



MANSAROVAR GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

Sehore, Madhya Pradesh

FELLOWSHIP / SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

For Ph.D. Scholars

In accordance with UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022

1. Preamble

In accordance with the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations, 2022 and other relevant statutory provisions, Mansarovar Global University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") establishes this Fellowship/Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars. The policy aims to provide structured financial assistance, promote research excellence, and ensure equitable access to funding for meritorious and deserving scholars. It aligns with national research priorities and supports the University's commitment to academic integrity and innovation.

2. Objectives

- Provide financial support to meritorious and deserving Ph.D. scholars to enable high-quality research without financial constraints.
 - Promote inclusivity by ensuring fellowships and scholarships reach scholars from diverse socio-economic backgrounds.
 - Encourage research in areas of national and regional significance.
 - Enable timely completion of doctoral studies and prevent financial hardship.
 - Align university research funding with UGC norms, government schemes, and external funding agencies.
 - Promote interdisciplinary, innovative, and socially relevant research.
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3. Eligibility Criteria

Fellowships and scholarships shall be awarded based on the following criteria:

1. Full-Time Enrolment: Only full-time Ph.D. scholars shall be eligible for University Fellowships. Part-time scholars may be considered under external/industry-funded projects only.
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2. Academic Merit: Candidates must have obtained a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent CGPA) in their qualifying postgraduate degree. A relaxation of 5% is applicable for SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PwD/EWS candidates as per UGC norms.
3. Research Proposal: Applicants must submit a well-defined research proposal demonstrating societal, scientific, or technological relevance.
4. Preference: Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (JRF), CSIR-NET, GATE, GPAT, CEED, or equivalent national-level examinations shall be given preference.
5. Other Considerations: Priority may be given to candidates from underrepresented groups, economically weaker sections, women researchers, and Persons with Disabilities (PwD).

4. Categories of Fellowship / Scholarship

4.1 University-Funded Fellowships

The University shall allocate institutional fellowships from its research budget to meritorious full-time Ph.D. scholars. The stipend structure is as follows:

Phase	Monthly Stipend	Tuition Fee
During Coursework (Year 1)	₹15,000/-	Full Waiver (up to 3 years)
Post-Coursework (Year 2 onwards)	₹21,600/-	Full Waiver (up to 3 years)

Fellowship amounts and tenure shall be revised periodically by the Fellowship/Scholarship Committee (FSC) in alignment with UGC norms.

4.2 Government / External Agency Funded Fellowships

The University facilitates access to the following national and central government fellowships as per their respective norms:

Fellowship / Scheme	Administering Agency
UGC-JRF / SRF (Junior / Senior Research Fellowship)	University Grants Commission (UGC)
CSIR-NET Fellowship	Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (CSIR)
DST-INSPIRE Fellowship	Department of Science & Technology (DST)
ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship	Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)
DBT Fellowship	Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
ICMR Fellowship	Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF)	Ministry of Minority Affairs / UGC
Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF)	Ministry of Social Justice / UGC (for SC scholars)
National Fellowship for ST Students	Ministry of Tribal Affairs / UGC

Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF)	Ministry of Education, Government of India
Chief Minister Higher Education Scholarship (M.P.)	Government of Madhya Pradesh
National Scholarship Portal (NSP) Schemes	Various Central Ministries via NSP

4.3 Need-Based / Merit-cum-Means Scholarships

The University shall provide financial assistance to economically disadvantaged scholars who demonstrate research potential but lack adequate financial support. Eligibility shall be determined by socio-economic status verification as per the FSC guidelines.

4.4 Special Fellowships for Inclusive Research

In alignment with UGC Fellowship Regulations, the University shall extend special fellowships to women researchers, Persons with Disabilities (PwD), and candidates from SC, ST, and OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) backgrounds to promote inclusive and equitable doctoral education.

4.5 Industry-Sponsored Scholarships

Partnerships with corporate and industrial organizations shall support applied research and innovation projects for eligible Ph.D. scholars pursuing industry-relevant research topics.

4.6 International Fellowships

The University facilitates access to international fellowships such as Fulbright, DAAD, Commonwealth Scholarships, and other overseas research programmes through collaborations with global universities and research institutions.

5. Application Process

- **Notification:** The University shall issue an annual Fellowship/Scholarship Notification specifying the number of available fellowships, eligibility criteria, and application deadlines.
- **Application Submission:** Scholars must submit a completed application form to the Research Office along with academic transcripts, research proposal, letters of recommendation, proof of enrollment, and socio-economic status proof (if applicable).
- **Screening & Evaluation:** The Fellowship/Scholarship Committee (FSC) shall evaluate applications based on academic record, research potential, proposal quality, and societal impact.
- **Interview / Presentation:** Shortlisted candidates may be required to present their research proposal or appear for an interview before the FSC.
- **Merit List:** Final selection shall be published on the University website.

6. Disbursement of Fellowship / Scholarship

- Fellowship amounts shall be disbursed monthly upon verification of attendance and six-monthly research progress reports.
- University-funded scholars must submit a progress report every six months to remain eligible for continued funding.
- Scholars receiving external fellowships must comply with the respective funding agency's regulations and submission requirements.

- Scholars availing fellowships from UGC, CSIR, INSPIRE, ICSSR, DST, or other agencies must comply with their respective funding norms.
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7. Duration and Renewal

- Institutional fellowships are generally awarded for up to three years, subject to UGC norms and research requirements.
 - Renewal is contingent upon satisfactory academic progress, timely submission of progress reports, research publications, and positive supervisor feedback.
 - External fellowships shall follow the duration and renewal terms set by the respective funding agency.
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8. Responsibilities of Fellows / Scholars

Ph.D. scholars receiving fellowships or scholarships are expected to:

- Maintain satisfactory academic and research standing throughout the fellowship period.
 - Submit six-monthly progress reports to the supervisor and the FSC.
 - Publish research findings in UGC-CARE listed or Scopus/WoS indexed peer-reviewed journals.
 - Participate actively in institutional seminars, workshops, and conferences.
 - Undertake limited teaching/academic assistance assignments (up to 5 hours per week) as assigned by the department.
 - Comply with the University's research ethics, anti-plagiarism guidelines, and Code of Conduct.
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9. Termination of Fellowship / Scholarship

A scholar's fellowship shall be terminated under the following conditions:

- Non-compliance with research ethics, including plagiarism or academic misconduct.
 - Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress as per DRC/RAC recommendations.
 - Exceeding the maximum tenure limit as per UGC guidelines.
 - Submission of fraudulent or misleading information in the fellowship application.
 - Voluntary withdrawal or cancellation of Ph.D. registration.
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10. Fellowship / Scholarship Committee (FSC)

The Fellowship/Scholarship Committee (FSC) shall oversee the selection, evaluation, and disbursement of financial assistance to Ph.D. scholars. Its composition shall be as follows:

S.No.	Designation	Role in FSC
1.	Vice Chancellor	Chairperson
2.	Director of Research	Member Secretary
3.	Dean of concerned Faculty	Member
4.	Accounts Officer	Member

5.	One External Research Expert	Member
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11. Policy Review and Amendments

This Fellowship/Scholarship Policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Academic Council and the FSC to align with evolving UGC norms and research funding policies. Any amendments shall be approved by the Board of Management and duly notified to all stakeholders.

Conclusion

Mansarovar Global University remains committed to fostering a robust research ecosystem by ensuring equitable and transparent financial assistance for Ph.D. scholars. This policy serves as a cornerstone for promoting research excellence, academic integrity, and socio-economic inclusivity. The University pledges full transparency, meritocracy, and accountability in the fellowship and scholarship allocation process.

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