

F.NO.17-2/2014-TS.I
Government of India
Ministry of Human Resource Development
Department of Higher Education
Technical Section-I

Shastri Bhavan, New Delhi
Dated the 18th February, 2015

To,

The Chairman, AICTE
The Directors, IITs (As per standard list)
The Directors, IIITs (as per standard list)
The Director, IISc, Bangalore
The Directors, IISERs (as per standard list)
The Directors, NITs (as per standard list)
The Director, NITIE, Mumbai
The Director, ISM, Dhanbad
The Director, NERIST, Nirjuli, Arunachal Pradesh
The Director, SLIET, Longowal
The Director, NIFFT, Ranchi
The Directors, NITTRs (as per standard list)
The Directors, SPAs (as per standard list)

Subject: Revision of rates of Ph.D. Scholarship in AICTE funded and Centrally Funded Technical Institutions under the Ministry of Human Resource Development

Sir/Madam,

With reference to the letter No.25-2/2010-TS.II dated 30.09.2010 on the subject cited above, it has been decided to revise the Scholarship/Fellowship/Assistantship in AICTE approved and Centrally Funded Technical Institutions under the Ministry of Human Resource Development, as given below:-

2. For Ph.D. Programmes (Junior Research Fellow (JRF)/Senior Research Fellow (SRF))

S.No.	Qualifying Degree	Existing Emoluments (per month)	Revised Emoluments (Per Month)
01.	Graduate Degree in Professional Courses (BE/B.Tech/M.Sc equivalent) with valid GATE Score above the prescribed cut off level/NET Qualification	16,000/- (For 1 st & 2 nd Year) 18,000/- (Upto 5 th Year)	25,000/-
02.	Post Graduate Degree in Professional Courses (ME/ M.Tech. or equivalent) with two years of research experience	18,000/- (For 1 st and 2 nd Year) 20,000/- (For 3 rd & 4 th Year)	28,000/-

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2.1 For M.E./M.Tech/MS/M.Design

S.No.	Qualifying Degree	Existing Emoluments (per month)	Revised Emoluments (Per Month)
01.	M.E./M.Tech/MS/ M.Design and GATE/ GPAT qualified	8,000/- (Both 1 st & 2 nd Year) and 5 th Year of Dual Degree Programmes)	12,400/- (Both 1 st & 2 nd Year) and 5 th Year of Dual Degree Programmes)

2.3 The concerned Institution should review the performance of the Fellow after two years through an appropriate Review Committee constituted by the Head of the Institution. The fellowship in the slab after 2 years of research experience may be provided after successful assessment by the Review Committee.

2.3 Such revision in rates would also be applicable to other Government and Government Aided Institutions funded by AICTE and UGC. However, no salary grant or any other salary grant would be given to any of the Institutes for implementing the Scheme.

2.4 Sponsored and Self-Financed Category of students including those in receipt of any other similar assistantship/scholarship/fellowship would not be eligible for assistantship/scholarship/fellowship under the revised scheme. Further, the assistantship/scholarship/fellowship would be provided to the scholars on the basis of GATE scores above the prescribed cut-off level. B.Tech. Graduates from the IITs getting a CGPA score of 8 or above (on scale of 10) would also be entitled to the assistantship without having to appear in GATE.

2.5 The stipend of research fellow/associate is exempted from the payment of income tax under Section 10(16) of the Income Tax Act, 1961.

3. Service Conditions:

3.1 **DA and CCA:** JRFs, SRFs, Research Associates and M.E./M.Tech/MS/M.Design will not be entitled to these allowances.

3.2 **House Rent Allowance (HRA):** All research fellows and M.E./M.Tech/MS/M.Design may be provided hostel accommodation wherever available and those residing in accommodation provided by the Institute will not be eligible for drawing HRA. Wherever provision of hostel accommodation is not possible, HRA may be allowed to JRF, SRF as per Central Government norms applicable in the city/location where they are working. The fellowship amount may be taken as basic for calculating the HRA.

3.3 **Leave and other entitlement benefits:** The JRFs, SRFs and M.E./M.Tech/MS/M.Design are eligible only for casual leave. Participation of any of these categories in any scientific event/workshop in India or abroad will be treated as 'Duty'. The travel entitlement for JRF/SRF/M.E./M.Tech/MS/M.Design for participation in scientific events/workshops in India will continue to be same as earlier, i.e. 2nd AC by rail. Maternity Leave as per Government of India instructions issued from time to time would be available to female candidates in all categories.

3.4 **Bonus and Leave Travel Concessions:** JRFs and SRFs and M.E./M.Tech/MS/M.Design will not be entitled to these allowances.

3.5 **Retirement Benefits:** JRFs, SRFs and M.E./M.Tech/MS/M.Design will not be entitled to these benefits.

4. **Publication/Patent:** The results of JRF/SRF/M.E./M.Tech/ MS/M.Design research work may be published in standard referred journals at the discretion of the Fellow or his Guide. It should be ensured by the Fellow that the assistance provided by the funding agency of Government of India is acknowledged in all such publications.

5. **Encouragement for pursuing higher degrees:** Students selected as JRF/SRF may be encouraged to register for higher degrees and the tuition fees to undertake these studies may be reimbursed to the students from the contingency grant sanctioned under the project grant, if required.

6. **Obligations of JRF/SRF:**

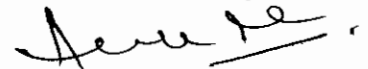
- (i) He/She shall be governed by the disciplinary regulations of the host Institute where he/she is working.
- (ii) The JRF/SRF/M.E./M.Tech/ MS/M.Design must send a detailed consolidated report of the research work done during the entire period of Fellowship on completion of the tenure/resignation of the Fellowship at the earliest.

7. **Date of Effect:** The revision in emoluments comes into effect from 01.02.2015 for all categories of JRF/SRF/M.E./M.Tech/ MS/M.Design.

8. The additional cost on account of this revision may be met by the individual Institutes from out of their existing budgetary grant without any additionality in the current financial year, 2014-15. During the next financial year, 2015-16, the expenditure on this account may be capped at the current year's level and also within the given allocation, without any additionality.

8. This issues with the concurrence of the Department of Expenditure, Ministry of Finance vide their ID Note No.33197/2015/E.III(A) dated 18.02.2015.

Yours faithfully,



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Director
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Copy to:

1. Department of Expenditure [(Shri Ashok Kumar, Under Secretary(E.III(A))] with reference to the ID Note No.33197/2015/E.III(A) dated 18.02.2015.
2. Department of Science & Technology (Dr. R. Brakaspathy, Scientist-G) in pursuance of the OM No.SR/S9/Z-09/2012 dated 21.10.2014.
3. PS to Hon'ble HRM/
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5. Dir(TC)/Dir(Management)/Dir(TE)/Dir(NITs)
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