



KLS GOGTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

“JNANA GANGA Doctoral Fellowship Scheme”

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Preamble:

Technology is an ever-growing phenomenon. Research is a voyage of discovery, a movement from known to unknown. Research at GIT aims to promote quality research so that the institute will stand as an institute with strong emphasis on research and teaching.

KLS Gogte Institute of Technology (KLSGIT) is important knowledge in this part of the Karnataka almost from the last four decades successfully and very successfully for the research and innovation from last two decades. Careless GIT hosts a very experienced and innovative researcher as a faculty there are about 10 research centres which host more than 150 plus doctoral researchers currently.

To encourage the talented, enthusiastic, devoted and result oriented researchers to take up indigenous research and create a talent pool. To enable this KLS Gogte Institute of Technology would like to introduce “**Jnana Ganga Doctoral Fellowship**” for the full time researchers. Financial assistance would aid in strengthening the Research and Learning. The fellowship amount of 25000/- per month for three years (Conditions and clauses mentioned further are applicable)

Objective of this Fellowship:

- a) To promote research culture at KLS GOGTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY.
- b) Admitting full time meritorious research scholars by providing research fellowship who wants to seek admission to Ph.D. at KLS GOGTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY various Departments for carrying out research in thrust areas
- c) To nurture talents for technical research.
- d) To promote collaborative research between Institute and Industries leading to start-ups

Eligibility Conditions

- (a) The fellowship will be granted to research scholars admitted in research centres of KLS GOGTE INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (as per the standard VTU process for full time category).
- (b) The Research Committee of the Institute chaired by the Head of the Institute would be the final decision.
- (c) The candidate should be less than 35 years of age as on 31st August of year of application however age relaxation of 2 years would be applicable to the female candidates.
- (d) Researcher with any other financial aid like QIP or any other grant similar to the QIP is not eligible for the fellowship.
- (e) If the full time female candidate takes the break for maternity, interim break would be provided for three months only. However, during the break the fellowship will be discontinued for the duration of three months and resumed back again with joining immediately after three months. Extended leave and other emergency requirement is subjective for the approval of Governing council decision.
- (f) The PhD rules/regulations of the research institute and affiliating university will be applicable to all admitted candidates under this scheme

Duration of the Fellowship

The duration of the scheme shall be for a period of 3 Years (36 Months). No further extension will be granted, however, extendable by 6 months in special cases with the recommendation of Institute head and Research committee. Decision of the Board of Governing council is final.

Procedure to apply for KLS Gogte Institute of Technology would like to introduce the “Jnana Ganga Doctoral Fellowship”

- a) Application shall be invited in the prescribed format from the latest batch of full time researchers registered at any of the research centres of the institute for the consideration of research fellowship.
- b) Notification calling for the application shall be made available on the institute website also.
- c) Duly filled application shall be sent or submitted to the office of KLSGIT on or before the last date mentioned in the notification.
- d) Late submission of application shall not be entertained.

Intake of the Fellowship

The total number of candidates selected under this fellowship per year would be limited to **Six** per year. Number of candidates/Department would be about **One** per Department subject to the availability of seats in the research centre and demand of a research centre by candidates.

However, The Board of Governing Council Decision is final to allot more candidates to the departments if there are no applications received from other departments.

Procedure to apply for the “Jnana Ganga Doctoral Fellowship”

- a) An expert committee constituted by the Principal for each broad area of research shall scrutinise the applications of eligible research candidates along with the proposed details of their research work and expected outcomes and prepare list of research candidates to be called for an interview.
- b) Based on the academic merit of the candidate and presentation of the research topic before the expert’s committee and the interview, the committee shall select the candidates.
- c) The decision of the expert committee in the selection of the researchers for the fellowship shall be final.
- d) Dean Research and Development, with the approval of Principal shall publish the list of candidates selected for the fellowship on the institute website and issue the orders to the selected candidates confirming the award of the fellowship.
- e) All the correspondence pertaining to the researches with the institute or with the outside organization shall be forwarded by research supervisor and research centre head through the Dean Industry Research Development and Consultancy (IRDC) office only.

