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Subject : National Fellowship for Students of Other Backward Classes (OBC) for the year 2015-16 to pursue M.Phil/Ph.D. Degree

Dear Sir/Madam,

Congratulations!! With reference to your application for the **National Fellowship for Students of Other Backward Classes (OBC)** I am happy to inform you that based on the recommendations of the Expert Committee; the UGC has selected you for the **National Fellowship for Students of Other Backward Classes (OBC)**, for the year **2015-16**. The tenure of the fellowship is for five years and it commences w.e.f. 1.4.2015(or) from the date of Registration under M.Phil / Ph.D. (or) from the date of joining in M.Phil / Ph.D. programme, **whichever is later**. The other requirements and details of the Scheme is enclosed as [Annexure-I](#) . **The summary of the financial assistance offered w.e.f. 01.04.2015 under the Scheme are as follows:-**

S.No.	Item	Fellowship
1.	Amount of Fellowship (For All Subjects)	@ Rs.25,000/- per month for initial two years (JRF), @ Rs.28,000/- per month for the remaining tenure (SRF)
2.	Contingency (For Humanities, Social Sciences and Commerce)	@ Rs.10,000/- per annum for initial two years, @ Rs.20,500/- per annum for remaining three years.
3.	Contingency (For Sciences and Engineering & Technology)	@ Rs.12,000/- per annum for initial two years, @ Rs.25,000/- per annum for remaining three years.
4.	Escorts / Reader Assistance	@ Rs.2,000/- per month in case of physically and visually challenged candidates.
5.	HRA	As per University / Institution rules.

The awardee must be registered for **regular** and **full time M.Phil / Ph.D.** course in a University / Institution which are included & declared fit to receive financial assistance under Sec. 2 (f) and 12 B of the UGC Act 1956. Kindly note that this period is not extendable under any circumstances. It may also be noted that the admission to M.Phil / Ph.D. should be taken by fulfilling the conditions of admission of the University / Institution concerned subject to the provision of the scheme as per advertisement of UGC.

It may be noted that the fellowship amount shall be disbursed through Bank to be identified/notified by Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment, Govt. of India, New Delhi to the bank account of the awardee, (any bank) directly. The awardee is required to approach the designated branch along with a Copy of the Award Letter and Joining Report with photograph, address and contact no. in the prescribed proforma. [Annexure-II](#)

The awardee is also required to submit the following documents to the designated branch of the Bank at the stipulated period interval:

- At the end of every three months a 'Continuation Certificate' in the prescribed proforma. [Annexure-III](#). This will make the awardee eligible to draw the fellowship for the next three months.
- Half yearly submission of Progress report in the prescribed proforma [Annexure-IV](#) along with the 'Continuation Certificate'.
- Details of the expenditure incurred out of the contingency grant to be submitted annually in the prescribed proforma. [Annexure-V](#).
- The claim towards HRA is subject to the submission of HRA certificate in the prescribed proforma [Annexure-VI](#).
- After the completion of two years of award of fellowship an 'Upgradation Certificate' need to be submitted in the prescribed proforma [Annexure-VII](#) along with Progress Report and Continuation Certificate.

It may be noted that UGC has proposed to link "AADHAAR" with student's bank accounts numbers so that there can be direct cash transfer and effective disbursal of fellowship into the bank account of the student. In this regard Secretary, UGC has already requested to universities for helping the students for Aadhaar Enrolment vide his D.O. letter No.F.14-34/2011(CPP-II) dated 11-01-2013.