

**CENTRE FOR MULTI-DISCIPLINARY DEVELOPMENT RESEARCH
(CMDR)**

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CMDR Doctoral Fellowships for the year 2018-19

GUIDELINES

Guidelines have been developed taking into account the ICSSR Framework

1. INTRODUCTION

1.1 Doctoral Fellowships are awarded to registered Ph. D. scholars doing Ph.D. under the Research Guides of CMDR recognized by Karnatak University, Dharwad in any social science discipline.

1.2 The broad disciplines of study within the domain of social sciences are:

- (i) Sociology and Social Anthropology;
- (ii) Political Science / Public Administration;
- (iii) Economics;
- (iv) International Studies;
- (v) Social Geography and Population Studies;
- (vi) Commerce and Management;
- (vii) Social Psychology;
- (viii) Education;
- (ix) Social Linguistics / Socio-Cultural Studies;
- (x) Law / International Law;
- (xi) National Security & Strategic Studies; and
- (xii) Other allied Social Science disciplines (Library Science, Social Work, Media Studies, Modern Social History, Health Studies, Gender Studies, Environmental Studies, Diaspora Studies, Area Studies, Sanskrit-Society & Culture etc.) to promote interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary research.

2. NUMBER OF FELLOWSHIPS : 20 Fellowships for the year 2018-19

3. TYPES OF DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

CMDR Doctoral Fellowship is provided as indicated below:

Institutional Doctoral Fellowship (administered by CMDR)

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The candidates must have confirmed Ph.D. registration
- 3.2 **Minimum 50% marks in Graduation and 55% in Post-Graduation or equivalent grades in any Social Science disciplines. Five per cent (5%) relaxation of marks will be given to the SC/ST/371 (J) and OBC candidates, and as per the change in the rules accordingly by Government of Karnataka.**
- 3.3 NET/SLET/M.Phil from a recognized university or the candidates who are registered after qualifying Research Entrance Test (RET) conducted by a university;
- 3.4 **The scholar should not be more than 40 years of age on the last date of application. There shall be an age relaxation of 5 years for SC/ST/371 (J) / OBC / Persons with benchmark disability candidates;**

- 3.5 Candidates who have already availed UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)/Rajiv Gandhi Doctoral Fellowship (RGDF)/ Maulana Azad Doctoral Fellowship (MADF)/ICSSR/ICAR/CSIR/ ICPR/ICMR/ICHR (or any other financial support) awardees are not eligible to apply.

4. HOW TO APPLY

- 4.1 Applications will be invited through advertisements in leading Newspaper(s) / CMDR website each year (as applicable) and should be received before the deadline mentioned in the advertisement.
- 4.2 Application in hard copy in prescribed format must be sent to **The Director, Centre for Multi-disciplinary Development Research (CMDR)**, before the last date mentioned in the advertisement. An advance copy of the application can also be sent through email.
- 4.3 Research Proposal & Abstract (3000 and 300 words respectively) should be either in English or Kannada.

5. PROCEDURE FOR THE AWARD

- 5.1 Applications are initially scrutinized by a Scrutiny Committee of CMDR.
- 5.2 Thereafter, Subject Group(s)/Expert Committee(s) will short-list the meritorious proposals from the eligible applications.
- 5.3 Such applicants may also be invited for a presentation before an Expert Committee at CMDR which will finalize the candidates.
- 5.4 The recommendations of the Expert Committee will then be placed before the Research Committee/Council for its final approval.
- 5.5 The proposals are evaluated by Experts and their recommendations are placed before the competent authority for the final decision.

6. DURATION AND VALUE

- 6.1 Doctoral Fellowship is for a full time research work.
- 6.2 The duration of the fellowship is strictly for one year.
- 6.3 The value of the fellowship is Rs.16,000/- p.m.

7. JOINING & RELEASE OF FELLOWSHIP

- 7.1 The scholar has to join the fellowship within one month of the date of the award letter by submitting the required documents.
- 7.2 The sanction of the fellowship will be issued initially for a period of one year, effective from the date of joining of the scholar in the Fellowship. The renewal of the Fellowship for the subsequent year shall be subject to the receipt of satisfactory Annual Progress Report and statement of expenditure for the entire fellowship released for the first year.
- 7.3 The first year fellowship will be released in two equal instalments. The first instalment will be released after receiving six monthly progress report along with the statement of expenditure.
- 7.4 The second year fellowship will also be released in two equal instalments. The first instalment will be released on receiving a satisfactory Annual Progress Report of the first year and statement of expenditure.

