

GUIDELINES FOR AWARD OF MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR UNDER GRADUATE STUDIES IN VARIOUS BRANCHES OF AGRICULTURE AND ANIMAL SCIENCE SUBJECTS.

(Effective from 01/04/2007)

I. GENERAL:-

With a view to attract meritorious under-graduate students to prosecute their study in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Home Science, Dairy & Animal Husbandry subjects up to graduation level, ICAR sanctioned a scheme under which scholarships in these subjects are awarded annually on the basis of merit-cum-means.

II. NUMBER AND VALUE OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND THEIR TENABILITY:-

Scholarships not exceeding 7½% of actual admissions to the Bachelor degree courses in Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering, Home Science, Dairy & Veterinary Science Colleges will be allotted to each approved college and will be awarded to eligible students strictly on the basis of merit-cum-means. The value of the scholarships for under-graduate studies in Agriculture (including Agricultural Engineering & Home Science) and Animal Science subjects will be Rs.500/- p.m. per student w.e.f. 01/04/2007. The Merit-cum-Means scholarship will be tenable for the full duration of the degree course in the concerned subject.

III. ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES:-

(a) The scholarships will be awarded on the basis of merit-cum-means. The 'Means Test' condition is specified in Section VI.

(b) Only those students, who satisfy the said 'Means Test' condition and who have secured not less than 60% marks or grade points equivalent thereof in the aggregate in the qualifying examination as defined below will be considered eligible for consideration. The inter-se merit of candidates having secured equal marks in the qualifying examination will be determined on the basis of marks obtained by such candidates in the science subjects in that examination.

(c) The Scholarship will ordinarily be admissible to the person of Indian Nationality as defined in the constitution of India or persons domiciled in India, irrespective of sex, race or religion.

DEFINITION OF THE QUALIFYING EXAMINATION

B.Sc. (Agriculture) Course		
Description of the Course		Qualifying examination
		Maximum period for which scholarship is tenable
a)	For students admitted to colleges where Matriculation is the minimum admission qualification to the first year of the integrated degree course.	Matriculation 5 years
b)	For students admitted to colleges where admission qualification to the first year of the integrated degree course is a pass in Higher Secondary or Pre-University examination.	Higher Secondary 4 years

c)	For students admitted to colleges where a pass in Inter Science or Pre-Professional Examination is the minimum admission qualification for admission to the first year of the degree course.	Pre-Professional course in Agriculture or Inter Examination with Science Group as the case may be	3 years
<u>B.Sc. (Agricultural Engineering)</u>			
a)	For students admitted to four years degree course in Agricultural Engineering where Pre-Professional Examination is the minimum admission to the first year of the degree course.	Pre-Professional/ Intermediate in Agriculture of Science	4 years
b)	For students admitted to five year degree course in Agricultural Engineering where Higher Secondary / Pre-University is the minimum admission qualification for admission to the 1st year of the degree course.	Higher Secondary / Pre-University	5 years
<u>B.Sc. (Home Science)</u>			
a)	For students admitted to four year degree course Home Science with Agriculture as an elective subject where Matriculation is the minimum qualification for admission to the first year of the course.	Matriculation / S.S.C.	4 years
b)	For students admitted to three years degree course in Home Science with Agriculture as an elective subject where Pre-University / Higher Secondary is the minimum qualification for admission to 1st year of the course.	Higher Secondary or Pre-University, as the case may be.	3 years
c)	For students admitted to two years degree course in Home Science with Agriculture as an elective subject where Intermediate in Home Science is the minimum qualification for admission to the 1st year of the course.	Intermediate in Home Science	2 years
<u>B.V.Sc. Course</u>			
a)	For students admitted to college offering 4 years degree course where inter-science or pre-professional in Veterinary Science is the admission qualification.	Intermediate Science / Pre-Professional as the case may be.	4 years
b)	For students admitted to colleges where admission qualification to	Higher Secondary or Pre-University, as the	4 years

	the first year of the degree course is a pass in Higher Secondary or Pre-University Examination.	case may be.	
c)	For students admitted to colleges offering 5 years and one term degree course where Pre-University / Matric examination in admission qualification	Pre-University Examination / Matriculation	5 years & one term
B.Sc. (Dairying)			
a)	For students admitted to degree course in Dairy Science / Dairy Technology.	Higher Secondary / Pre-University equivalent.	4½ years.

