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CIRCULAR

Sub: Educational Assistance Scheme – Award of GRI Research Fellowship –
For Full Time Research Scholars – 2026 – 2027 – application called for – reg.

Ref:1.Our office circular ref:AC6(A)/Ph.D/GRI RF/2025-2026/Date:06.02.2026

2.Approval of the Vice-Chancellor, dated.06.04.2026.

In continuation of this office circular 1st cited above, this is to inform that applications for the award of "GRI Research Fellowship" under Educational Assistance Scheme are invited from the full-time Research Scholars from 07.04.2026 those who have joined in October 2025 session and January 2026 session, and not receiving any financial assistance from any other funding agencies.

The GRI Research Fellowship (GRIRF) shall be sanctioned initially for a period of one year from the joining date as GRIRF.

GRI Research Fellowship shall be Rs.8000/- per month for a period of three years or till submission of thesis whichever is earlier, subject to fulfilling the eligibility conditions.

The primary objective of the GRI Senior Research Fellowship is to extend financial assistance to full-time research work in GRI.

The award of GRI Senior Research Fellowship shall be strictly based on the performance subject to the following conditions.

Eligibility conditions fixed for considering the application for such award are:

The Candidate

- a) Should be an Indian.
- b) Should be a full-time research scholar.
- c) Should be a non-recipient of financial assistance from any other funding agency, at the time of application.

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- d) To claim 2nd year fellowship, scholar must have published one research article in SCI/SCIE/UGC-CARE listed/Scopus/refereed journal.
- e) To claim 3rd year fellowship, scholar must have published at least two research articles in SCI/SCIE/UGC-CARE listed/Scopus/refereed journals.

The application of the Research Scholars for the award of GRI Research Fellowship is to be recommended by the Research Supervisors and forwarded by the Deans/HoDs/Directors concerned.

The Deans/HoDs/Directors are requested to circulate this among the full time Research Scholars and forward the applications on or before 30.04.2026

A copy of the specimen application form for the same is enclosed herewith.

Sd/-
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Encl: Application form.


To

All Deans/HoDs/Directors - with a request to circulate among all Research Supervisors of your School/Department/Centers

**The Director, Computer Centre - with a request to upload in the IntraMail.
- with a request to upload in the Student Corner.**

Copy to:

The Controller of Examinations/ Finance Section-I/The PS to the Vice-Chancellor/
The PS to the Registrar/ AC6(S) Seat/ File.


DIRECTOR 9/4/26
(ACADEMIC)

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Application for the award of GRI Research Fellowship
(Full-time Ph.D Research Scholars only)

Registration No: _____

1	Name of the Research Scholar (in Block letters)	
2.	Male/Female	
3.	Father's Name & Annual Income	
4.	Present Address	
5.	Permanent Address with Mobile number and Email id.	
6.	Age and Date of Birth	
7.	Nationality	
8.	Community	
9.	Qualification & % of marks in PG Degree	
10.	Date of Registration / Year of Studying	
11.	Name of the Research Supervisor & Department	
12.	Title of the Research Work	
13.	Progress report updated to be enclosed	
14.	Research Articles Published	II Year
		III Year

The details given above are true.

Signature of the Candidate

DECLARATION OF THE CANDIDATE

I agree to refund the fellowship amount received by me if,

- i) Any of the statements given above are found incorrect.
- ii) I am not in receipt of any other scholarships from other funding agencies like UGC, CSIR, ICSSR etc.

Further, I agree not to accept any part-time or Full-time remunerative job outside the Institute during the period of my stipend of GRIRF.

Signature of the candidate

Recommendation of the Supervisor under whom the scholar is doing Ph.D.

Signature of the Supervisor

Recommendation of the Dean/Head/Director of the School/Department and Centre concerned.

Signature of the Dean/HoD/Director

**Guidelines for Awarding GRI Research Fellowship
for Full-Time Ph.D Programme
(With effect from Academic Year 2025-2026)**

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1. Name of the Fellowship

The fellowship shall be called as "GRI Research Fellowship" (GRIRF).

