

Implementation Policy of RUAS Fellowships (JRF, SRF and PDF)



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Preamble

Currently, Doctoral Programme is one of the important verticals under Academic Division. Until now, RUAS has facilitated graduation of 24 Ph.D. Scholars. Currently, the University has 270+ active Scholars who are actively pursuing research. This includes 14% Full-Time and 86% Part-Time Research Scholars. However, meagre Full-Time Research Scholars are supported through Sponsored Research Projects and Tutorship/Teaching Assistantship by the University. In order to create and enhance the Research Ecosystem, there is a need to attract quality Scholars across India and Abroad in Full-Time route. By virtue of RUAS Fellowship (JRF/SRF and PDFs), increase in the ratio of Full-Time Research Scholars can be envisaged.

In order to achieve these criteria, the Vice Chancellor and the Leadership Group are proposing ***“RUAS-JRF/SRF and PDF”*** scheme to provide Fellowship to Full-Time Research Scholars. The Fellowship is planned for meritorious Ph.D. Applicants and Post-Doctoral Scholars across all the Faculty/Schools of RUAS. In particular, FOUR Fellowships per Year for each Faculty/School and ONE PDF* per Faculty/School are proposed. Further, significant intangible benefits are expected by virtue of ***‘RUAS-JRF/SRF and PDF’*** scheme which includes:

- ✓ Reduced Workload for Faculty Members leading to increase in Time Availability to carry out Research
- ✓ Enhancement in Number of Publications and Patents
- ✓ Attract Quality Full-Time Students for Ph.D.
- ✓ Avail Grants/Fellowships from Funding Agencies
- ✓ Scholarly Ecosystem
- ✓ Improved Research Perception
- ✓ Scope for Multi-disciplinary Research
- ✓ Participation in Competitions, Seminars, Workshops, and Conferences
- ✓ Enhancement of Research Capabilities in RUAS Community

The next section emphasizes on Aim and Objectives of the Policy on RUAS Fellowships.

Aim and Objectives of the Fellowship

To attract meritorious and quality Scholars from India and Abroad across all the Faculties/Schools of RUAS for building a research-intensive University in the next FIVE years

Objectives of the Policy

The Objectives of the Policy are:

- To provide Fellowship to Full-Time Research Scholars for meritorious Ph.D. Applicants and Post-Doctoral Scholars
- To enable significant time for Faculty Members to carry out Research, increase Publications and Patents along with enforcing thrust for multi-disciplinary Sponsored Research & Industrial Consultancy

Guidelines and Terms of Reference

The University ensures selection and implementation of RUAS Fellowships as follows:

1. **Eligibility:** Only those Candidates shall be considered for RUAS-JRF who are GATE/GPAT/NET (UGC/CSIR) qualified. A Candidate should have a minimum CGPA of 6.0 (10-point Scale) or 60% marks in the qualifying exam. Depending upon the teaching load requirement of a Department/School and if GATE/GPAT/NET (UGC/CSIR) qualified Candidates are not available, the PhD candidates who have not written National Level Entrance Tests may also be considered. Such candidates should have minimum CGPA of 7.0 (10-point Scale) or 70% marks in the qualifying exam to be eligible for RUAS-JRF
2. **Number of RUAS-JRF:** The allocations to each Faculty/Department/School shall be made depending upon their teaching load requirement. In the first phase, 40 RUAS-JRFs shall be inducted every year as regular Full-Time Ph.D. Students. At any stage, a maximum of 240 JRFs shall be on board as Ph.D. students across the University
3. **Duration of JRF:** The Fellowship shall be awarded for a maximum period of 3-years subject to review of performance at the end of every Academic year. However, if a student submits his/her Thesis in less than three years, then JRF/SRF shall be provided to him/her till the end of ongoing semester during which he/she have submitted the Ph.D. Thesis
4. **Emoluments of RUAS JRF/SRF:** Emoluments for JRF shall be ₹20,000/- for GATE/GPAT/NET (UGC/CSIR) qualified candidates. However, it shall be ₹18,000/- for Candidates who are not GATE/GPAT/NET (UGC/CSIR) qualified

5. Other Benefits:

- NET (UGC/CSIR) or GATE/GPAT score should be valid at the time of Ph.D. admissions. Qualified candidates shall also be provided partial tuition fee waiver
- NET (UGC/CSIR) or GATE/GPAT qualified candidates shall be eligible for contingency grant for attending Conferences
- Non-Gate/GPAT candidates with one SCI Journal Publications or three SCOPUS Indexed Conference Papers shall also be eligible for contingency grant

6. General Conditions for RUAS Fellowship:

- A Scholar who is selected for the Fellowship shall undertake 10-12 hours of Teaching load per week
- The selected Scholar shall not be eligible for any other Fellowship from the University or from any other Source
- The Scholar shall be liable to pay Tuition Fee and other dues as prescribed by the University from time to time till submission of the Ph.D. Thesis
- The Fellow shall be entitled to 12 Days of Casual leave and 07 Days of Sick Leave per year

7. Important Note:

- For all Ph.D. programs offered by a particular Faculty/Department/School, single application form is required to be filled. However, if candidate wants to apply for Ph.D. program of other Faculty/Department/School, then he/she is required to apply separately by paying the requisite application fee
- The policy of UGC guidelines regarding reservation of seats for SC/ST and PH candidates shall be followed and adhered
- No separate intimation shall be sent regarding conduct of Entrance Exam, Interview and Start of Sessions
- In case of a tie among candidates securing equal marks in the merit list, the following criteria shall be adopted:
 - Candidate who is senior in age shall be ranked higher in the order of merit
 - In case of a tie in age also, the Candidate obtaining higher percentage of marks in the qualifying examination shall be ranked higher in the order of merit
 - In case of a tie pertaining to percentage of marks in the qualifying examination also, a Candidate securing higher percentage of marks in matriculation/secondary or

equivalent examination shall be ranked higher in the order of merit

- Candidates appearing in the final exam of the qualifying degree are also eligible to apply for RUAS JRF. Such Candidates have to furnish the following undertaking at the time of counselling: *“I am applying on my own risk and responsibility as my final year result of the Qualifying Exam is not declared. I do hereby declare that I do not have any backlog paper in any of the previous semesters (Years) of study and the qualifying exam and, I do not expect any backlog in my final exam. I assure you that I shall produce the proof of passing of my Qualifying Examination with the minimum percentage of marks required on or before stipulated Registration date, failing which my admission shall stand cancelled and I shall not claim any right on any count whatsoever and no Fees is refundable”*
- The merit list of the test shall be announced on the same day of Entrance Exam
- Students are advised to browse website www.msruas.ac.in for the Single Point of Contact pertaining to individual Faculty/School/Department

The Policy is subject to changes from time to time as approved by BOG. By virtue of the above-mentioned guidelines, the University with the support of Faculties/Schools/Departments shall ensure the selection and implementation of RUAS Fellowships in a transparent manner with true letter and spirit