

## **IGNOU Research Fellowship- (IGNOU-RF)**

### **Notification and Guidelines**

#### **1.Introduction**

The Indira Gandhi National Open University announces a scheme of awarding 100 Research Fellowships (IGNOU –RF) to full-time research (Ph.D) students who are enrolled with IGNOU.

#### **2. Objective:**

The objective of the IGNOU-RF scheme is to provide opportunities to full time research (Ph.D) students **who have no other financial support** to undertake research leading to Ph.D degree in the disciplines offered by the IGNOU.

#### **3. Eligibility:**

The scheme is available to meritorious student who have secured at least 55% marks in Post-graduation (relaxation as per Govt. of India rules for reserved Categories will be applicable) and who are willing to be registered in IGNOU's Ph.D program as a full time research scholar. For the current cycle, the Scheme is available only to those candidates who are already pursuing Ph.D. with IGNOU on full time basis..

#### **4. Nature of Assistance available under the scheme:**

The tenure of IGNOU-RF is initially for a period of two years from the date of award. Upon completion of this period, the work of the fellow will be evaluated by the Doctoral Committee of the respective Discipline. If the research work is found satisfactory, fellowship for an additional year will be awarded to the candidate. The total period of IGNOU-RF is three years with no further provision of extension.

##### **a) IGNOU-RF (Honorarium):**

@Rs.5000/- pm. during the period of the award. No other grant or allowance e.g. contingent grant, house rent allowance etc. will be admissible to the candidate.

##### **b) Medical :**

No separate medical assistance or allowance is provided. However the RF may avail of the medical facilities at the campus medical unit.

##### **c) Leave:**

i) IGNOU-RFs are entitled for a maximum period of 30 days of leave in a calendar year in addition to public holidays. They are not entitled to any other leave or vacation. Women

candidates are eligible for maternity leave for 135 days at full rates of fellowships once during the tenure of their award.

- ii) In special cases IGNOU –RFs may be allowed leave without fellowship by the university upto one academic year during the entire tenure of the award for acceptance of teaching assignments on a temporary basis. The period of leave without fellowship will be counted towards the tenure of the award.

#### **5. Procedure for applying for the scheme:**

The application form ( **Annexure-1**) complete in all respects, should be sent to :

**Director, Research Unit**  
**Room No-18, Block-6**  
**Indira Gandhi National Open University**  
**Maidan Garhi**  
**New Delhi-110068**

IGNOU-RF applications should reach the Research unit latest by 10<sup>TH</sup> September, 2012. Applications received after this date will not be considered for award of fellowship.

#### **6. Procedure for the award of IGNOU-RF:**

- a) The applications will be scrutinized by a Committee and candidates will be short listed for an interview.
- b) All short listed candidates will be interviewed by a Selection Committee whose recommendation will be sent to Vice Chancellor for approval. The same will be ratified in the next meeting of the RCSC/RC.
- c) IGNOU-RF will be made available to the selected candidates on annual basis beginning July-2011.
- d) Government of India policy on reservation will be strictly adhered to in selection of candidates for awards.
- e) Two fellowships, one each for male & female candidates are reserved for the children of economically weaker section (EWS as per GOI rules) of IGNOU employees pursuing Ph.D degree on full time basis. However, if there are no candidates in this category the fellowships will be made open and decision of award will be made accordingly by the Selection Committee.

#### **7. Procedure for Monitoring the progress of IGNOU-RF:**

- a) The award of IGNOU-RF will be governed by the Research Ordinance and Guidelines issued from time to time. Her/his progress will be monitored in the same manner as is done in the case of other Ph.D students.

- b) The RF may assist the Discipline / School etc in its academic work, which includes assisting in the preparation of course materials, editing, assignment preparation, invigilation, corporate life of the University etc.

#### **8. Cancellation of IGNOU-RF Award:**

The fellowship is liable to cancellation in case of:

- Misconduct
- Unsatisfactory progress of research work/ failure to complete the course work, if any related to Ph.D.
- The candidate found ineligible later.

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