

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEGHALAYA

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FELLOWSHIP / SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

for Ph.D. Scholars

Framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and Ordinance – 1 of 2023 of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya, and with prevailing UGC/funding-agency fellowship schemes

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Preamble

Financial security is a precondition of good research. A scholar preoccupied with the means of subsistence cannot give a doctoral problem the sustained, unhurried attention it demands. **Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya** ("the University") accordingly regards the fair, timely and transparent administration of fellowships and scholarships as integral to the quality of the research it produces, and not as a matter collateral to it.

This Fellowship/Scholarship Policy sets out, in a single consolidated instrument, the categories of financial support available to Ph.D. scholars of the University, the eligibility and continuation criteria attached to each, the rates and mode of disbursement, and the consequences of unsatisfactory progress, misconduct, or discontinuation. It operates within the framework of the University's Research Policy and the Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme, and in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 ("the UGC Regulations, 2022"), Ordinance – 1 of 2023 of the University ("the Ordinance"), and the fellowship schemes of the UGC and other national funding agencies as revised by them from time to time.

Nothing in this Policy shall be read as creating an entitlement to financial support merely by virtue of registration for the Ph.D. programme. Financial support under this Policy is available strictly in accordance with the eligibility criteria, seat availability, and budgetary provision applicable to each category described below.

1. Short Title, Applicability and Commencement

1. **Short Title.** This document shall be called the "*Fellowship/Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.*"
2. **Applicability.** This Policy applies to every Ph.D. scholar registered with the University who receives, or applies to receive, financial support in any of the forms described in Section 4, whether funded by the UGC, another national agency, a sponsoring body, or the University's own funds. It does not apply to remuneration paid to project staff engaged on a sponsored project under a contract of employment distinct from Ph.D. registration, which is governed by the terms of the relevant project sanction.
3. **Commencement.** This Policy shall come into force on the date of its approval by the competent authority and shall apply to every fellowship or scholarship sanctioned thereafter; scholars already in receipt of financial


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support shall, in respect of continuation, renewal and discontinuation, be governed by this Policy from the date of its commencement, without prejudice to instalments already disbursed.

2. Definitions

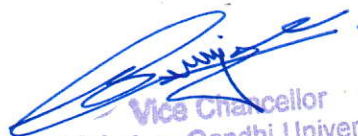
- **“Fellowship”** means a periodic monetary stipend paid to a Ph.D. scholar to support the scholar’s living and research expenses during the tenure of registration.
- **“Scholarship”** means a grant-in-aid, whether recurring or one-time, awarded on the basis of merit, need, or a specific research purpose, and includes tuition waivers, contingency grants, and travel grants.
- **“JRF” / “SRF”** means Junior Research Fellow and Senior Research Fellow respectively, under the UGC-NET, UGC-CSIR NET, or an equivalent national fellowship scheme.
- **“Institutional Fellowship”** means financial support sanctioned by the University itself, from its own funds, to a Ph.D. scholar who does not hold an external, agency-funded fellowship.
- **“Contingency Grant”** means an annual grant-in-aid, distinct from the monthly stipend, intended to defray research-related expenses such as books, stationery, consumables, and minor equipment.
- **“Satisfactory Progress”** means progress certified as such by the Research Advisory Committee under Regulation 10 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 6.6 of the Ordinance, on the basis of the scholar’s semester-wise presentation and report.
- **“Host Institution”** means the University, in its capacity as the institution at which the fellowship is drawn and the research is conducted.

3. Guiding Principles

- Financial support shall be administered on principles of transparency, timeliness, and non-discrimination; no scholar shall be denied, delayed, or reduced in fellowship on a ground other than one expressly recognised by this Policy.
- Financial support shall never substitute for academic rigour: continuation of a fellowship is at all times conditional upon satisfactory academic progress as certified by the Research Advisory Committee, irrespective of the source of funding.


