

**Guidelines for Awarding GRI-DTBU Fellowship
for Ph.D Programme
(with effect from 2024-2025)**

The Gandhigram Rural Institute – Deemed to be University

Gandhigram – 624 302, Dindigul District, Tamil Nadu
Ministry of Human Resource Development, Govt. of India
Accredited by NAAC with 'A' Grade (3rd Cycle)

1. Name of the Fellowship

The fellowship shall be called as "Gandhigram Rural Institute Research Fellowship" (GRIRF).

2. Objective

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

3. Value of the Fellowship

The GRI Junior Research Fellowship (GRIJRF) shall be sanctioned after one year of Ph.D Registration and also successful completion of course work. During the first year of GRI Junior Research Fellowship, the fellowship shall be Rs.3000/- per month. After completion of one year of GRI Junior Research Fellowship, a committee shall be constituted, with the Vice-Chancellor nominee and Academic Deans as members to upgrade to GRI Senior Research Fellowship (GRISRF) for third year. The GRI Senior Research Fellowship (GRISRF) shall be revised to Rs.5000/- based on the performance of the candidate including one publication in SCI/SCIE/UGC-CARE listed/ refereed journals. Further, the scholar should have presented atleast two papers in the seminars and conferences. A special provision of Rs.5000/- shall be sanctioned to meet the expenditure for preparation of thesis.

4. Duration of the Fellowship

The duration of the award of GRI Research Fellowship (GRIRF) shall be for a maximum period of two years (i.e., 2nd year and 3rd year after registration).

5. Eligibility

- a) Should be an Indian.
- b) Should have completed the Ph.D Course work with confirmed registration.
- c) Should be in the age group of 22-30 years.
- d) Should be a non-recipient of financial assistance from any other funding agency, at the time of application.
- e) Should be a full-time research scholar.

6. Application

The candidate who intends to apply for the GRISRF shall do so in the prescribed application form. The filled-in application form shall be forwarded by the Research Supervisor of the School / Department through the Concerned Dean / Head to the Registrar, GRI-DTBU. The process can be scheduled as given herein under.

1. April 3rd week – Notification to the scholars in the website and through circular.
2. May 2nd week – Interview.
3. June 1st week – Issue of fellowship orders.

7. Award of Fellowship

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

8. Terms of Fellowship

The GRISRF awarded to a candidate shall be terminated, if

- a) The progress of the research scholar is not satisfactory;
- 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.

9. Administration of fund

The funds for awarding GRIRF 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 faculties and the Finance Officer shall be members of the committee. Registrar shall be the Convenor. The Committee shall have powers to:

- a) decide the number of GRIRF to be awarded in each year, subject to the availability of funds;
- b) select the candidate for the award of GRIRF;
- c) evaluation of the performance of the research scholars based on the progress report and recommend the continuance of fellowship; and
- d) to terminate the fellowship of the research scholar when found 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 RQC as required 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

- a) If the research scholar wishes to discontinue his/her research work for any valid reason(s), he/she should obtain prior permission from the authorities. The mode of action to be followed in such case(s) will be decided on the basis of individual merit; and
- b) 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.