

# Kerala State Higher Education Council

## ERUDITE- Scholar-in-Residence Programme

Revised Guidelines

## Preface

Several Universities abroad have special programmes that provide outstanding graduates and young researchers with opportunities to interact with Nobel Laureates and other distinguished scholars, who pioneer the frontiers of knowledge. Kerala State Higher Education Council's 'ERUDITE Scholar-in-Residence' is the only such programme in India for the University students and teachers to interact with Nobel Laureates and other scholars of worldwide recognition. Introduced by the last LDF Government (2006—11), the first Higher Education Council enabled our Universities to invite Nobel Laureates and other eminent scholars for interaction with talented young researchers. Mahatma Gandhi University brought Roger Tsien (Biochemistry), Ferid Murad (Medicine), Robert Huber (Biochemistry), Johann Deisenhofer (Chemistry), Harold Walter Kroto (Chemistry), and Anthony Leggett (Physics). Similarly, Paul Krugman (Economics) was at Kannur University, while Cochin University benefitted from Prof. Zhores I Alferon (Physics), Prof. Roger Y Tsien (Chemistry) and University of Kerala benefitted from Prof. Johann Deisenhofer (Chemistry), Prof. Martin Chalfie (Chemistry), Prof. Anders Liljas (Nobel Prize Jury member) respectively, with their intellectual presence.

Most teachers and students worldwide often have little chance to meet Nobel Laureates, let alone the opportunity to interact with them. In such a situation, a Programme for inviting Nobel Laureates for the benefit of teachers and students to share knowledge in the concerned field is exceptionally significant. Exposure to the knowledge and experience of the Nobel Laureates tremendously influences our young researchers, not only intellectually but also psycho-socially by enhancing self-esteem and self-confidence. Laureates deliver lectures on topics of their choice, share scientific advancements in their areas of research, provide academic career guidance to young researchers, suggest new research questions to them and co-opt teachers of genuine research talent in collaborative projects. Providing a good exposure to fresh areas of

research for them to explore, however brief and limited, instils optimism in their minds and helps think practically about the direction in which they should steer their research enterprise.

Kerala State Higher Education Council is rejuvenating the ERUDITE- Scholar in Residence Programme with the full conviction of its predominant role in inspiring our talented researchers, and in opening up new opportunities for them to develop international research collaborations.

Besides, the KSHEC seeks to give another dimension to the Programme by attaching a new component called 'Brain Gain' to combat 'Brain Drain.' This is to persuade eminent non-resident Indian professors, particularly Keralites, who matter in their areas, to come as Scholars-in-Residence, and if possible to teach a course under the Programme. Here the teachers from abroad and students from our Universities would share not only the passion for new learning but also cultural oneness. It would engender a scholarly environment of unique learning experience and provide better opportunities for the talented young students while opening up opportunities of covetable research collaboration for teachers. The Council launches this as a mission to gain the 'drained brains' back for the country.

## **Norms**

### **Eligibility**

Universities and Government and Aided Colleges in the state of Kerala are eligible to apply for this scheme.

KSHEC may also conduct the ERUDITE- SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE programme on its own.

## **Duration**

**Short Term:** 3 – 10 days (Aided/Govt. Colleges/Universities)

**Long Term (Brain Gain Programme):** 11- 90 days (only for University Teaching Departments)

## **The Programme**

In addition to teaching courses, ERUDITE scholars may give campus-wide and community lectures, run workshops or seminars on specific themes, conduct collaborative research with teachers or students, help initiate international programmes and contribute to curriculum development.

Please note that KSHEC does not encourage bringing scholars merely for conferences.

The schedule of the visiting scholar should be arranged in such a way that it facilitates maximum interaction with teachers and students belonging to different departments and colleges within the University, and if possible, other universities as well. The host University/College should explore the possibility of using the services of the visiting scholar in different universities /colleges before finalizing the programme. The host University/college should coordinate the programmes of the Scholar in Residence in different Universities/ colleges in consultation with the Council.