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- Category, source of funding, or mode of registration (full-time, part-time, sponsored, self-financed) shall not, by itself, be a ground for a lower standard of academic accountability; it may, consistently with this Policy, affect eligibility for particular categories of financial support.
- The University shall process fellowship disbursement within the timelines prescribed in Section 8 and shall not withhold a stipend for administrative delay attributable to the University itself.
- Every scholar shall be treated equally in respect of the fellowship or scholarship category for which the scholar is objectively eligible, without distinction on the ground of gender, caste, religion, disability, or region, save for such affirmative relaxations as are expressly provided by law or by this Policy in favour of a protected category.

4. Categories of Financial Support

A Ph.D. scholar of the University may be in receipt of financial support under one, and ordinarily only one, of the following categories at any given time:

4.1 National-Level Fellowships (UGC-NET JRF/SRF and Equivalent)

Scholars who have qualified UGC-NET (Junior Research Fellowship), UGC-CSIR NET, or an equivalent national fellowship scheme administered by an agency such as the Indian Council of Social Science Research, the Indian Council of Historical Research, the Department of Science and Technology (INSPIRE), the Department of Biotechnology, or the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research, and who avail their fellowship at the University as Host Institution, shall receive the stipend, House Rent Allowance, and contingency grant at the rate prescribed by the awarding agency, disbursed through the University in accordance with the agency's guidelines and the rate schedule notified by it from time to time.

The prevailing indicative rate structure under the UGC-NET JRF/SRF scheme, as revised by the UGC with effect from January 1, 2023, is reproduced below for guidance; the University shall at all times apply the rate actually notified by the UGC or the concerned agency in force on the date of disbursement, and this Policy shall be read as automatically incorporating any subsequent revision without need for separate amendment:


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Component	Rate (Indicative, per UGC Notification)
Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) - first two years	➤ ₹37,000 per month
Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) - remaining tenure, subject to upgradation on satisfactory assessment	➤ ₹42,000 per month
House Rent Allowance (where hostel accommodation is not availed)	As per Central Government norms applicable to the city/location of the University
Contingency Grant (Humanities and Social Sciences)	As notified by UGC, disbursed annually
Contingency Grant (Sciences and Engineering)	As notified by UGC, disbursed annually
Dearness Allowance	As per prevailing Central Government DA rate applicable to research fellows

The maximum tenure of the JRF/SRF fellowship shall be as prescribed by the awarding agency (ordinarily up to five years, inclusive of the JRF and SRF periods, subject to satisfactory progress), and shall not, by itself, extend the maximum permissible duration of the Ph.D. programme prescribed under Regulation 4 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 4 of the Ordinance.

4.2 Institutional Research Fellowship

The University may, subject to budgetary provision approved by the Finance Committee and the Board of Management, sanction a limited number of Institutional Research Fellowships each year to meritorious full-time Ph.D. scholars who do not hold a national-level fellowship. The rate, number, and duration of Institutional Research Fellowships shall be notified separately by the Finance Committee for each academic year and published alongside the admission Prospectus, and shall not, in any event, be less favourable in respect of continuation and review conditions than those applicable to national-level fellowships under this Policy.

4.3 Non-NET / University Merit Scholarship

The University may extend a modest, non-recurring or short-duration Merit Scholarship to full-time scholars of demonstrated academic merit who are not otherwise in receipt of a fellowship, subject to availability of funds, on terms to be notified by the Dean (Research) in consultation with the Finance Committee.


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4.4 Teaching / Research Assistantship

A Ph.D. scholar assigned teaching, tutorial, or laboratory duties of four to six (4–6) hours per week under Regulation 9(2) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 may, subject to University policy and budgetary provision, receive an assistantship honorarium in addition to any fellowship otherwise payable, provided that such assistantship duties do not displace the scholar's primary research obligations or extend the minimum duration of the programme.

4.5 Sponsored-Project Fellowship

A Ph.D. scholar engaged as a Junior Research Fellow, Project Fellow, or equivalent on a sponsored research project sanctioned to a faculty member of the University shall receive remuneration at the rate specified in the project sanction, subject to the terms of the sponsoring agency; such a scholar remains, for all academic purposes, subject to this Policy's provisions on continuation, review, and discontinuation, notwithstanding that the funding source is the sponsored project rather than the University's general funds.

