

P.T. BHASKARA PANICKER SCIENCE WRITING FELLOWSHIP

Guidelines

1. With an aim to increase public understanding of science and technology and to encourage writers who wish to take up creative science popularisation ventures, KSCSTE has launched the programme entitled 'P.T. Bhaskara Panicker Science Writing Fellowship'.
2. The fellowship comprises of an amount of Rs.1,00,000/- granted in two equal instalments. This fellowship is on contract basis and will not be eligible for any service benefits.
3. Duration of the fellowship will be one year from the date of sanction.
4. The applicant shall be a post-graduate in the field of science or related subjects with excellent publication record (in English and/ Malayalam).
5. The age of the candidate should be below 60 years.
6. The application in the prescribed format with supporting documents should be submitted to the **Director, Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment, Sasthra Bhavan, Pattom P.O, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 004** on or before the deadline. Applications received after deadline and incomplete applications will be summarily rejected. The decision of KSCSTE in the selection of projects shall be final.
7. Along with the applicants, the aspirants shall submit a proposal specifying the area on which the books will be written. A Selection/Screening Committee constituted by KSCSTE will evaluate the proposal and the final selection will be made based on the qualification, experience and proficiency of the candidate.
8. At least one book in the field of science or related areas shall be completed during the period of fellowship. The book can be written in either Malayalam or English language.
9. The fellow shall report to the Head, Science Education Division, KSCSTE and submit a tri-monthly report to KSCSTE on the progress of work done.
10. On completion of the fellowship tenure, the fellow shall submit three copies of the proposed work.
11. The financial assistance will be disbursed to the selected candidate in two equal instalments. The first instalment of the fellowship will be released upon selection of the candidate and the final instalment will be released only after successful completion of the proposed work followed by evaluation by an Expert Committee

constituted by KSCSTE. The performance of the fellow shall be monitored by a Committee constituted by KSCSTE and periodic review will be done by external experts.

12. The selected candidates shall execute an undertaking/agreement with KSCSTE in stamp paper (Rs.200/-) to comply with the policies, rules and regulations of KSCSTE. The fellow should sign in all the pages of the agreement.
13. The fellow shall fulfil all the necessary requirements of the fellowship as directed by KSCSTE prior to commencement of the fellowship tenure.
14. The fellow shall not discontinue the fellowship without prior permission from KSCSTE. On the event of discontinuing the fellowship before the stipulated time period, the fellow shall submit the work completed till date to the Council and if found necessary, shall be liable to repay the already released fellowship amount as decided by the Council.
15. KSCSTE should be duly acknowledged in all publications associated with the fellowship.
16. The Council reserves the right not to release the sanctioned amount or terminate the fellowship at any stage if it is convinced that the grant has not been properly utilized or appropriate progress is not being made.
17. If the selected candidate wishes to change the proposal for which the fellowship was sanctioned, approval from KSCSTE shall be taken in advance.
18. If found necessary, KSCSTE can act a facilitator for the publication of the completed work. Further, for publication of the work, preference should be given for Government publishing institutes like The State Institute of Languages and Kerala State Institute of Children's Literature.
19. For further details contact:

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