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To

- (i) All Vice-Chancellors, State Agricultural Universities/AAI-DU/CAUs/ICAR-DUs/CUs having faculty of agriculture
- (ii) All Directors, ICAR Institutes

Subject: Revised Guidelines for ICAR's Fellowships for Post-graduate Studies (PGS) in Agricultural Sciences

Sir,

The existing Guidelines for ICAR's Fellowships for Post-graduate Studies (PGS) in Agricultural Sciences [F. No. 15(1)/2008-HRD(Misc), dated 5th December, 2014] stand revised as approved by the Governing Body of the ICAR Society in its 235th Meeting held on 01st December, 2015.

Please find enclosed herewith the revised guidelines for ICAR's Fellowships (JRF and SRF) for Post-graduate Studies (PGS) in Agricultural Sciences (also uploaded on ICAR website, www.icar.org.in) for information and necessary action with immediate effect.

Yours faithfully,



(M. B. Chetti)

Encl: As above

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GUIDELINES FOR ICAR FELLOWSHIPS
FOR POST-GRADUATE STUDIES IN AGRICULTURAL SCIENCES

1. BACKGROUND

For recognition of talent and promotion of merit in general, and for encouraging talented students to undertake higher agricultural education in particular, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (herein-after referred to as Council) awards a certain number of Junior and Senior Research Fellowships for post-graduate (PG) studies in different disciplines of agriculture and allied sciences. The number and subjects of study for award of Junior and Senior Research Fellowships are announced from time to time.

2. NOMENCLATURE

Council's Junior Research Fellowships for PG studies will be called "**ICAR-JRF(PGS)**" and the Senior Research Fellowships for PG studies will be called "**ICAR-SRF (PGS)**".

ICAR-JRF (PGS) will be awarded for post-graduate study (course and research work) leading to a Master's degree whereas ICAR-SRF (PGS) will be awarded for post-graduate study (course and research work) leading to a Ph.D. degree.

3. ICAR-JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP FOR POST GRADUATE STUDIES (ICAR-JRF (PGS))

3.1. METHOD OF AWARD

ICAR-JRF (PGS) will be awarded on the basis of merit in the All India Competitive Entrance Examination for (i) ICAR-JRF (PGS) and (ii) concurrent admission to Master's degree program at State Agricultural Universities (SAUs), Deemed Universities viz. IARI (New Delhi) / IVRI (Izatnagar) / NDRI (Karnal) / CIFE (Mumbai) / AAU (Allahabad), Central Agricultural University (Imphal, Manipur), and Central Universities having faculty of agriculture viz. Banaras Hindu University (BHU), Aligarh Muslim University (AMU), Visva Bharti and Nagaland University, collectively hereinafter referred to as the Agricultural Universities (AUs). The **ICAR-JRF (PGS)** will **NOT** be available for admission in any university other than the AUs as mentioned above.

3.2 ELIGIBILITY

Only those candidates having passed their Bachelor's degree or appearing at the Final Examination of the Bachelor's Degree in the concerned field, under 10+6, 10+2+5, 10+2+4 are eligible to apply for admission. (For admission, the eligibility requirement laid down by the respective AUs including tenure will be treated as final). Candidates must have obtained 60% marks or Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA) of 6.60/10.00 or 3.25/5.00 or 2.6/4.00 for General, OBC and Under Privileged States (UPS) categories whereas for SC/ST/Physically Challenged (PC) categories, the candidates must have obtained 55% marks or an OGPA of 5.5/10.00 or 2.75/5.00 or 2.20/4.00. The equivalence of OGPA to percent marks, where needed, will be certified by the Registrar of the concerned University. For admission in M.V.Sc., candidates must have completed B.V.Sc. & A.H. with internship before the date of registration in the University.

3.3 AGE LIMIT

Minimum age limit shall be 19 years as on the date of the examination. No relaxation is admissible regarding minimum age limit.

3.4 RESERVATION

Reservation of various categories such as SC/ST/OBC and PH etc. will be given as per Government of India rules/instructions issued from time to time. The responsibility of verification of the genuineness of SC/ST/OBC and PH certificates will solely rest with the concerned Agricultural University (AU) where the candidate has been recommended for admission or granted provisional admission.

3.5 DURATION

Duration of ICAR-JRF (PGS) will be two years and in no case it will be extended beyond the period of two years.

3.6 RATES

The rates of fellowship and contingency grant for higher studies will be as prescribed by the Council from time to time.

4. SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

4.1 METHOD OF AWARD

All India Competitive Examination for the award of ICAR's Senior Research Fellowship [AICE-SRF(PGS)] will be conducted by the Council (i) for the award of ICAR-SRF(PGS) on the basis of merit and (ii) concurrent admission to Doctoral degree program on 25% seats (subject to at least one seat for each discipline having Ph.D. degree programme in the University) of accredited Agricultural Universities under the ICAR-AU system except the ICAR Deemed-to-be-Universities (DUs) where 100 % seats will be filled up through their own separate national level entrance examinations.

4.2 ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The candidates having completed their Master's degree program securing Overall Grade Point Average (OGPA) of at least 6.50/10.00 scale, 3.25/5.00 scale, 2.60/4.00 scale for General and OBC Categories and 5.50/10.00, 2.75/5.00, 2.20/4.00 scale for SC/ST/Physically Challenged (PC) candidates, respectively from any recognized University in India and abroad would be eligible. In other cases, where grade-points are not awarded and only marks are awarded, the candidate must have secured at least 60% marks for General/OBC Category. For SC/ST/Physically Challenged (PC) candidates, the minimum percentage of marks will be 50%. The equivalence between OGPA and percent marks, where needed, will not be acceptable. The candidates having passed with Bachelor's degree of 3 years' duration are not eligible with the proviso that such candidates if already enrolled for Masters degree programme as on the date of this notification may seek admission to Ph.D. degree programme in respective ICAR-DUs only in accordance with their prescribed eligibility criteria. The candidates must complete the postgraduate degree in all respects and produce the degree completion certificate from the Registrar to this effect on/before 30th June or the date of counseling, whichever is later, failing which they will not be considered for admission and the award of fellowship. The admission and fellowship would be granted only when the candidate seeks admission through counseling conducted by ICAR and pursues Ph.D. degree in an Agricultural University (AU) except an ICAR-DU, where 100 % seats will be filled up through its own separate national level entrance examination. The candidate must pursue Ph.D. degree in an AU other than the one from where the candidate has obtained Bachelor's or Master's degree.

4.3 AGE

The upper age limit would be 30 years as on the date of the examination for General category. The upper age limit for candidates belonging to SC/ ST/ Women/PC/OBC (Non-creamy layer as per the Central list of OBC) categories shall be relaxable by 5 years. For in-service candidates of Agricultural Universities (AU), the upper age limit would be 45 years as on the date of examination whereas, the academic performance requirement would remain as stated above.

4.4 RESERVATION

Reservation of various categories such as SC/ST/OBC and PH etc., will be given as per Government of India rules/instructions issued from time to time. The responsibility of verification of the genuineness of SC/ST/OBC and PH certificates will be of the concerned Agricultural University (AU) where the candidate has obtained admission.

4.5 DURATION

Duration of ICAR-SRF (PGS) will be three years and in no case it will be extended beyond the period of three years.

4.6 RATES

The rates of fellowship and contingency grant for higher studies will be as prescribed by the Council from time to time.

5. OTHER CONDITIONS FOR AWARD OF ICAR-JRF (PGS) and ICAR-SRF (PGS)

- 5.1** The fellowships will be admissible to persons of Indian nationality as defined in the Constitution of India or persons domiciled in India.
- 5.2** A fellow will be under the administrative control of the Head of the Agricultural Universities (AUs) where he/she joins. The Head of the Agricultural Universities (AUs) will ensure that all the rules and regulations of Council governing the award of fellowship are strictly adhered to. The fellow will work under a recognized guide on the faculty of Agricultural Universities (AUs).
- 5.3** The fellowship will take effect from the date the fellow joins the course or the start of academic session for which fellowship has been offered whichever is later.
- 5.4** The students must take admission for the relevant degree program within a period of one year from the date of issuance of award letter, failing which fellowship shall stand withdrawn automatically.
- 5.5** Fellows will not be paid their fellowship during the period of strike or during the period the fellow remains on conduct probation or the day fellow does not attend the class or student seminar in the department/division.
- 5.6** A fellow will not be allowed to avail of any other fellowship/scholarship during the tenure of fellowship of the Council. In case a candidate is already receiving any other fellowship or scholarship, it will be surrendered by him before accepting the fellowship of the Council.

5.7 Funds will normally be paid to the Head of the Institute/AU in advance for the first year after the issue of sanction for fellowship. The payment of fellowship for subsequent years will be made on receipt of (a) a demand for funds from the Head of the Institute/AU and (b) a certificate in the prescribed form from the Guide of the candidate, duly approved by the Head of the Institute/AU that the progress of the candidate is satisfactory with respect to the time schedule and maintenance of required OGPA as per eligibility of the fellowship at the end of each year of the study. No renewal application would be entertained by the Council if the required OGPA has not been maintained.