4.6 Self-Financed Scholars

A scholar who does not hold a fellowship or scholarship under this Section is described as self-financed. Self-financed scholars are subject to the same academic, coursework, and evaluation requirements as fellowship-holding scholars in every respect and shall not, on that account, be treated differently as to the standard of supervision, infrastructure access, or evaluation, save that they receive no periodic stipend from the University or an external agency.

4.7 Sponsored / Deputed (Employed) Scholars

A part-time or full-time scholar who is deputed or sponsored by an employer under a No-Objection Certificate, as contemplated by Regulation 13 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 11 of the Ordinance, and who continues to draw salary from that employer during the period of research, shall not ordinarily be eligible for a University fellowship or scholarship under Sections 4.1 to 4.4 above, save where the terms of the sponsoring arrangement specifically provide for supplementary institutional support.

4.8 Foreign / International Scholars

Financial support to foreign or international scholars is governed by the fee and funding provisions of the Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign Students. A foreign scholar shall not draw a UGC-NET JRF/SRF fellowship or Institutional Research Fellowship intended for Indian nationals unless the

scholar is independently eligible under the terms of a bilateral scholarship scheme, a scheme of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations, or an equivalent instrument, and is expressly certified as such by the Dean, International Relations/Foreign Affairs in consultation with the Dean (Research).

5. Eligibility for Financial Support

4. A scholar shall be eligible to draw a fellowship or scholarship under this Policy only upon confirmation of registration in accordance with the Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme, including allocation of a Research Supervisor and clearance of the Research Proposal by the Research Advisory Committee.
5. A scholar shall not simultaneously hold more than one fellowship or scholarship of a recurring, stipendiary character under this Policy; a scholar who becomes eligible for a national-level fellowship while already in receipt of an Institutional Research Fellowship shall opt for one or the other, and the University shall discontinue the Institutional Research Fellowship upon the scholar's confirmed migration to the national-level fellowship.
6. A scholar under disciplinary suspension, or against whom a finding of plagiarism, data fabrication, or other research misconduct has been recorded by the Ethics Board, shall not be eligible to draw or continue any fellowship or scholarship under this Policy for the duration of the suspension or pending the outcome of proceedings, save such minimal continuation as the Vice-Chancellor may, for humanitarian reason, specifically direct.
7. Eligibility for a fellowship category described in Section 4 shall, in every case, be subject to the specific eligibility conditions prescribed by the awarding agency (in the case of national-level fellowships) or by the Finance Committee (in the case of Institutional Research Fellowships and Merit Scholarships), which conditions are incorporated into this Policy by reference.

6. Continuation, Renewal and Upgradation

8. **Semester-wise Certification.** Continuation of any fellowship or scholarship under this Policy for a subsequent semester or year is conditional upon the scholar's progress being certified as satisfactory by the Research Advisory Committee at the semester-wise review conducted under Regulation 10(2) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 6.6 of the Ordinance. The RAC's report shall be forwarded to the Dean (Research) and


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the Finance Office, and disbursement for the succeeding period shall be released only upon receipt of a certificate of satisfactory progress.

9. **Coursework Stage.** A scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks, or the equivalent grade on the UGC ten-point scale, in the prescribed coursework, in accordance with Regulation 9(3) of the UGC Regulations, 2022, to remain eligible for continuation of any fellowship into the research stage.
10. **Upgradation from JRF to SRF.** Upgradation from Junior Research Fellow to Senior Research Fellow status, where applicable, shall follow the assessment procedure and timeline prescribed by the awarding agency, ordinarily upon completion of two years of satisfactory research, and shall require an assessment report from the Research Supervisor, countersigned by the Head of the Department, in the format prescribed by the agency concerned.
11. **Withholding Pending Review.** Where the RAC record of a given semester notes unsatisfactory progress and prescribes corrective measures under Regulation 10(3) of the UGC Regulations, 2022, disbursement of the fellowship for the succeeding period may be withheld or released provisionally, at the discretion of the Dean (Research), pending the scholar's demonstrated compliance with the corrective measures within the period specified by the RAC.

