Agreement

KSCSTE SPECIAL POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP
TERMS & CONDITIONS

(To be executed in a bond paper of ₹100/-)

1. The fellowship will be termed as “KSCSTE Special Post Doctoral Fellowship” which include ‘Verghese Kurien KSCSTE Post Doctoral Fellowship’, ‘Jyeshtadeva KSCSTE Post Doctoral Fellowship’, ‘G.N. Ramachandran KSCSTE Post Doctoral Fellowship’ and ‘Parameshwara KSCSTE Post Doctoral Fellowship’.

2. One fellowship from each category will be given to eligible candidates.

3. Applications will be invited from Ph. D degree holders with first class/equivalent grade in preceding degree in the field of Veterinary Science/Dairy Science/Life Science/Biotechnology for Verghese Kurien KSCSTE Post Doctoral Fellowship, Mathematics/Astronomy/Physics for Jyeshtadeva KSCSTE Post Doctoral Fellowship, Protein crystallography/Structural Biology for G.N. Ramachandran KSCSTE Post Doctoral Fellowship and Space Science for Parameshwara KSCSTE Post Doctoral Fellowship with a consistently good academic record from any of the universities/recognized research centers anywhere in India.

4. Candidates should have published at least one research paper in Science Citation Indexed Journal or one patent.

5. The selected Special Post Doctoral Fellow (SPDF) will be eligible for a monthly fellowship of ₹35,000/-for three years with 10% H.R.A. An annual contingent grant of ₹70,000/- and travel grant of ₹20,000/- per annum also will be granted to the SPD fellows.

6. The SPD fellowship will be given for a period of three years.

7. Candidates should be a Keralite by birth/domicile and must produce an undertaking from any of the recognized research centers/departments/ institutes of the Kerala State (or outside Kerala State with justification in terms of the smooth implementation of the research work) stating that they will extend all facilities for the particular SPD Fellow in the concerned laboratory/institute. He/She may be attached to a senior investigator.

8. The SPD Fellow should join in a suitable institution under the Council or any R&D Institution/University other than his/ her parent institution so as to get exposure in a new research environment.

9. SPD Fellowship will be released in advance in lump sum each year through the institution in which the research is carried out. The fund should be utilized only for the purpose for which it
has been sanctioned. The interest accrued if any will have to be reflected in the statement of expenditure, which will be adjusted from the subsequent years’ grant.

10. The amount should be drawn by the Institution and released to the SPD Fellow only by means of cheque. A separate cashbook should be maintained for the purpose by the institution, which will be open for scrutiny of KSCSTE or any agency deputed by the KSCSTE. Receipt and Expenditure relating to the SPD fellowship should be entered in the Cash Book simultaneously with the transactions. The designation of the drawing and disbursing officer of the institution shall be mentioned in the cheque. Balance amount with interest accrued if any in the account should be mentioned in the Utilization Certificate and will be adjusted against future release. Unutilized amount at the completion/termination of SPD fellowship will be refunded with interest to KSCSTE.

11. **Group monitoring workshop will be conducted for the periodic review of the work.** A progress report of the work has to be submitted to the KSCSTE within three months after the completion of the first, second year and six months after third year with the remarks of the Head of Institution where they are undertaking research. The subsequent installments will be disbursed by KSCSTE only after receiving satisfactory progress reports and audited statement of expenditure & Utilization Certificate from the Head of institution (for Govt. Institution/University) or chartered accountant (for Aided or Private Institution). On completion of the tenure of fellowship the SPD fellow must submit detailed Final Technical Report of research work done during the entire period of fellowship and audited statements of expenditure to the KSCSTE.

12. The SPD fellowship will be purely on contract basis and will not be eligible for any service benefits.

13. SPD fellows shall not discontinue his/her SPD 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 mentor/supervisor indicating specific reasons for not continuing the SPD fellowship. The SPD fellowship shall cease from the date stipulated in the letter approving the resignation. The SPD fellows who thus resigned must send a detailed consolidated report of the research work done during the period of SPD fellowship and audited financial statements through the mentor/supervisor to KSCSTE, within one month of accepting the resignation.

14. The SPD fellow shall inform KSCSTE about any achievements, patents and submission/publication of any research paper arising out of the research work done during the tenure of the SPD fellowship.

15. Due acknowledgement to KSCSTE will be given in all the publications/patents emanating from the research work.
16. SPD fellows availing any other source of financial assistance/stipend from other State/central funding agencies will not be simultaneously eligible for KSCSTE SPD fellowship. The SPD fellow should furnish an undertaking to the effect that he/she is not availing financial assistance/stipend from any other source simultaneously.

17. For administering the KSCSTE Special PDF, the rules of the host institute may be applied.

I do hereby agree to adhere strictly to the above terms and conditions for availing Special PD fellowship of KSCSTE.

Name of the SPD Fellow
Signature with date

Name of the Mentor
Signature with date

Name of Head of the Institution
Signature with date

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