

FELLOWSHIP/ SCHOLARSHIP POLICY FOR PHD SCHOLAR

The Fellowship/Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars is designed to encourage research and academic excellence by supporting students pursuing their doctoral studies. Nims emphasizes the importance of Nims offers financial support to Ph.D. scholars, either through institutional programs or by facilitating access to external funding sources.

General outline of how Nims structures a fellowship/scholarship policy for Ph.D. scholars:

Purpose and Objectives:

The fellowship or scholarship policy for Ph.D. scholars is intended to:

- Provide financial assistance to meritorious and deserving Ph.D. candidates.
- Promote high-quality research in areas of national or regional importance.
- Facilitate the completion of doctoral studies without financial hardship.
- Encourage interdisciplinary research and innovation.

Eligibility Criteria:

Ph.D. fellowships or scholarships will be offered based on the following eligibility criteria:

Academic Merit: Candidates must demonstrate academic excellence in their postgraduate and undergraduate studies, often with a minimum qualifying percentage or CGPA.

Research Proposal: Applicants must submit a well-defined research proposal that aligns with the institution's research priorities and contributes to societal, scientific, or technological advancements.

Institutional Affiliation: Candidates must be enrolled in a full-time Ph.D. program at Nims University.

Other Considerations: Nims will prioritize candidates from underrepresented groups, economically weaker sections, or specific regions.

Types of Fellowships/Scholarships:

a. Institutional Fellowships/Scholarships:

- The Nims University Rajasthan awards Scholarship for Ph.D. Scholars: Limited financial assistance in the form of Scholarship Rs.25000/- per month and waive off from the full tuition fees for three years for the selected full-time Ph.D. students is available.
- Publication and Research Award Incentive for Students to Excel (PRAISE): To inculcate and promote research perception guidelines on research incentives for students of Nims has been formulated.

b. Government or External Fellowships:

NIMS will also facilitate access to government-sponsored fellowships such as:

- UGC Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Senior Research Fellowship (SRF).
- CSIR Fellowships for science and technology research.
- INSPIRE Fellowships for PhD candidates in science and engineering fields.
- ICMR and DBT Fellowships for research in medical and biotechnology fields.

Nims will help students navigate the application process for these prestigious national fellowships.

c. Industry-Sponsored Scholarships:

Nims has partnerships with industries and corporate entities that fund research in specific areas of interest. PhD candidates working on applied research or innovation projects may be eligible for these scholarships.

d. International Fellowships:

Nims collaborates with many international universities and research organizations, enabling students to apply for international fellowships like the Fulbright Scholarship, DAAD, and others that support overseas research opportunities.

Application Process:

The process typically involves:

- Application Form:** PhD scholars must submit a formal application through their institution's research office or scholarship committee.
- Supporting Documents:** This includes a research proposal, letters of recommendation, academic transcripts, and proof of enrollment in the PhD program.
- Screening and Selection:** A committee evaluates applications based on academic performance, the quality of the research proposal, and alignment with institutional research goals.

- d) **Interview or Presentation:** Shortlisted candidates may be invited for an interview or asked to present their research work to a panel.

Duration and Renewal:

- Fellowships are typically awarded for a period of 3 years, depending on the institution's policy and the nature of the research.
- Renewal is usually contingent on satisfactory progress in the PhD program. Scholars may need to submit progress reports, publications, or feedback from their PhD supervisors to renew the fellowship for subsequent years.

Amount of Scholarship:

The amount may vary depending on the institution and the type of fellowship. Institutional fellowships may cover:

- Full or Partial Tuition Fees.
- Monthly Stipend to cover living expenses.
- Research Grants to fund project-related expenses like lab equipment, fieldwork, or travel for conferences.
- Government-funded fellowships, such as UGC JRF or CSIR, offer a fixed monthly stipend along with contingency grants for research expenses.

Responsibilities of Scholarship Holders:

PhD scholars receiving fellowships or scholarships are usually required to:

- **Maintain a Good Academic Standing:** Continuously meet academic and research performance benchmarks.
- **Submit Progress Reports:** Regularly report their research progress to their supervisor or the fellowship committee.
- **Publish Research:** Nims may require scholars to publish a minimum number of papers in peer-reviewed journals, contributing to the institution's research output (a key Nims criterion).
- **Engage in Institutional Activities:** Scholars may be asked to participate in academic seminars, workshops, or conferences organized by the institution.
- **Teaching assignment:** To enhance Teaching Skill, Nims University provides opportunities to take 5 hrs per week classes.