



# Kerala Council for Historical Research

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## **KCHR PhD Fellowships**

### **Terms and Conditions**

1. Candidates who meet the eligibility criterion are welcome to apply on the prescribed form with a detailed proposal/synopsis not exceeding 5000 words, and other documents as listed in the Application Process.
2. Those who are receiving financial support (in the form of salary or other fellowships) from other agencies will not be eligible for this fellowship.
3. The selected candidate will be required to sign an agreement, specifying the terms and conditions of the fellowship, with the KCHR, on stamp paper.
4. Besides financial support, the PhD fellows will have access to the KCHR Library and other KCHR resources (after discussion with the Fellowship Committee).
5. If the research progress or the conduct of the scholar is found unsatisfactory, and if it comes to the notice of the KCHR that the scholar has misrepresented facts in the application, her/his fellowship will be suspended or terminated immediately, without any notice.
6. If a Fellow wishes to discontinue the fellowship, or start availing any other form of financial support, s/he must submit their resignation, preferably one month in advance to the KCHR, specifying reasons. If the explanation is found inadequate or unsatisfactory, the scholar will be liable to refund the complete amount with a 5% penal interest on the fellowship grant received until then.
7. The fellow has to submit quarterly progress reports, endorsed by the research supervisor, to the KCHR. On the basis of the satisfactory submission of the quarterly report, the amount will be released. If the fellow fails to submit the report without satisfactory explanation, the fellowship committee may decide to terminate her/his fellowship and report the matter to the Research Advisory Committee (RAC). The final year contingency grant will be released only after the submission of a copy of the final thesis to the KCHR.
8. The fellow has to submit a self-appraisal of the work done in every year and carry out a mandatory presentation before an evaluation committee. If the progress of the work is not found to be satisfactory, extension will not be granted.
9. The contingency grant is released at the end of every year on submission of original bills for actual expenses incurred for research work
10. After the completion of the work, a copy of the final dissertation must be submitted to the KCHR. The scholar should acknowledge the financial assistance from the KCHR in the final dissertation or in any published work based on this research.
11. As per UGC guidelines, scholars will be eligible for maternity leave once during the tenure of the fellowship.
12. Fellowship holders may be granted leave on medical grounds on submission of necessary documentary proof (upon the discretion of the Fellowship Committee).