

Kerala State Council for Science, Technology and Environment

KSCSTE RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

The fellowship will be termed as "KSCSTE fellowship". The KSCSTE Fellowships are offered to the following subject areas: Mathematical Sciences, Life Sciences, Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean and Planetary Sciences, Engineering Sciences and Environmental Sciences and this is based on a rigorous selection procedure from among the meritorious M.Sc./M.Tech. degree holders who are having 70.00% and above marks from various Universities in the Kerala State. Each selected candidate (KSCSTE Research Fellow) is eligible for a monthly fellowship of Rs. 22,000/- during the first two years and Rs. 25,000/- in the third year. The fellows are also eligible for an annual contingent grant of Rs. 20,000/- and 10% of their fellowship as HRA. The KSCSTE Research Fellow can register for Ph.D. in any of the Universities in Kerala in the subject of study.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR AVAILING THE FELLOWSHIP

1. The recipient of the KSCSTE fellowship shall register for Ph.D. Programme in any one of the Universities/recognised research centres in Kerala, not later than one year after the award of the fellowship. If he/she is already joined for research in any University or Research Centre, the Head of the Institution shall intimate the matter to the KSCSTE.
2. Fellowship will be released as lump sum in advance each year through the institution where the fellow is doing his/her research. The institution head shall ensure that fund will be utilized only for the purpose for which it is sanctioned.
3. The recipient of the fellowship shall not be permitted to avail any other fellowship than KSCSTE Research Fellowship, during the tenure of the Fellowship.
4. The Institution shall release the monthly fellowship to the KSCSTE Research Fellow by means of a crossed cheque. A separate cashbook shall be maintained by the institution for this purpose, which shall be open for scrutiny by KSCSTE or any agency deputed by the KSCSTE for that purpose. Receipt and Expenditure relating to the fellowship shall be entered in the Cash Book simultaneously with each transaction. The designation of the drawing and disbursing officer of the institution shall be mentioned in the cheque. Balance amount due to accrued interest, if any, in the account shall be mentioned in the Utilization Certificate & Statement of Expenditure and this will be adjusted for future release. On completion/termination of fellowship, the unutilized amount with accrued interest shall be refunded to KSCSTE within one month.
5. The third-year fellowship will be released upon submitting at least one research publication in a refereed journal.
6. Annual progress report with technical/scientific details of the work, forwarded by the research supervisor and duly endorsed by the Head of the Institution, shall be submitted at the end of each year. The subsequent instalments will be disbursed by KSCSTE only after receiving a satisfactory progress report and audited statement of expenditure & utilization certificate. (The statement of expenditure & utilization certificate should be audited by finance officer in the case of Central Government Institutions, State Government Institutions, University Departments, R & D Centres of KSCSTE; Head Accountant/ Principal in the case of Government Colleges and Chartered Accountant in the case of Aided Colleges, Un-Aided Colleges, Self-financing Colleges, Autonomous Institutions and NGOs). On completion of the tenure of fellowship, the research fellow shall send a detailed consolidated report of research work done during the entire period of fellowship and audited statements of expenditure to the KSCSTE.

7. The fellowship shall be purely on contract basis and he/she shall not be eligible for any service benefits. The KSCSTE Research Fellow shall complete the research programme within a period of three years. Extension for a maximum period of two years will be considered on case by case basis, for exceptionally good candidates after evaluation of the merit of the work done.
8. No Research Fellow shall discontinue his/her fellowship without prior approval of KSCSTE. In case he/she wishes to discontinue the fellowship prior to completion of the tenure, he/she must submit the resignation to the KSCSTE through the supervisor and forwarded by the Head of the Institution, indicating specific reasons for discontinuing the fellowship. The fellowship shall cease from the date stipulated in the letter approving the resignation. The research fellows who thus withdrawn from fellowship shall send a detailed consolidated report of the research work done during the period of fellowship and audited financial statements to KSCSTE, within one month after accepting the resignation.
9. The research fellow shall inform KSCSTE about the submission of Ph.D. thesis /publication of research finding arising out of the research during the tenure of the fellowship. A copy of the thesis/publication shall be sent to the Council within one month of the award of the Ph. D degree/publication of the article.
10. Due acknowledgement of KSCSTE shall be given in all the publications emanating from the research work.
11. The fellows alone are responsible for any adverse impacts resulted to society out of their research and KSCSTE is free from any legal disputes due to that.

I agree to abide the above Terms and conditions laid by KSCSTE for availing the KSCSTE Research Fellowship. Further, I understand that any breach of the above Terms and Conditions may invite the forfeit of the fellowship, unilaterally.

Name & Signature of
the Fellowship
holder with date

Name & Signature of
the Research
Supervisor with date

Name & Signature of
Head of the
department/division
with date & Seal

Countersigned by Head of the
Institution
(Registrar/Principal/Director)

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