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**Guidelines for availing  
AUD Merit Research Fellowship Scheme (AUDMRFS)**

**1. Objective:**

The AUD Merit Research Fellowship Scheme hereafter referred to as AUDMRF scheme, has been initiated by the AUD to attract meritorious research scholars and facilitate quality research to research scholars to pursue PhD in various disciplines in AUD.

**2. Fellowship & Tenure:**

- (a) This scheme shall be implemented from 2020-21 batch onwards for the scholars who are not availing any National scholarship like as UGC-JRF/CSIR-JRF/DBT-JRF or equivalent as specified by UGC.
- (b) The scheme excludes those scholars who are in employment.
- (c) The scholar availing AUDMRFS shall be given the fellowship at the same rates as that equivalent to UGC-JRF/SRF and as applicable from time to time.
- (d) The tenure of the scheme is for 5 years. For the first two years scholar availing AUDMRFS will get a fellowship at the same rate that is equivalent to UGC-JRF. After 2 years the student may apply for upgradation to a fellowship at the same rate that is equivalent to UGC-SRF after undergoing the same procedure as prescribed by UGC for upgradation from JRF to SRF and as applicable from time to time.

**3. Eligibility Criteria and Procedure:**

- (a) Programme-wise merit lists prepared for admission will serve as the merit list for award of Fellowship. From the admitted students, the person highest in the admission merit list and not in the excluded categories in item 2-(a) and 2- (b) will be awarded the fellowship
- (b) In the event that two students have the same highest position in the merit list in the programme and are eligible for AUDMRFS, then in case of availability of scholarship both will be awarded AUDMRFS. In case there is a limitation in terms of the numbers, then the person who is older in age will be awarded the fellowship
- (c) In PhD Programs that admit more than 5 scholars, AUDMRFS may be awarded to the top two scholars in the merit list as described in item 3-(a) provided that Clause 3-(b) does not apply.

#### 4. General Conditions:

- (a) PhD scholars who de-register will not be eligible for AUDMRFS during the de-registered period.
- (b) If, as a special case, a scholar remains on leave due to maternity/ medical/ extra ordinary circumstances (not exceeding six months) with due approval by the Competent Authority (SCR/AC), the tenure of fellowship shall be deferred by that period. For this purpose, the UGC-JRF/SRF rules will be followed as applicable from time.
- (c) Regular monitoring of AUDMRFS will be done by the office designated for this purpose by competent authority. The process will consist of a Six-Monthly Progress Report in the prescribed format to be submitted by the scholar and duly forwarded by the supervisor and counter-signed by Dean of the concerned school.
- (d) The approval of the Fellowship for the subsequent semester shall be subject to the receipt of a satisfactory Six-Monthly Progress Report.
- (e) The fellowship may be discontinued /terminated if scholar is unable to complete the course work in first attempt and his/her research progress is found unsatisfactory. In such cases the student may then be given the normal AUD stipend (given to students who do not hold non-UGC JRF/SRF or equivalent).
- (f) Newly admitted research scholars should preferably avail the fellowship w.e.f. the academic session in which they are admitted to the PhD programme subject to the fulfilment of other specified terms and conditions of AUDMRFS.
- (g) Notwithstanding anything contained in these guidelines, for any unforeseen issues arising not covered under these guidelines, or in the event of differences of interpretation, the Vice Chancellor is authorized to take a decision in consultation with the School Dean and Dean (Student Services). The decision of the Vice Chancellor shall be final.

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**Application form for availing AUD Merit-Research Fellowship Scheme**

1. Name of the Research Scholar
2. Enrollment No.
3. Name of the University School
4. Residential Address of research scholar
5. Mobile Number of research scholar
6. Email of research scholar
7. Have you qualified any national level examination, like UGC-JRF/CSIR-JRF/DBT-JRF or equivalent as specified by UGC  
Mark only one oval
  - a. ☐ Yes
  - b. ☐ No
8. Are you presently availing any other fellowship, financial assistance, grants, etc. from any other Government/Public Institutions/Corporate Bodies or any other industry of from the University?  
Mark only one oval
  - a. ☐ Yes
  - b. ☐ No
9. Are you applying for enhancement in your AUDMRFS?  
Mark only one oval
  - a. ☐ Yes
  - b. ☐ No

If yes, Please state the reason for the same.
10. Date from which you wish to start AUDMRFS.
11. I certify that all the above information is correct to the best of my knowledge, and I am eligible to apply for this fellowship. It is also certified that I am not availing any other fellowship, financial assistance, grants, etc from any other Government/Public Institutions/Corporate Bodies or any other industry or from Dr. B.R. Ambedkar University on the date of commencement of the award of AUDMRFS.

**Signature of the research scholar**

**Signature of Dean with Stamp**