

**PROCEEDINGS OF THE VICE CHAIRMAN
KERALA STATE HIGHER EDUCATION COUNCIL
(Present: Prof. Rajan Gurukkal)**

KSHEC-Chief Minister's Nava Kerala Post-Doctoral Fellowships - Revised Guidelines – Procedure of disbursal of Fellowships & Contingency Fund- Clarification issued.

No. KSHEC-A3/344/Govt. Kerala-NKPDF/727/2023 Thiruvananthapuram ,dated 30 /03/2023

Read: (1) G.O(MS) No. 191/2022 HEDN Dated, 02/02/2022
(2) G.O.(Rt)No.594/2022/HEDN Dated, Thiruvananthapuram, 03-12-2022

ORDER

Government of Kerala have introduced the prestigious Chief Minister's Nava Kerala Post Doctoral Fellowships (CMNPF) scheme through the G.O. read (1) above for meeting innovation and development needs of the State through promoting quality research spanning the sectors like Social, Economic, Agriculture, Development and Industry. The Government have also assigned the Kerala State Higher Education Council to evolve the procedure to carry out the process of selection of CMNP fellows and the execution of the scheme. Consequent to this, the Council has designed a framework to execute this task in a time bound manner accomplishing the qualitative and effective goals envisaged in the prestigious scheme of the Government, considered to be unparalleled in the history of higher education sector of the country.

In the Government Order read (2) above revising the guidelines set for CMNPF as per the order read (1), in terms of eligibility, procedure to apply, mode of selection, duration and value of fellowship & contingency fund, orientation seminar etc. that come into force w.e.f. 03-12-2022, it is stated that the Order GO (Rt) No.191/2022/HEdn dated 02/02/2022 stands withdrawn.

In view of the above and the large number of queries regarding the amended parts of the guidelines from the recipients of CMNP fellowship, the Kerala State Higher Education Council, the implementing agency of CMNPF hereby clarifies the following conditions stipulated in the G.O. read (2) above, for the effective and smooth execution of the scheme.

The Part I revised Guidelines and Part II Progress Monitoring and Assessment Guidelines issued subject to the G.O. read (1) will remain intact and applicable unless specified hereunder, with respect to the G.O.(2) read above:

- 1 Scholars working in India and abroad working on the topics/areas related to Kerala are eligible for CMNPF subject to the adequate documentary proof on publication/ research output in such area duly certified by the authority of research institution.
- 2 The age limit is calculated based on the last date prescribed in respective call/notification of CMNPF issued by the Council for submission of applications
- 3 All other expenses /requirements connected to the Project work shall be met from the Contingency fund eligible as per G.O.(1) read above.

- 4 No fellow shall be eligible to avail the CMNP fellowship simultaneously with other similar research grant/fellowship granted by the Government of Kerala/ other agencies designated by the Government of Kerala/ other research institutions in India or abroad.
- 5 Travel expense including airfare expenses for attending conferences, seminars , invited paper presentation etc shall be met from the amount given under the contingency and other expense as mentioned in Section 4 (Duration and Value) of the GO cited above. There is no provision for separate funds for travel expenses.
- 6 Continuance of fellowships is accorded strictly based on the remarks of the evaluators for half yearly/annual progress of the research work.
- 7 Fellows shall submit the detailed break-up of the contingency expenditure along with supportive justification and endorsement from the mentor and the Head of the Research Institution.
- 8 Contingency amount shall be utilized to meet the actual expense occurred for the purchase of chemicals, glassware, books, other minor accessories and characterization charges etc occurred during the implementation of the project.
- 9 The expenditure for the purchase of any major equipment, computer, printer etc. shall not be met under the contingency fund
- 10 All correspondences with regard to CMNPF including reports/request etc have to be submitted by the Fellows in hard copy by post to the Member Secretary, The Kerala State Higher Education Council, Thiruvananthapuram, in addition to those submitted through email.
- 11 Research period is extendable for another six months in case of those opted maternity leave as per the Government rules, whereas the Fellowship amount is eligible for a maximum tenure of two years.
- 12 Utilization Certificate furnished in the prescribed format of KSHEC with regard to the contingency, along with the Audited Statement of Expenditure with bills and vouchers must be sent through the Heads of the Research Institution/University/research Centre concerned along with request for 2nd years' contingency fund. Utilization Certificate and Expenditure Statement with respect to 2nd years' contingency fund should be furnished before expiry of fellowship period.
- 13 The Heads of the Research Institution/University/research Centre shall release the contingency fund to the CMNP Fellow only in accordance with the existing norms of the respective Research Institute/University/research Centre.



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