6. TERMINATION OF FELLOWSHIP

6.1 The fellowship will be terminated without notice

6.1.1 On the date the fellow ceases to be on the rolls of the Agricultural University.

6.1.2 On the date the sanction of the fellowship expires.

6.1.3 If the fellow leaves the institution where the fellowship was offered.

6.1.4 If a fellow is dropped by the institute due to poor performance

6.1.5 If at any time in the opinion of the Agricultural University (AU) a fellow is found to be negligent in his studies, does not devote full time for studies and research, progress report is unsatisfactory or is guilty of unbecoming conduct.

6.1.6 If a fellow does not complete or leaves his studies before the expiry of sanctioned tenure of the fellowship the guide should immediately report such cases and no fellowship should be paid thereafter.

6.1.7 As per provisions of 5.4 of the guideline.

6.2 All the candidates awarded ICAR-JRF (PGS)/ ICAR-SRF (PGS) will have to execute a surety bond of appropriate amount as per the instructions of the Council from time to time, at the time of registration in the respective University to ensure completion of the program undertaken with fellowship support.

6.3 A fellow shall not leave the course before its completion without prior approval of the Council and ensuring that the required obligations under surety bond are fulfilled. If any fellow leaves without permission he shall not be paid any fellowship amount due to him from the date of leaving. No fellowship amount will be paid if fellow leaves within six months of joining the course.

6.4 Fellow will submit a soft copy of the thesis on Compact Disk (CD) to the Council within three months of the completion of his studies. The result of submission of thesis will be intimated to the Council in due course by the Head of the Agricultural Universities.

6.5 The receipt of financial assistance from the Council should be suitably acknowledged by the fellow in the thesis / research papers

6.6 ICAR will have the intellectual property rights/proprietary right on research outputs of the ICAR-JRF (PGS) and ICAR-SRF (PGS) made during the period of working in the ICAR as per the provisions of "ICAR Guidelines for Intellectual Property Management and Technology Transfer/ Commercialization" mutatis mutandis. However, in case the candidate has done some research work, his/her name can accordingly be acknowledged/ included appropriately in the research paper(s) as solely decided by the Guide. No right in this regard can be claimed.

7. LEAVE

ICAR-JRF(PGS)/ICAR-SRF (PGS) will be governed by the extant rules of the concerned AU as applicable to the other students.

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Office Order

The Approval of the Competent Authority of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is hereby conveyed for the revised rates of Scholarship / Fellowship / Internship Allowances being provided to the student admitted in Agricultural Universities through the All India Entrance Examination (AIEE) as per guidelines of the Council.

Sl. No.	Level	Existing rates	Revised rates
1.	ICAR-PG Scholarship (erstwhile JRF)	Rs. 8640/- per month per student	Rs.12640/-per month per student *
2.	ICAR – JRF/SRF (erstwhile SRF including veterinary science discipline)	Rs.15000/- per month for 1 st and 2 nd years & Rs. 17500/- for 3 rd year per student	Rs.25000/- per month for 1 st and 2 nd years & Rs. 28000/- for 3 rd year per student *
3.	Merit cum Means(MCM)	Rs. 500/- per month per student	Rs. 1000/- per month per student
4.	Post Metric Scholarship for SC/ST	Rs. 300/- per month per student	Rs. 1000/- per month per student
5.	Internship Allowance for B.V.Sc. & A.H.	Rs. 400/- per month per student for maximum of six months.	Rs. 3000/- per month per student for maximum of six months without any provision of contingency grant.
6.	Post Doctoral Fellowship	New Initiative	Rs. 75000/- p.m. & contingency of Rs. 2.00 lakhs per annum for a period of one year.

The other terms and conditions will remain same as per Council's guidelines of Scholarship / Fellowship / Internship Allowances etc. The revised rates will be effective from Academic Session 2018-19.

*Contingency Grant payable remains unchanged.


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The Approval of the Competent Authority of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is hereby conveyed for the revised sanctioned strength of Scholarship / Fellowship / Allowances etc. being provided to the student admitted in Agricultural Universities through the All India Entrance Examination (AIEE) as per guidelines of the Council.

Sl. No.	Level	Present Strength	Revised Strength
1.	ICAR-PG Scholarship (erstwhile JRF)	475	600
2.	ICAR – JRF/SRF (erstwhile SRF including Veterinary Science discipline)	202	300
3.	Post Doctoral Fellowship	New Initiative	25 for all 04 ICAR – Deemed Universities (DUs). (10 for IARI & 5 each to (1) NDRI, Karnal, (2) IVRI, Izatnagar and (3) CIFE, Mumbai)

The other terms and conditions will remain same as per Council's guidelines of Scholarship / Fellowship / Allowances etc. The revised strength will be effective from academic session 2018-19.