7. Tenure and Duration of Financial Support

- The maximum tenure of a national-level fellowship shall be as prescribed by the awarding agency and shall in no case, by itself, be treated as extending the maximum duration of the Ph.D. programme prescribed under Regulation 4 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 4 of the Ordinance.
- An Institutional Research Fellowship shall ordinarily be sanctioned for a period not exceeding the minimum prescribed duration of the programme (three years), renewable annually subject to satisfactory progress, up to a maximum aggregate period to be notified by the Finance Committee, which shall not ordinarily exceed the maximum duration permissible under Regulation 4 of the UGC Regulations, 2022.
- Where a scholar is granted an extension of the programme duration through re-registration under Regulation 4(2) of the UGC Regulations, 2022, continuation of financial support during the extended period shall be at the discretion of the awarding agency (for national-level fellowships)

or the Finance Committee (for Institutional Research Fellowships), having regard to the availability of funds and the scholar's progress record.

- Financial support shall not, in any circumstance, be extended beyond the maximum duration of the Ph.D. programme prescribed by Regulation 4 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 4 of the Ordinance, including the additional relaxation available to female scholars and Persons with Disabilities.

8. Disbursement Procedure

12. **Monthly Disbursement.** Stipends payable under a recurring fellowship shall be disbursed monthly, directly to the scholar's bank account, ordinarily by the seventh (7th) working day of the succeeding month, subject to timely receipt of the RAC's semester certification where such certification falls due in that period.
13. **Annual/Periodic Grants.** Contingency grants, book grants, and similar annual or periodic entitlements shall be disbursed against submission of a utilisation certificate for the preceding period, or, in the case of a first disbursement, upon confirmation of registration.
14. **Documentation.** A scholar shall submit, at the frequency prescribed by the awarding agency or the Finance Office, such joining reports, continuation certificates, RAC progress certificates, and utilisation certificates as are required to sustain disbursement; failure to submit required documentation within a reasonable period after reminder may result in suspension of disbursement until the deficiency is cured.
15. **Grievance on Delay.** A scholar aggrieved by delay in disbursement attributable to the University may raise the matter with the Dean (Research) in the first instance, and, failing resolution within fifteen (15) days, in accordance with the Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars.

9. Leave, Absence and Continuity of Fellowship

- **Maternity/Child-Care Leave.** A female Ph.D. scholar shall be entitled to Maternity Leave or Child-Care Leave of up to 240 days over the entire duration of the programme, in accordance with Regulation 4(3) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 4.2 of the Ordinance. Fellowship or scholarship payments shall continue during such leave, in accordance with the terms of the awarding agency or, in the case of Institutional support, at the rate otherwise applicable.

- **Medical Leave.** A scholar unable to pursue research on account of documented medical incapacity may be granted leave, with continuation of fellowship, for a period and on terms consistent with the policy of the awarding agency or, for Institutional support, as approved by the Dean (Research), on production of appropriate medical certification.
- **Casual and Academic Leave.** A scholar shall be entitled to such casual leave as is permitted by the awarding agency (or, for Institutional support, as notified by the University), and to leave for attendance at a conference, workshop, or research visit approved by the Research Supervisor and RAC, without interruption of fellowship, subject to prior approval and "on-duty" certification.
- **Unauthorised Absence.** A scholar absent from the University for a continuous period exceeding the limit prescribed by the awarding agency, or by the University in the case of Institutional support, without prior approved leave, shall have the fellowship suspended, and the matter referred to the RAC for a report on the scholar's continued registration.

10. Fee Waivers and Ancillary Support

- Scholars belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer), Economically Weaker Sections, and Persons with Disabilities shall be granted such fee concessions and relaxations as are prescribed by the Government of India, the Government of Meghalaya, and the UGC from time to time, in addition to any fellowship or scholarship otherwise payable under this Policy.
- The University shall, subject to budgetary provision, extend support towards conference travel, publication charges in legitimate journals, and short research visits, in accordance with Section 10.1 of the Research Policy, to scholars regardless of the category of fellowship held, including self-financed scholars, on a competitive and merit basis.
- Hostel accommodation, where available, shall be offered to eligible scholars on the same terms as to other postgraduate students of the University; a scholar residing in University hostel accommodation shall not additionally draw House Rent Allowance under a national-level fellowship, consistent with the terms of the awarding agency.