2. The candidates who passed the qualifying examination mentioned in para I above in a year prior to the years of award will ordinarily not be eligible for consideration. However, the candidates who have secured atleast 65% aggregate marks in the qualifying examination held not earlier than 5 years of the year of award, will be eligible for award of scholarships in order to merit.
3. An awardee under this scheme will not be allowed to receive any other regular scholarship or stipend, including a regular loan scholarship. In case he is in receipt of any such award, the same must be surrendered and the benefit of the above scholarship will be given only from the month following such surrender. He would, however, be permitted to enjoy fee concessions, if any, awarded to him by the institution where he is studying.
4. The award will take effect from the month the candidate joins the college. Once awarded, the scholarship will be tenable for the full duration of the degree course. Its continuance from year to year will, however be subject to the following conditions:-
 - a) The renewal of the scholarship from year to year will depend upon promotion to the next class and upon the scholar obtaining at least 50% marks or grade points equivalent thereof earned in the aggregate in the previous class annual examination, whether conducted by the university or by the college authorities.
 - b) Wherein a promotion examination referred to under (a) above, a scholar fails to obtain atleast 50% marks or grade points equivalent thereof but qualifies in that examination, the scholarship will be suspended for one academic year and will be renewed on his achieving the requisite standard in the following annual examination.
 - c) Wherein the promotion examination referred to under (a) above, a scholar fails to obtain promotion to the next class, the scholarship will be cancelled.
 - d) If a scholar fails in the annual examination other than the final university examination and is eligible to take supplementary examination a few months later, his scholarship will be held in abeyance. His marks in the subjects in which he has passed in either of the two examination will be taken into consideration to find whether he obtains 50% marks in the aggregate, if he does, his scholarship will be renewed.
 - e) For purpose of renewal, the marks are to be rounded off to 50% if the actual marks obtained by a scholar are 49.5% or more.
5. If a scholar shows unsatisfactory progress during the course of his studies or give up the chosen course of studies before its completion without the prior approval of the Council, or is

irregular in attendance, the scholarship will be cancelled. In all these matters, the decision of the Council will be final and binding.

6. A scholarship once cancelled will not be restored, no matter whatever the reasons adduced, including better performance by the scholar at subsequent house and university examination.

7. Good conduct and regularity in attendance are also implied conditions for the continuance of scholarships. The scholars are not allowed to change the institute / college during the tenure of the scholarship except with the prior approval of the Council.

8. (i) The scholarship will be renewed for each successive year, subject to what is stated above on the basis of an annual progress report to be submitted by the Head of the Institution where the scholar is studying. At the end of the year, the Council will ask for the progress reports in the prescribed form, of the candidates who will be continuing their studies during the next year so as to determine their eligibility for continuance etc. of the scholarships during the next academic year.

(ii) The Head of the Institution is expected to bring to the notice of the Council any adverse report that may have been necessitated due to habitual irregularity, his behavior, participation in strikes etc. and, if necessary, suggested suspension / cancellation of scholarship.

(iii) The scholarships awarded under 1971-72 programme onward, which remain unutilized under any year of the award viz those which may have fallen vacant due to cancellation or otherwise will be re-awarded strictly on the basis of merit to other candidates in the college who fulfill the condition laid down under Section III (I) above. The award of such scholarships will take effect from the month the awardee joined the class during the academic year of study of the award and will be tenable for the remaining period of the course. Its continuance from year to year will be subject to the conditions laid down under Section III (4) above.

IV. PROCEDURE FOR SELECTION:-

Soon after the start of the courses, the Indian Council of Agricultural Research will call for particulars of eligible students admitted to the First year class of the different degree courses and the number of actual admission thereto. The number of scholarships available in each course at each college and the name of the candidates to be selected for the award will be communicated by the Council to the colleges concerned.

V. PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

(a) The payment of scholarship will start from the month the admission is obtained. In the case of renewal of scholarships for the succeeding year, the scholarship will be paid from the month following which the scholarship was paid during the previous academic year only if the course of study pursued is 'continuous' otherwise the scholarship will be paid from the month of readmission. Thus in the case of scholars, who may have joined the colleges where the course is not 'continuous' there may be a period in between the cessation of the payment of scholarships in one class and its resumption in the next for which no payment will be made. No request will be entertained for the relaxation of this rule.

(b) PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP DURING LEAVE

(1) The scholarship will be admissible as follows if the absence is due to illness supported by Medical Certificate from a Registered Medical Practitioner:-

- (i) Full scholarship, if the absence does not exceed two months.
 - (ii) Half scholarship, if absence exceeds two months but not four months. For the first two months the scholarships will be paid at full rates and only for the period exceeding two months, the scholarship is to be paid at half the rates.
 - (iii) No scholarship, if absence exceeds four months. For the first four months, however, the scholarship will be paid as per (i) and (ii).
- (2) For married women, the scholarship will be admissible at the full rates upto three months for absence on grounds of maternity. No scholarship will be paid for a period exceeding three months due to absence on grounds of maternity.
- (3) In all the above cases, the scholarship at the rates indicated will be paid only if the head of the institution recommends the application and certifies that the scholar is likely to make up the deficiency in lecture and studies during the rest of the period of the course of studies.
- (4) An awardee will get the scholarship as long as he/she is on the rolls of an Institution subject to sub-paras above, on account of prolonged illness or by other valid reasons the awardee's name is struck off the rolls, he/she will be entitled to the restoration of the scholarships on re-admission and on the recommendation of the head of the Institution.

VI. MEANS TEST:-

- (i) Only those whose parents have an income not exceeding Rs.1.00 lakh per annum shall be eligible for scholarships.
- (ii) There would be no system of half scholarship.
- (iii) A national prize of Rs.500/- and a certificate of merit would be awarded in lieu of scholarship, to eligible students whose parents income exceeds Rs.1.00 lakh per annum.

N.B.:- For purpose of this rule the income would mean:-

- a) In the case of salaried class, basic salary plus income, if any, from other sources, and would not include Dearness pay and allowances like Dearness Allowance, City Compensatory Allowance, Overtime Allowance, House Rent Allowance, etc. Deputation Allowance, Honorarium, Special Pay and Bonus shall however be treated as income.
- b) In the case of income from sources liable to income tax, income computed (after deduction for rebatable items) for purposes of assessment to income tax.
- c) In the case of income not liable to income tax such as income from agriculture, etc. the net income that is arrived at after deducting expenses incurred for earning the income.

EXPLANATION:-

- (1) For the purpose of determining the salary income in clauses (a) and (b) from the basic salary will be deducted all items which are allowable under the Income-Tax Act as deductions for computing the taxable income.
- (2) An income affidavit will be submitted by the parent / guardian of each scholar on selection. The scholarship once awarded will continue at the same rates determined by the Income Affidavit submitted at the initial selection and it will be renewed from year to year till the completion of the particular stage for which the award has been made without

calling for an income affidavit each year, provided the scholar fulfils all other norms & conditions regarding the renewal of the award.

VII. PROCEDURE FOR PAYMENT:-

Funds will normally be paid to the Head of the Institution concerned for each academic year in advance on receipt of a progress report / certificate to the effect that the scholar had joined the course indicating the actual date of joining the Institution and a formal demand for funds. The payment of scholarship to the scholars will, however, be made by the Head of the Institution in regular monthly installments after taking into consideration the conduct and regularity in attendance of the scholar concerned.

VIII. INABILITY TO TAKE EXAMINATION DUE TO ILLNESS:-

The conditions laid down in section III (Clause 4) above will be relaxable in the following circumstances only:-

“If a scholar is unable to appear for the annual examination within a continuous course of study owing to illness or is not allowed to appear in the examination owing to prolonged illness extending over a long period which has resulted in shortage in the required attendance as per University regulations the scholarship may be renewed for the next year on the recommendation of the Head of the Institution who while making the recommendations will take into consideration the medical certificate submitted by the scholar and the fact that the progress of his study during the year was such that had he not become unable to sit for the examination he would have qualified in the examination obtaining 50% of the aggregate marks. This concession can be availed of by the scholar not more than once during the whole length of the course”.

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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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