Scrutiny of applications

All the received application shall be scrutinised discipline wise, by the senior members of at least the Professor cadre and a discipline wise list of eligible researchers shall be prepared. The committee would be headed Principal and members would be Dean IRDC, Dean Academics (S & D) and the senior faculty from the respective discipline.

A list of researchers who are not eligible for the fellowship but applied for the same shall be prepared quoting the reasons. Also, a list of incomplete applications along with the reasons for rejection shall be prepared. The list of candidates under different categories mentioned shall be published on the institute website.

Terms and Conditions

- a) The awardee shall submit a half yearly report on the progress, every six months through the Research Supervisor, Head of the Department to Research committee at institute level chaired by the Head of the Institute.
- b) The awardee shall not be allowed for transfer of award from the Institution where the awardee is presently working for Ph.D. during the entire tenure of the award.
- c) The awardee shall devote full time to research during the tenure of fellowship and will not be permitted to take any part time/full time assignment. He/she will not accept any other salary or fellowship, if offered during the tenure of fellowship through any other source. The nature of the candidature will not be changed during the program.
- d) The awardee shall give a declaration that if the results of research are such that can be exploited commercially by taking a patent or otherwise commercial exploitation and patent rights should be with the Institute, candidate and supervisor.
- e) If the progress of the candidate is not satisfactory as reported by the supervisor/Head of the Department /Head of the research institute, the fellowship of the candidature will be terminated with immediate effect. This will not be revoked under any circumstances.
- f) The PhD rules/regulations of the research institute and affiliating university will be applicable to all admitted candidates under this scheme.
- g) The researcher shall be eligible for the fellowship, only on signing the bond and submission of all relevant documents to the office of the KLSGIT Admission section channelled through the Research Supervisor and Research centre head.
- h) The prevailing attendance norms applicable to institution faculty is applicable to Researchers. The researchers shall also sign the attendance register maintained in the respective research centre and later to submit to Dean Research and Development office by 10.15am every day. He/She is eligible for 12 Casual Leaves and 2 RH in the calendar Year.

- i) The biometric attendance monthly statement of attendance endorsed by the Research Supervisor and the Research centre head to be sent to Dean R&D office by 25 th of every month for the release of fellowship.
- j) The fellowship would be suspended if the progress is not satisfactory as per the Doctoral Committee certifies in its second biannual Research progress that the progress of the Researcher is satisfactory.

During the first year of the Fellowship period, the Researcher shall,

- i. Work to complete the prescribed coursework within the first two semesters of provisional registration to Ph.D programme. However, in no case the time period for completing the coursework shall exceed four semesters, as per Ph.D
 - ii. Carryout the literature survey (review) to gather research specific material from books, scholarly articles, data, techniques developed, appraisals/ critiques, debates, conclusions, progress in research, etc.,
 - iii. Consolidate the surveyed material to critically evaluate the literature and to prepare a report consisting of analysis, interpretation, synthesis, gaps, etc.
 - iv. Use the report to identify Research problem, methodology, etc.
- k) The sanction fellowship for the second year shall be based on the satisfactory recommendation of the Doctoral Committee regarding the Research progress during the first year of the registration.
- l) During the second year of the Fellowship, irrespective of the pass or fail status of the course/s of the coursework, the Researcher shall mandatorily publish at least one paper (Research Articles, Research Letters, review Articles, Case Studies, Commentaries, Comments, Replies, Technical Reports) in referred journals 9Scopus/Thomson Reuters/Web of Science indexed journals) or write a book on the Research related topic or a chapter in a book.
- m) In case, the Researchers fail to publish a paper, the Fellowship shall be terminated. However, they shall be permitted to continue to pursue Ph.D. programme without the Fellowship.
- n) In case of women Researchers, who have availed maternity leave, first year of the fellowship period refers to 12 months of actual presence of the Researcher at the Research Centre. The 12 months' period is excluding the intervening period of maternity leave and any instalment of the intermittent leave from the date of provisional registration to Fellowship.
 - i. Similarly, second and third year of the Fellowship refers to the subsequent 12 months of actual presence of the Researcher at the Research Centre (from here on referred to as second and third stint respectively).
 - ii. During the first stint of the Fellowship period, the women Researcher shall satisfy the clause.