11. Taxation and Statutory Compliance

Fellowship and scholarship payments shall be subject to applicable provisions of the Income-tax Act, 1961, and any tax deducted at source shall be effected in

accordance with law and the guidance issued by the awarding agency. The University shall issue an annual statement of amounts disbursed to each scholar for the scholar's own tax compliance purposes. Nothing in this Policy shall be construed as University advice on the taxability of a particular payment, on which a scholar should, if in doubt, seek independent professional guidance.

12. Discontinuation, Suspension and Recovery

16. **Discontinuation on Completion or Withdrawal.** A fellowship or scholarship shall stand discontinued upon the award of the degree, upon the scholar's voluntary withdrawal from the programme, or upon cancellation of registration under Regulation 10(3) of the UGC Regulations, 2022.
17. **Suspension for Unsatisfactory Progress.** Where the RAC records, on two consecutive occasions, that a scholar's progress is unsatisfactory and that prescribed corrective measures have not been implemented, the RAC's recommendation for cancellation of registration under Regulation 10(3) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 shall, upon confirmation by the Research Degree Committee, result in automatic discontinuation of any fellowship or scholarship held by the scholar.
18. **Suspension for Misconduct.** Financial support shall be suspended with immediate effect upon a prima facie finding by the Ethics Board of plagiarism, data fabrication, or other serious research misconduct, pending the outcome of the Ethics Board's inquiry, and shall be permanently discontinued upon a confirmed adverse finding.
19. **Recovery of Amounts Wrongfully Drawn.** Where a scholar is found to have drawn a fellowship or scholarship on the basis of false information, concealment of a material fact (including concurrent receipt of another stipend or salaried employment inconsistent with full-time registration), or continued receipt after a disqualifying event, the University shall be entitled to recover the amount so drawn, without prejudice to any disciplinary or legal action available to it.
20. **Effect of Change in Registration Mode.** A scholar who converts from full-time to part-time registration, or who takes up employment inconsistent with the terms of a full-time fellowship, shall promptly report the change to the Dean (Research); continuation of fellowship thereafter shall be governed by the eligibility terms of the awarding agency or, for Institutional support, by the Finance Committee's determination on the altered circumstances.

13. Institutional Responsibilities

- The Dean (Research) shall maintain a consolidated, Department-wise register of all scholars in receipt of a fellowship or scholarship under this Policy, showing the category, rate, tenure, and date of last RAC certification, and shall place a consolidated status report before the Research Degree Committee at least once every semester.
- The Finance Office shall process disbursement in accordance with the timelines in Section 8 and shall promptly flag to the Dean (Research) any scholar for whom the requisite RAC certification or documentation has not been received.
- The Research Supervisor shall ensure that the RAC's semester review and certification are completed in a timely manner so that a scholar's fellowship is not delayed on account of an avoidable administrative lapse on the supervisory side.
- The University shall publish, at the start of each academic year, a consolidated notice setting out the prevailing rates of Institutional Research Fellowship and Merit Scholarship, the number of seats available under each, and the applicable eligibility criteria for that year.

14. Grievance Redress

A scholar aggrieved by a decision under this Policy - whether relating to eligibility, continuation, rate, delay in disbursement, suspension, or recovery - may seek redress in accordance with the University's Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars, without prejudice to any remedy available before the awarding agency in the case of a nationally administered fellowship, or in law.

15. Relationship with Other University Policies

This Policy operates as part of the same regulatory architecture as the University's Research Policy, the Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme, the Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign Students, the Constitution of the Ethics Board, the Constitution of the RAC and DRC, and the Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars. In the event of an apparent conflict between this Policy and any of those instruments, or with the terms of a national fellowship scheme, the matter shall be referred to the Research Degree Committee for reconciliation and, failing resolution there, to the Academic Council, whose decision shall be final, subject always to the terms

of the awarding agency (in respect of a nationally administered fellowship) and the overriding force of the UGC Regulations, 2022.