7.5 Expenditure statements need to be approved by the accounts department of CMDR.

8. MONITORING OF FELLOWSHIP

- 8.1. Regular monitoring of Fellowship is done on the basis of Six Monthly and Annual Progress Report in the prescribed format submitted by the scholar and duly forwarded by the supervisor.
- 8.2. The fellowship may be discontinued if research progress is found unsatisfactory or in case of rules are violated.
- 8.3. CMDR may ask for annual presentation/mid-term appraisal of the research work.
- 8.4. During the course of the fellowship, the scholars are required to publish at least two research papers in reputed journals on the theme of the research undertaken.
- 8.5. Research undertaken by a fellow may be reviewed and the fellowship may be discontinued if research progress is found unsatisfactory or any rules are violated.

9. COMPLETION OF FELLOWSHIP

- 9.1. If a fellow leaves the fellowship before its full-term, he/she has to give an Undertaking to submit the Ph. D. thesis within a reasonable period but he/she has to submit a detailed progress report duly forwarded by the Supervisor along with the Statement of Expenditure.

The scholar can leave the fellowship by refunding the entire amount already released by CMDR. The scholars who have left the fellowship without completion and without informing CMDR, are required to refund the entire amount of fellowship released with penalty/penal interest.

- 9.2. If, as a special case, a scholar remains on leave due to maternity/medical/extra ordinary circumstances (not to exceed six months) duly approved by CMDR, the tenure of fellowship will be extended by that period but the total amount of fellowship will not exceed 24 months.
- 9.3. On completion of the fellowship, the scholar should submit the following within one year:
 - (a) Copy of the Ph. D thesis submitted to the University for award of the Degree along-with a Summary of the report (3000-4000 words) and research papers published.
 - (b) These documents should be submitted in hard copy (one copy each of Ph. D Thesis, Summary and research papers) and a soft copy in a pen-drive.
 - (c) In case a thesis is revised and re-submitted, a copy of the same should be submitted to CMDR also.

11. CONDITIONS

- 11.2 The scholar shall prominently acknowledge CMDR's support in all publications resulting from the research output of the fellowship and should submit a copy of the same to CMDR.
- 11.3 CMDR follows Government of India / Government of Karnataka Rules & Directives with regard to SC, ST and Persons with benchmark disability.
- 11.4 A fellow is not entitled for same type of fellowship more than once.
- 11.5 While accepting Doctoral fellowships from CMDR, a fellow should not accept any other fellowship from any other University/Institute.
- 11.6. During the tenure of fellowship, the fellow will be governed by the rules CMDR in all matters including drawls of TA, holidays/leave, etc.
- 11.7. CMDR makes positive efforts while considering fellowship grants to women, minorities, differently abled persons and persons belonging to Educationally Backward Areas/Districts as declared by the Government of India / Government of Karnataka.
- 11.8. The scholar should not have been subjected to any disciplinary/legal action/proceedings/ financial penalties in his/her research career.
- 11.9. CMDR reserves the right to reject any application without assigning any reason. It is also not responsible for any postal delay/loss.
- 11.10. Incomplete applications in any respect shall not be considered for fellowship.
- 11.11. The final authority related to the interpretation of the guidelines or any issue left is vested with CMDR.

RESEARCH PROPOSAL FORMAT

Other than the mandatory information accompanying each application, candidates should submit their research proposal in two parts:

A) Abstract of the research proposal (about 300 words)

B) Detailed research proposal (about 3000 words) An indicative outline for the detailed research proposal is given below:

1. **Title:** The research proposal should have a clear, meaningful and concise title reflecting the scope of the investigation.
2. **Introduction** The research proposal should begin by clearly stating the research problem to be investigated in the light of its theoretical and/or empirical context in the relevant area.
3. **Objectives of the Study** The general aim of the study as well as its specific objectives should be clearly stated in the proposal.
4. **Research Questions or Hypotheses** Given the conceptual framework and the specification of dimension, the specific questions to be answered through the proposed research should be sharply formulated. In the case of an explanatory research design, specification of variables and positing of relationship among them through specific hypotheses must form a part of the research proposal.
5. **Review of Literature (National & International)** The proposal should summarize the current status of research in the area and major findings, including the researcher's own work in the area. Existing empirical findings may also be discussed. The overview should clearly demonstrate the relevance as well as inadequacy of existing findings or approaches and provide a rationale for the proposed study.
6. **Research Methodology** The researcher must describe in detail (a) the scope and coverage of her/his study; and (b) approach and methodology with adequate justification. Emphasis should be given to bringing out innovativeness in approaches proposed to be followed. The detailing of the methodology may include research design, data to be collected and empirical and analytical methods to be used. The description of the methodology must be clearly linked to the aims of the research and the research questions/hypotheses of the study.
7. **Relevance and Anticipated Outcomes** The proposal should include a statement on the relevance of the study and the anticipated outcomes. It should bring out the significance of the research problem, the contribution which the proposed study is expected to make to theory and to methodology as well as its practical importance to society and policy making. It should also describe the proposed outputs from the study (Books, research papers, occasional papers with themes etc.)
8. **Tentative Chapterisation.** Details chapterisation should be clearly spelt out in the research proposal
9. **Bibliography:** Bibliography should be prepared in Chicago Manual Style.

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