertake full-time research work in GRI-DU.

3. Value of the Fellowship

The value of the GRIRF shall be Rs.3000/- per month for a period of two years upon the confirmation of Ph.D. registration. Special provision of Rs.5000/- will be sanctioned to meet the expenditure for preparation of thesis during the third year.

4. Duration of the Fellowship

The duration of the award of GRIRF for a period of two years or till the date of submission of the thesis, whichever is earlier.

5. Eligibility

The candidate

- a) Should be an Indian.
- b) Should have completed the Ph.D. Course work with confirmed registration;
- c) Should be in the age group of 22 – 30 years;
- d) Should be a non-recipient of financial assistance from any other funding agency; and
- e) Should be a full-time research scholar.

6. Application

The candidate who intends to apply for the GRIRF shall do so in the prescribed application form. The filled in application form shall be forwarded by the Head of the Department through the Concerned Dean to the Registrar, GRI-DU.

7. Award of Fellowship

Candidates who seek GRIRF shall appear for an Interview and the award of GRIRF shall be strictly based on their performance in the interview.

8. Terms of Fellowship

The GRIRF awarded to a candidate shall be terminated if

- a) the progress of the research scholar is not satisfactory;
- b) the conduct and character of the research scholar is not satisfactory;
- c) the research scholar is found to have received any financial assistance from any other sources/agencies; and
- d) the Research scholar is absent himself without any valid reasons / failed to provide prior intimation for a period of thirty days.

9. Administration of Fund

The funds for awarding GRIRF shall be administered by a committee called GRI Research Fellowship Committee constituted for the purpose. The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the committee. All the Deans of relevant faculties and the Finance Officer shall be members of the committee. Registrar shall be the Convenor. The committee shall have powers to:

- a) decide the number of GRIRF to be awarded in each year, subject to the availability of funds;
- b) select the candidate for the award of GRIRF;
- c) evaluation of the performance of the research scholars based on the progress report and recommend the continuance of fellowship; and
- d) to terminate the fellowship of the research scholar when found necessary.

10. Payment of Fellowship

Payment of fellowship for the current month will be made during the first week of the following month.

11. Progress Report

The research scholar shall present the progress report through his/her research supervisor. He/she shall make the presentation of the progress of research in the RQC as required by the Ph.D. regulations.

12. Disclosure of Assistance

- a) It is the duty of research scholar to disclose the fact of his/her receiving any financial assistance from other agencies.
- b) In the event of the institute coming to know about the assistance received from other agencies, the research scholar is liable to forfeit not only the stipend but also the registration.

13. Miscellaneous

- a) If the research scholar wishes to discontinue his/her research work for any valid reason(s), he/she should obtain prior permission from the authorities. The mode of action to be followed in such case(s) will be decided on the basis of individual merit; and
- b) The research scholar shall be governed by the Ph.D. rules and regulations of the institute, that is enforced from time to time;

14. The institute reserves the right of amending the rules and regulations for GRIRF from time to time.