



D.Y. PATIL EDUCATION SOCIETY
[Deemed to be University], Kolhapur
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POLICY ON
DR. D.Y. PATIL
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS FOR
Ph.D. STUDENTS



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1. General:

In view of the recent trends, thrust and emerging interdisciplinary areas being introduced in research and considering the fact that a significant number of students due to their having mostly weak economic background and also due to limited access to the facilities at their disposal, do not get access to facilities of upgrading their academic qualifications. At times, It is also difficult for such students to qualify for the award of various scholarships /fellowships on national and state level, which further tends to eliminate them from competition for good academic opportunities. It has, therefore, been decided to introduce a scheme in the University to be known as "**Dr. D. Y. Patil Research Fellowships for Ph.D. students**" from the academic year 2020-2021.

The fellowship will be tenable in all constituent units of the University. **There shall be TWO fellowships of Rs 10,000/- per month for Ph.D. students in which at least ONE shall be reserved for female students.**

2. Eligibility:

A candidate having atleast 55% marks at the postgraduate level (for eg. M.Sc./ M.D. /M.S/ M.Pharm.) and taken admission for Ph.D. as a full-time researcher at the University is eligible to apply for the fellowship. The upper age limit will be 28 years relaxable upto 5 years in the case of reserve categories, women and physically challenged applicants. The selections will be made purely on the basis of merit.

3. Selection Procedure:

- a) Every eligible candidate who has already registered for Ph.D. as a full-time researcher in the University will apply along with copies of necessary documents and aundertaking certificate that he/she is not a Recipient of any financial assistance from any other agency for the Ph.D. studies, also that he/she is not employed and will not give up the award before completing the tenure which is subject to recovery.
- b) The application with copies of the testimonials will be addressed to the Registrar and handed over in person or sent by Registered A. D. Post.

- c) The University shall form a committee for selection of research fellows as follows;
 - 1) Research Director, - Chairman,
 - 2) All faculty Deans,- Members
 - 3) Associate Dean (Research), - Member
 - 4) Three Heads of the Departments nominated by Vice Chancellor
 - 5) Registrar -Member Secretary,
- d) The Committee will scrutinize the applications and after oral interviews will make recommendation duly signed by all the members of the Committee for the award of Fellowship to the Vice-Chancellor.
- e) The approval of the Vice-Chancellor will be conveyed to the Registrar and Finance Officer for further necessary action.
- f) Applications for the Research Fellowships will be invited through Advertisement on University website and sending notification to all Departments.

4. Tenure & Emoluments:

- a) The tenure of the fellowship will be initially for a period of 2 years extendable for 1 more year, only after rigorous assessment of the work done for the first 2 years.
- b) The value of fellowship will be Rs. 10,000/- p.m.
- c) The contingency grant of Rs. 10,000/- p.a. will be payable for purchase of chemicals, consumables, field work, attending seminars / symposia / workshops etc. in relation to the research work including stationery. The annual expenditure incurred by the fellow will have to be certified by the research guide / supervisor and the H.O.D. concerned.

5. Operational Features:

- a) After the end of every month, a progress report in the prescribed proforma will be sent to the Registrar for payment of fellowship.
- b) The report of the guide in monthly report should be SATISFACTORY/GOOD PROGRESS/ VERY GOOD PROGRESS, otherwise the monthly fellowship will not be drawn.
- c) The researcher can avail maximum 30 days leave with fellowship in a year.
- d) The tenure of the fellowship will continue from the date of joining the fellowship award and the fellow will work as a full-time researcher during the summer and winter vacations.

- e) Applications for discontinuation of fellowship will be submitted to the Vice-Chancellor with the recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee.

Any problem in context of application of rules and procedural, the matters will be referred to the Vice-Chancellor for final decision.

6. EXTENSION: 3rd YEAR

The researcher any time after completing his tenure of first 21 months, however, not after completing 24 months, will submit a detailed work-done report duly signed by the fellow and his/her guide which will be put before the Research Advisory Committee and the committee will take review of the work-done report and recommend to the Vice-Chancellor whether the 3rd year extension be given and if not whether the research work-done report is not to the level as expected and amount paid so far, is recoverable. The work-done will have to be submitted to the Research Director before or after the completion of the 24th months of the tenure of the researcher.

7. GENERAL

- a) To facilitate speedy day-to-day working of the Research Fellowship, the following power can be exercised by the Guides of Research Fellows in concurrence with the Head of the Department.
- i. Sanctioning of leave, when it is due.
 - ii. Approving of tours of Research Fellows for attending Symposia / Seminars / Conferences in India provided Fellow is presenting paper/papers which have been accepted and for attending workshop/training courses relevant to the research.
 - iii. Field work connected with the Research.
 - iv. Computation work.
 - v. Consulting rare reference volumes in the nearest University / Research Institution library.
 - vi. The Fellows may be given maximum 2 clock hours teaching / practical work in a week.

b) Utilization of contingent grant for:

- i. Actual II class train fare and D. A. during tours for attending Symposia / Seminars / Conferences / Workshops and Training Courses and field work.
- ii. Chemicals / consumable items required for the research work.
- iii. Photographic materials for research.
- iv. Computation charges.
- v. Stationery and postal charges
- vi. Typing and Research papers
- vii. Registration fee for attending conference / seminar/ symposia etc.