



NATIONAL TESTING SERVICE-INDIA
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DOCTORAL & POST DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS

Terms & Conditions

❖ **Value and duration of fellowships**

Doctoral Fellowship	Post Doctoral Fellowship
(i) Rs. 10, 000/- per month (subject to any revision by the ministry of HRD) initially for a period of 3 years and may be extended by one more year based on a strict assessment procedure in deserving cases.	(i) Rs. 12, 000/- per month (subject to any revision by the Ministry of HRD) initially for a period of 2 years and may be extended by one more year based on a strict assessment procedure in deserving cases.
(ii) A contingency grant of Rs. 20,000/- per annum will also be provided to meet other related expenses such as field study / data collection, purchase of equipments, stationary, etc.	(ii) A contingency grant of Rs. 30,000/- per annum will also be provided to meet other related expenses such as field study / data collection, purchase of equipment, stationary, etc.

❖ **Facilities such as leave, etc.**

- Both doctoral and post doctoral candidates shall be entitled for a maximum period of 30 days of leave in a year in addition to public holidays. They will not be entitled for any other type of leave.
- Women candidates are however, be eligible for maternity leave for 3 months at full rates of fellowships only once during the whole tenure of the award of the fellowship.
- In exceptional cases, the leave without fellowship shall be allowed but restricted to a maximum period of 3 months, only once during the entire tenure of the fellowship.
- The candidates while seeking any such leave shall have to apply through proper channel well in advance with supporting documents (such as medical certificates, appointment letters) for approval of the competent authority at the NTS-I Head Quarters.

Note: The respective guides/ supervisors are requested to inform the NTS-I, if the scholars guided by them extraordinary leave other than the leave permitted under paragraphs (i) to (iv) above.

❖ **Procedure for release of the fellowship**

The effective date of commencement of fellowship and its continuation will be decided by the competent authority based on the following:

- (i) The joining / acceptance report.
- (ii) Verification of documents / certificates, etc.
- (iii) Confirmation of registration for pursuing research at Doctoral / Post Doctoral level.
- (iv) The progress report of the work in every quarter duly signed by the supervisor / guide, head of the department and countersigned by the Registrar or Dy. Registrar (Academic) or a concerned designate for such certification of the university / college / institute of higher learning.

❖ **General**

Before applying the candidates have to ensure that they have fulfilled the following conditions during the terms of their fellowship:

- (i) The Doctoral Fellowship awardees shall make themselves available at the NTS-I Head Quarters for discussion or orientation for a period of 60 days in a year. This period of stay will be decided by NTS-I. 30 days of the stay will be between April and June every year.
- (ii) Every awardee shall send a report of not less than 30 pages describing the tools, techniques and methods used in their research during the last quarter of their term of fellowship to become eligible to get the stipend for the last 3 months.
- (iii) All candidates shall submit a copy of the thesis to NTS. Failing to do so shall attract appropriate legal action.
- (iv) The Post Doctoral Fellowship awardees shall **stay at NTS-I Head Quarters for a period of six months in a year**. During this period in addition to their regular research activity, they shall complete the assignments /tasks assigned to them by the Head, NTS-I.
- (v) In the absence of any response from the candidates within 90 days from the date of dispatch of the communication, the selection of the candidates will be cancelled.

❖ **Monitoring of the progress**

- (i) The performance of the candidates (both for Doctoral and post Doctoral Fellowship) shall be regularly monitored by a designated committee as per the procedures established at the NTS.
- (ii) The candidates will not be permitted to accept or hold any position paid or unpaid or receive emoluments / salary or stipends etc. from other sources during the tenure of the fellowship awarded by the NTS-India.
- (iii) The fellowship may be terminated at any time during the tenure of its award, if the candidate:
 - (a) Has not shown adequate progress after initiating the research.
 - (b) Found involved in any activity detrimental to the NTS, or Govt. of India.

- (c) Found violating any of the terms and conditions of NTS fellowships.
- (iv) Any additional claim after the actual tenure of fellowship shall be treated as illegal and in such case, the candidate is liable to face disciplinary action.

❖ **Conditions Related to Publication of Research Papers**

- (i) The candidates can write research papers / articles for seminars and journals, for publication with intimation to Head, NTS.
- (ii) Shifting of the place of work including transfer from one institution to another (in unavoidable circumstances) will be considered with prior permission from the competent authority of the NTS, CIIL.

Note: 1) the above terms and conditions will equally be binding upon the candidates of the North-East Region.

2) The candidates can however, be amended as and when required as per directives of the PAC of NTS / Ministry, which will be binding on the awardees.

Utilization of Contingent Grants

- (i) A contingency grant of Rs. 20,000/- (for Doctoral Research Scholars) and Rs. 30,000/- (for Post Doctoral Research Scholars) is admissible per annum payable in two installments.
- (ii) The grant may be utilized for the following items with the approval of the supervisor and the Head, NTS-India.
- Purchase of books, journals, apparatus, chemicals, equipments, etc., needed for the approved research.
 - Cost of xeroxing, typing (including thesis), stationary, postage and clerical or other assistance.
 - Expenditure incurred on field work / travel expenses.
- (iii) On termination of the scholarship, the apparatus and other non-consumable articles purchased out of the contingency grant will become the property of the institution where the researcher works. A scholar may, retain with him the books purchased out of the contingency grant, with the permission of the Head, NTS.
- (iv) The contingency grant is not intended for meeting expenditure on furniture items normally provided by the University / College / Institute and payment of examination or other fees.
- (v) For all expenditure out of the contingency grant, a certificate from the Supervisor to the effect that the expenditure incurred was in furtherance of the approved research work will be necessary.
- (vi) The travel expenses for field work / travel undertaken by a scholar in connection with the approved research work will be admissible. The travel cost will be limited to the II sleeper class. The daily allowance of Rs. 100/- will be admissible during the travel period as incidental charges.

Note: Fellowship will be released to the researcher directly with a copy marked to the supervisor, on receipt of pre-receipted bill duly signed by the researcher and countersigned by the supervisor.