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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Sub: Revision of emoluments and guidelines for Junior Research Fellows (JRFs)/ Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) and Research Associates (RAs) working in various schemes of ICAR/ pursuing Ph. D. program- Reg.

Attention is invited to the O.M. No. Edn/6/27/2014-HRD dated 1st July 2015, 13th July 2015 and Office Order No. Ag. Edn. 2(9)/2018-HRD dated 30th October 2018 issued by the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) on the above subject. Consequent to the revision of emoluments and guidelines on service conditions for research personnel engaged in R & D programmes by the DST vide O.M. No. SR/S9/Z-08/2018 dated 30th January 2019, the matter has been further considered by the Competent Authority in the Council and the following revised emoluments payable for Junior Research Fellows (JRFs)/ Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) pursuing Ph. D. program in ICAR-AU System and Senior Research Fellows (SRF)/ Research Associates (RAs) working in various schemes of ICAR have been approved:

Sl No.	Designation & Qualification	Existing Rates	Revised Rates
1.	<p>Junior Research Fellows (JRFs) / Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) pursuing Ph. D. program in ICAR-AU System</p> <p>After completion of two years, an external assessment by the institution where the student is enrolled for Ph.D. is mandatory for up-gradation from JRF to SRF. The fellow may be awarded SRF after successful assessment.</p> <p>Annual satisfactory assessment is mandatory to continue the benefit of fellowship during SRF period.</p> <p>The other terms and conditions will remain same as per Council's guidelines for JRF/SRF (PGS).</p>	<p>Rs. 25,000/- per month for 1st and 2nd year & Rs. 28,000/- per month for 3rd year.</p> <p>Contingency Grant payable remains unchanged.</p>	<p>Rs. 31,000/- per month for 1st and 2nd year & Rs. 35,000/- per month for 3rd year.</p> <p>Contingency Grant payable remains unchanged.</p>
2.	<p>Senior Research Fellows (SRFs) working in Research Schemes funded by ICAR</p> <p>Master degree in relevant subject with 4 years / 5 years of Bachelor's Degree. Candidates having Post-graduate degree in Basic Sciences with 3 years Bachelor's degree and 2 years Master's degree should have NET qualifications and 2 years of research experience as mentioned in OM No. Edn./6/27/2014/HRD dated 13th July, 2015, OM No. Agril. Edn. 6/27/2014-HRD 9th October, 2015 of the Council and OM SR/S9/Z-09/2018 of DST dated 30th January, 2019.</p>	<p>Rs. 25,000/- per month + HRA for 1st and 2nd year & Rs. 28,000/- per month + HRA for 3rd year.</p>	<p>Rs. 31,000/- per month + HRA* for 1st and 2nd year & Rs. 35,000/- per month + HRA* for 3rd year.</p>

3.	<p>Research Associates (RAs) working in Research Schemes funded by ICAR</p> <p>With Doctoral degree: Ph.D. in the relevant subject.</p> <p>OR With Master's degree holders: Master's degree in the relevant subject with 4/5 years of Bachelor's degree having 1st division or 60% marks or equivalent overall grade point average, with at least three years of research experience as evidenced from Fellowship/ Associate ship/ Training/ other engagements as circulated vide F. No. 2-9/2012-HRD dated 25.04.2014 and one research paper in Science Citation Index (SCI) / NAAS rated (≥ 4.0) Journal as per OM SR/S9/Z-09/2018 of DST dated 30.01.2019.</p>	<p>Rs. 38,000/- per month + HRA (for Master Degree holders) & Rs. 40,000/- per month + HRA (for Ph. D).</p>	<p>Rs. 49,000/- per month + HRA* (for Master Degree holders) & Rs. 54,000/- per month + HRA* (for Ph. D).</p>
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*The House Rent Allowance (HRA) will be given as per existing Central Government rates applicable in various cities/locations where SRF / RA are working in ICAR funded projects.

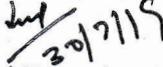
The revised qualifications would not be applicable for those already in position as on the date of issue of this order.

The travel entitlement for the JRF/SRF/RA for participation in scientific events/workshops in India will continue to be the same as earlier i.e. 2nd AC by Rail.

Income tax may be deducted at source from the emoluments of SRFs/RAs working in various schemes of ICAR as per rules.

The other term and conditions will remain same as per the Council's guidelines of Fellowship/scholarship. The revised emoluments will take effect from 01-01-2019. The additional expenditure on this account will be met from the sanctioned budget of the respective schemes. This has the concurrence of IFD vide their Dy.No. AS&FA(DARE/ICAR) 1039 dated 27-06-2019.

This issues with the approval of competent authority.


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Director (Agril. Edn.)

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