16. Amendment, Review and Interpretation

21. **Periodic Review.** The rates and terms of Institutional Research Fellowships and Merit Scholarships under this Policy shall be reviewed by the Finance Committee at least once every academic year, and the Policy as a whole shall be reviewed by the Research Degree Committee at least once every three (3) years, or earlier where warranted by a revision in UGC or other agency fellowship rates, and any resulting amendment shall be placed before the Academic Council and the Board of Management for approval.
22. **Automatic Incorporation of Agency Revisions.** Any revision in the rate or terms of a national-level fellowship notified by the UGC or another funding agency shall be treated as automatically incorporated into this Policy with effect from the date specified in the agency's notification, without need for separate amendment of this document, and the University shall update Section 4.1 administratively to reflect the prevailing rate.
23. **Interpretation.** Where any doubt arises as to the interpretation of this Policy, the matter shall be referred to the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision, taken in consultation with the Dean (Research) and the Finance Officer, shall be final, subject to the overriding authority of the Board of Management and the terms of the relevant awarding agency.
24. **Effective Date.** This Policy shall take effect from the date of its approval by the competent authority and shall govern every fellowship or scholarship disbursement made thereafter.

Annexure A: Comparative Overview of Financial Support Categories

Category	Funding Source	Continuation Condition	Governing Reference
UGC-NET JRF/SRF and equivalent national fellowships	UGC / concerned national agency	Satisfactory RAC review each semester; agency-prescribed assessment for JRF-to-SRF upgradation	Section 4.1
Institutional Research Fellowship	University funds	Satisfactory RAC review each semester; annual renewal by Finance Committee	Section 4.2
Non-NET / University Merit Scholarship	University funds	Merit-based; renewal subject to availability of funds	Section 4.3
Teaching/Research Assistantship	University funds / Department budget	Continued assignment of duties; satisfactory performance	Section 4.4
Sponsored-Project Fellowship	External sponsoring/funding agency	Terms of project sanction; RAC academic review continues to apply	Section 4.5
Self-financed (no stipend)	Scholar's own resources	Same academic requirements as fellowship-holders	Section 4.6
Sponsored/Deputed (employer-paid) scholars	Employer salary	NOC terms; RAC academic review continues to apply	Section 4.7
Foreign/International scholars	Self-funded / bilateral scheme, as applicable	As per Admission Policy for Foreign Students	Section 4.8


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Annexure B: Cross-Reference to Governing Instruments

Subject	UGC Regulations, 2022	MGU Ordinance – 1 of 2023
Duration of programme (ceiling on funded tenure)	Regulation 4	Chapter 4
Maternity/Child-Care Leave	Regulation 4(3)	Chapter 4.2
Coursework qualifying standard	Regulation 9(3)	Chapter 7.2
RAC semester review and certification	Regulation 10(2)	Chapter 6.6
Corrective measures / cancellation of registration	Regulation 10(3)	Chapter 6.6(b)
Part-time/sponsored scholars and NOC	Regulation 13	Chapter 11
Foreign/international scholar funding	Regulation 7	Annexure I, clause 9


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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

RESOLUTION

45th Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: 28 March 2026

Item No.: BoM-45/26/5

Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars

The Dean (Research) placed before the Board the draft “**Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars**” framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya, and the prevailing fellowship schemes of the University Grants Commission and other national funding agencies, for consideration and approval.

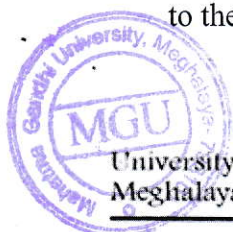
The Board carefully considered the draft Policy and observed that it establishes a comprehensive institutional framework governing the administration of fellowships and scholarships for Ph.D. Scholars by prescribing the categories of financial assistance, eligibility criteria, continuation and renewal conditions, tenure, disbursement procedures, leave benefits, suspension, discontinuation, recovery, institutional responsibilities, grievance redress mechanism and periodic review. The Board further noted that the Policy seeks to ensure transparency, accountability, financial discipline and uniformity in the administration of financial assistance while maintaining conformity with the applicable statutory provisions governing doctoral education and research.