## **How to Apply?**

The proposal for ERUDITE- SCHOLAR IN RESIDENCE programme is to be submitted in the prescribed format to the KSHEC along with the CV of the scholar (Annexure 1),

detailed action plan that discusses the modus-operandi of the programme (Annexure 2) and a justification note on how it would be beneficial for the host institution/department (Annexure 3) at least two months in advance of the proposed dates of the programme.

The proposals for conducting the programme from university departments must be forwarded by the Registrar concerned. Such proposals for colleges are to be recommended and forwarded by the Principal.

All proposals are considered depending on merit and grant will be approved as per the recommendation of the Committee constituted for the purpose by the KSHEC.

## **Mode of Assistance**

### **Short Term**

**Air Ticket** – Economy/Business (Business class tickets will be issued only for Nobel Laureates or to the scholars deemed to be deserving by the KSHEC. A separate request for claiming Business class tickets is to be submitted along with the application).

**Honorarium** - 200 dollars per day for scholars from abroad and Rs. 5000/- (Five Thousand Only) for scholars from India.

**Accommodation & Food** – Rs. 5000/ per day (Rs. Five Thousand Only)

Rs. 10000 (Rupees Ten Thousand Only) per day for Nobel Laureates

**Local Travel** – As per govt. rate

In addition, Taxi fares (as per the govt. rate) (Airport- pick up and drop) will be reimbursed on production of the original bills.

**Office Expenses** – An amount of Rs. 7000/- (Rs. Seven Thousand Only) will be provided for the office expenses to conduct the programme. It can be utilized for stationary, publicity, audit and other expenses.

### **Long Term – Brain Gain Programme (only for University departments)**

**Air Ticket** – Economy/Business (Business class tickets will be issued only for Nobel Laureates or to the scholars deemed to be deserving by the KSHEC. A separate request for claiming Business class tickets is to be submitted along with the application).

**Office Expenses** – An amount of Rs. 15000/- (Rs. Fifteen Thousand Only) will be provided for the office expenses to conduct the programme. It can be utilized for stationary, publicity, audit and other expenses.

**Local Travel** – As per govt. rate

In addition, Taxi fare (as per the govt. rate) (Airport- Pick up and drop) will be reimbursed on production of the original bills.

\*In addition to this, an amount of Rs. 1,00,000/- per month ( Rupees One Lakh Only) will be sanctioned towards honorarium, accommodation, food, Visa, Travel insurance and all other expenses not covered under the above heads.

### **General Conditions**

\*Any other expense incurred will have to be met by the University/College concerned.

\*The sanctioned amount will be released to the Registrar in the case of University departments, and to the Principal in the case of colleges, 4 weeks before the commencement of the programme.

\*A maximum of 10 percent flexibility is permitted in utilizing the grant across various heads, on condition that there will be no change in the total grant sanctioned. However, the honorarium fixed for the scholar under short term programme shall not be altered under any circumstances.

\*KSHEC shall not permit any change in the sanctioned amount approved for a programme.

\*KSHEC's emblem and name must have due importance in all communications related to the programme and a soft and hard copy of the same shall be sent to the KSHEC office.

\*Though the above are the general guidelines of the scheme, the KSHEC reserves its right to change the same whenever situation demands.

### **Terms and Conditions for utilizing the fund**

a. The fund shall be utilized solely for the purpose for which it is sanctioned.

b. The Head of the Department through the Registrar of the University shall furnish a detailed academic report\* of the programme to the Council within one month of the conduct of the Programme.

In the case of colleges, the Principal shall be responsible for the same.

\*Academic report shall focus on how the programme was beneficial for the academic community of the host institution.

c. The Head of the Department through the Registrar of the University shall furnish a detailed expenditure statement and utilization certificate (on KSHEC's format) with an

audited report from any registered Chartered Accountant within one month of the conduct of the programme.

In the case of colleges, the Principal shall be responsible for the same.

d. The balance amount (if any) must be refunded to the Council along with the Utilization certificate.

e. Copy of the air tickets, boarding pass and other pertinent documents involving payment and acknowledgement of receipt of Honorarium and TA/DA by the Scholar duly signed by him/her with seal (if available), and bills and vouchers of all other expenses incurred shall be furnished by the Head of the Department through the Registrar to the Council. Originals may be kept at the host institution.

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