2. Objective

The Primary objective of the GRI Research Fellowship shall be to extend financial assistance to undertake full-time research work in GRI-DTBU.

3. Value of the Fellowship

The GRI Research Fellowship (GRIRF) shall be sanctioned from 1st July 2025 for those who have received GRI JRF/SRF till June 2025 subject to fulfilling the eligibility conditions. For others initially for the period of one year from joining date as GRIRF.

GRI Research Fellowship shall be Rs.8000/- per month. GRI Research Fellowship shall be for the period of three years or till submission of Thesis whichever is earlier.

The primary objective of the GRI Senior Research Fellowship is to extend financial assistance to undertake full-time research work in GRI.

The award of GRI Senior Research Fellowship shall be strictly based on the performance subject to the conditions.

4. Duration of the Fellowship

The duration of the award of GRI Research Fellowship (GRIRF) shall be for a maximum period of three years only.

5. Eligibility

- a) Should be an Indian.
- b) Should be a full-time research scholar.
- c) Should be a non-recipient of financial assistance from any other funding agency, at the time of application.
- d) To claim 2nd year fellowship, scholar must have published one research article in SCI/SCIE/UGC-CARE listed/Scopus/refereed journal.
- e) To claim 3rd year fellowship, scholar must have published at least two research articles in SCI/SCIE/UGC-CARE listed/Scopus/refereed journals to receive the third year fellowship.

6. Application

The candidate who intends to apply for the GRI Research Fellowship shall do in the prescribed application form. The filled-in application form shall be forwarded by the Research Supervisor of the School / Department through the respective Dean / Head to the Registrar, GRI-DTBU.

7. Award of Fellowship

Candidates who seek GRI Research Fellowship shall appear for an Interview and the award of GRI Research Fellowship shall be strictly based on their performance in the interview.

8. Terms of Fellowship

The GRI Research Fellowship awarded to a candidate shall be terminated, if

- a) The progress of the research scholar is not satisfactory, with less than 90% Attendance.
- b) The conduct and character of the research scholar are not satisfactory.
- c) The research scholar is found to have received any financial assistance from other sources / agencies during the receipt of GRI Research Fellowship.
- d) The Research Scholar is absent without any valid reasons beyond the permitted period.
- e) If any disciplinary action is initiated against the scholar.
- f) Any other new fellowship awarded to the Research Scholar during the period of GRI Fellowship must be intimated immediately and the GRI Fellowship will be stopped from that time period.
- g) If the scholar discontinues the Ph.D programme in the middle of the course, the entire fellowship awarded till date will be recovered.

9. Administration of fund

The funds for awarding GRI Research Fellowship shall be administered by a committee called GRI Research Fellowship Committee constituted for the purpose. The Vice-Chancellor shall be the Chairman of the committee. All the Deans of relevant schools and the Finance Officer, Director (Research and Development) and Director (Academic) shall be members of the committee. Registrar shall be the Convenor. The Committee shall have powers to:

- a) Ensure the fellowship holder has attended RAC meetings once in every six months during the entire fellowship period and paid the annual research fees on time.
- b) Select the candidate for the award of GRI Research Fellowship;
- c) Evaluate the performance of the research scholars based on the progress report and recommend the continuance of fellowship; and
- d) Terminate the fellowship of the research scholar when deemed necessary.

10. Payment of Fellowship

Payment of fellowship for the current month will be made during the first week of the following month.

11. Progress Report

The research scholar shall present the progress report through his/her research supervisor. He / She shall make the presentation of the progress of research in the RAC as mandated by the Ph.D regulations.

12. Disclosure of Assistance

- a) It is the duty of research scholar to disclose the fact of his/her receiving any financial assistance from other agencies.
- b) In the event of the institute coming to know about the assistance received from other agencies, the research scholar is liable to forfeit not only the stipend but also the registration.

13. Miscellaneous

The research scholar shall be governed by the Ph.D rules and regulations of the Institute, that is enforced from time to time.

14. The Institute reserves the right of amending the rules and regulations for GRIRF from time to time.