- iii. The sanction of Fellowship for the second stint of the women Researchers shall be based on the Recommendation of the Doctoral Committee regarding the Research progress during the first stint of the registration.
- o) During the second period/stint of the fellowship, irrespective of the pass or fail status of the course/s of the coursework, the women Researchers shall mandatorily publish at least one paper (Research Articles, Research Letters, Review Articles, Case Studies, Commentaries, Comments, Replies, Technical Reports) in referred journals (Scopus/Thomson Reuters/Web of Science indexed journals) or write a chapter in a book or a book on the Researcher topic.
- p) By the end of the third year/third stint of the fellowship, the Researchers, shall have completed the major part of the Research work and be ready for the submission of thesis. Also the Researcher shall mandatorily publish at least one paper in foreign journal with good impact factor. He/she shall acknowledge the academic support and financial assistance of Institute in the publication(s).
- q) The Fellowship of a Researcher ceases, in case
 - i. The Researcher fail to fulfil Ph.D Regulations of the University.
 - ii. The Doctoral Committee recommends for cancellation of Ph.D registration as per Ph.D regulations-2023. The Fellowship shall be restored, in case the Ph.D registration is not cancelled against an appeal by a Researcher.
 - iii. The Fellowship shall be recovered and disciplinary action shall be initiated in case of any type of misconduct and in cases where the Institute rules/professional ethics related to Research work are violated.
 - iv. In case of any false information furnishes by the Researcher, the Fellowship shall be discontinued and the Fellowship amount paid until then shall be recovered immediately. Further, penal action shall be initiated.

Responsibilities of researchers

- a) The Researcher shall sign an undertaking to the effect that he/she adheres to the rules/regulations/guidelines of the Institutes issued from time to time.
- b) The Researcher shall attend the academic work such as tutorials, laboratory instruction and supervision of experiments conducted, computer laboratories, supervision of fieldwork, seminars, symposia, conferences, etc, assigned by the Chairperson of the Department/Coordinator in consultation with Research Supervisor/ Research Centre Head and Dean IRDC. The academic load details need to be submitted along with the attendance submission to Deans IRDC office.
- c) The above assignments shall not hinder the Research work and exceed ten hours a week.
- d) In case, the Research work is worthy of a patent, the Researcher, the Doctoral Committee shall jointly inform the Dean IRDC office /Institute about the same.
- e) Institute shall be one of the parties for the patent to be applies/acquired, during or after the Fellowship period, for the Research work carried out at any of the Research Centres

- f) For the patent, the Researcher and the Research Supervisor shall collectively be the 'Inventors' and Institute the Assignee'. The cost for acquiring the patent shall be borne by Institute and any benefit accrued from the commercialization of the patent shall be shared between the inventors and the assignee as per Institute's IP Guidelines.
- g) Researchers are not entitled to take up any type of employment (regular/temporary, contract, ad-hoc, guest faculty, part-time, fulltime etc.,) during the tenure of Fellowship and immediate recovery of the Fellowship amount, in lump sum, paid until then. However, he/she shall be permitted to pursue the Ph.D programme on a part time basis.
- h) Researchers are not permitted to pursue any other Degree Programme with his/her ongoing registration at the Institute.

Revisions

The Institute shall have the powers to incorporate into the Fellowship Policy Regulations the VTU/AICTE guidelines as and when notified by them.

References

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