



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 2000 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 should sign an agreement 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 the resignation desirably 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 fellowship grant received till then.
7. The fellow has to submit quarterly progress reports to KCHR endorsed by the research supervisor. 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 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 each year and make a mandatory presentation before an evaluation committee with the Chairperson, Director, RO/AC, and an External Expert. If the progress of the work is not found to be satisfactory, extension will not be granted. In some instances, this could be part of a small workshop organised by KCHR.
9. The contingency grant is released at the end of every year on submission of original bills for actual expenses incurred for the 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 other published output of the same.
11. Scholars will be eligible for maternity leave once during the tenure of the fellowship as per UGC guidelines.
12. Fellowship holders may be granted leave **on medical grounds** on submission of necessary documentary proof upon the discretion of the Fellowship Committee.