

THE NORTH-EASTERN HILL UNIVERSITY ORDINANCES

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**ON THE AWARD OF JUNIOR RESEARCH
FELLOWSHIPS IN SCIENCES, HUMANITIES AND
SOCIAL SCIENCES**

Under Section 26 (1) (f) of the NEHU Act, 1973

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| Objective | 1. The objective of the Research Awards is to provide an opportunity to research students and teachers to undertake advanced study and research in sciences, humanities and social sciences. |
| Value | 2. The value of Junior Research Fellowship and other details shall be as prescribed by Regulations. |
| Eligibility | 3. Junior Research Fellowships are open to persons below the age of 30 years who have obtained a Master's Degree of a recognised university. Only those candidates, who have a consistently good academic record and have secured a minimum of 55% marks at Master's level will be considered for these awards.

Provided that in case of Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe candidates the minimum qualifications may be suitably relaxed by the Executive Council from time to time. |
| Conditions for Award | 4. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The Fellowships shall be awarded to enable scholars to pursue research in different fields at North-Eastern Hill University. ii. Each Fellow shall be attached to one of the Academic Departments of the University for pursuing research on full time basis leading to a research degree of the University. iii. The Fellow shall not accept or hold any appointment, paid or otherwise, or receive any emoluments, salary, stipend, etc. from any other source during the tenure of the award. iv. A Fellow may be required to undertake up to four hours teaching assignment per week including assistance in tutorials, evaluation of test papers, Laboratory demonstration work, etc. v. No scholar will be allowed to discontinue his work before he completes his work for M. Phil. or Ph. D., as the case may be, and he may be required to execute a bond as may be prescribed by the University to that effect.

Provided that if the candidate continues his work in the University under some other scheme of the University or other sponsoring authority or other research work, he may be allowed to resign his fellowship. vi. If a scholar wishes to leave the fellowship before the end of the tenure or wishes to apply for a post or appear at an interview or at |

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an examination conducted by any University or Public body, "prior" permission of the University in the prescribed proforma shall be obtained, provided that notwithstanding the permission if he discontinues his research leaving the work incomplete, he will be liable to refund the entire amount received by him as Fellowship. Provided further that 'if he continues his research work in another scheme or joins a teaching or research assignment, the University may waive the above condition.

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| Tenure of Fellowship | 5. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> vii. The work of the scholar shall be assessed at the end of the first year as may be provided in the Ordinances or as may be prescribed by the University. If it is found that the scholar lacks potential for useful research, the fellowship may be terminated. viii. Notwithstanding the provision in vii above, if a scholar fails to submit his dissertation for M. Phil. degree within a period of two years of his having been registered, irrespective of the time of the award of the fellowship to him, the fellowship shall be terminated at the end of two years. ix. The scholar shall execute a bond as may be prescribed by the University in this regard before he is allowed to draw the fellowship. |
| Leave | 6. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The fellowship shall be awarded for a period of two years or till such time as he is awarded M. Phil. Degree, whichever is earlier. ii. If a Scholar is allowed to proceed with his Ph.D. programme on the basis of his performance in the course work, the fellowship will be automatically renewed for a further period of two years. iii. A scholar who successfully completes his M. Phil. and wishes to continue his work for Ph.D. may be awarded the fellowship for a further period of two years subject to their performance at M. Phil. being of a sufficiently high standard. A scholar who was not drawing any fellowship may also be awarded a fellowship after his M. Phil. on the basis of the quality of his work at M. Phil. iv. The scholar will be allowed to complete full four or two years of the fellowship, as the case may be, even if the Ph.D. dissertation is submitted before the expiry of the fellowship. v. Notwithstanding the provisions in viii to ix above, the University may terminate a fellowship at any time if it is not satisfied with the progress or conduct of the fellow. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. A fellow will be entitled to leave for a period not exceeding thirty days in a year, in addition, to general holidays, which can be availed only with the approval of the Supervisor. Women scholars will, in addition be eligible for maternity leave at full rates for a period not exceeding three months during the tenure of their award. ii. The University may allow special leave for a period not exceeding three months during the whole tenure of a scholar under exceptional circumstances. The scholar will not be eligible to draw his fellowship during the period of special leave. The period of leave will, however, be counted towards the tenure of fellowship. |

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| Selection | 7. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. The application received from the candidates by the University shall be sent to the Heads of the respective Departments by 5th August for screening and recommending the award. ii. The Departments will finalise the recommendation for the fellowships on the basis of assessment by a committee consisting of not less than three members with the Head of the Department as the Chairman. While the recommendations for fellowships will be primarily made on the basis of merit, the availability of supervisors in the Department in the area of research in which a candidate wants to pursue his research shall also be taken into consideration. iii. The recommendations for these awards should be forwarded to the University in the prescribed proforma latest by 10th August, so that the candidates may join the University by 1st September every year. |
| Reservation | 8. | Fifty percent of the fellowships are reserved for candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes, provided they fulfill the minimum qualifications laid down for the award. In case qualified candidates are not available, the fellowship may be awarded to other candidates in order of merit. |
| Payment | 9. | Payment of the Fellowship amount will be made each month at the University office against bills drawn by the Fellow and countersigned by the concerned Head of the Department. |
| Application for the Award | 10. | Each department shall forward to the University by the end of May each year the position about fellowship holders and the number of likely vacancies as may exist on the first of September, indicating the area in which M. Phil. / Ph.D. courses will be available. The Fellowship shall be advertised by 30th June every year specifying the last date for application which shall not be later than 21st July. |
| Enhancement Of Rates | 11. | The scholar may be allowed the fellowship at the higher rate at the end of a period of two years, provided he has successfully completed his M.Phil. or has been allowed to proceed for Ph.D. on the basis of his performance in the course work, on the recommendation of his supervisor submitted to the University through the concerned Head and Dean. |

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**Unutilised
Fellowship**

12. In case some fellowships remain unutilised, the research scholars already working in the Department without fellowship may be considered for the award. These cases shall be forwarded to the University latest by 15th February each year in accordance with the procedure laid down under clause 3 and 6(ii) above.