RESOLVED THAT

The Board of Management hereby approves the “**Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars**”, as placed before the Board, as the official policy governing the sanction, administration, continuation, renewal, suspension, discontinuation and regulation of fellowships, scholarships, institutional financial assistance and other related financial support extended to Ph.D. Scholars of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The provisions of the approved Policy shall apply to every eligible Ph.D. Scholar receiving financial assistance from the University, the University Grants Commission, Government Departments, National Funding Agencies or any other recognised sponsoring organisation, subject to the respective conditions governing such financial assistance.



RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Vice Chancellor is hereby authorised to issue such administrative directions, implementation guidelines, standard operating procedures, application formats, monitoring mechanisms and other consequential orders as may be necessary for effective implementation of the approved Policy.

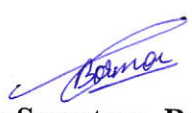
RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Finance Committee, Dean (Research), Finance Officer and Registrar shall exercise their respective powers and responsibilities in accordance with the provisions contained in the approved Policy and shall undertake periodic review of institutional fellowship schemes and budgetary provisions in accordance with the recommendations of the competent authorities.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Registrar shall issue the necessary notification, preserve the authenticated master copy of the Policy, circulate the same amongst all Schools, Departments, Research Centres and administrative offices of the University, publish the Policy on the official University website and take all consequential administrative action necessary for its implementation.

Certified to be a True Resolution


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BOARD OF MANAGEMENT

EXTRACT OF RESOLUTION

Extract of the Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: 28 March 2026

Item No.: BoM-45/26/5

Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars

RESOLVED THAT the Board of Management approved the “**Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars**”, framed in conformity with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 and the prevailing fellowship schemes of the University Grants Commission and other National Funding Agencies, as the institutional policy governing fellowships and scholarships for Ph.D. Scholars of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Vice Chancellor shall issue such directions as may be necessary for operationalisation of the approved Policy.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Registrar shall notify and implement the approved Policy throughout the University.

Certified to be a True Extract of the Minutes


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ACADEMIC COUNCIL

RESOLUTION

46th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 20 June 2026

Item No.: AC-46/26/6

Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars

The Dean (Research) placed before the Academic Council the draft "**Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars**" for consideration and academic approval. The Council examined the draft in detail and observed that the proposed Policy establishes a transparent and academically sound framework for regulating the award, continuation, review, suspension and administration of fellowships and scholarships for Ph.D. Scholars while ensuring compliance with the University Grants Commission Regulations, 2022, Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 and the University's Research Policy.

RESOLVED THAT

The Academic Council hereby approves the "**Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars**" from the academic standpoint and recommends the same to the Board of Management for statutory approval.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

Upon approval by the Board of Management, the Policy shall form an integral part of the University's academic and research governance framework and shall be applicable to all Ph.D. Scholars admitted to the University in accordance with the provisions contained therein.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Dean (Research) shall monitor implementation of the Policy through the Research Degree Committee and ensure periodic academic review of fellowship continuation, renewal and institutional compliance in accordance with the provisions of the approved Policy.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Registrar shall place the approved Policy before the Board of Management for statutory approval and thereafter undertake all consequential action for implementation.

Certified to be a True Resolution

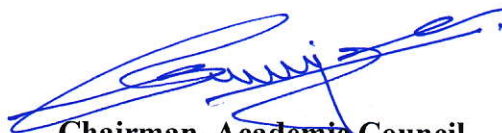


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ACADEMIC COUNCIL

EXTRACT OF RESOLUTION

Extract of the Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 20 June 2026

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Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars

RESOLVED THAT the Academic Council approved the “**Fellowship / Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars**” and recommended the same to the Board of Management for statutory approval as the institutional policy governing fellowship and scholarship administration for Ph.D. Scholars of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT upon approval by the Board of Management, the Policy shall be implemented throughout the University.

RESOLVED FURTHER THAT the Dean (Research) and the Registrar shall take all necessary academic and administrative action for implementation of the approved Policy.

Certified to be a True Extract of the Minutes

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