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**The Vice-Chairperson  
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Sub: Revision of OURIIP guideline

Ref: Your L. No. 815/116/OSHEC, Dated: 25.11.2021

Sir,

Government in Higher Education Department has considered your proposal and revised the OURIIP guideline. This has been concurred by Finance Department in File No. FIN-SOS1-MISC-0127-2021. The revised OURIIP guideline is enclosed herewith for your kind information and necessary action.

Yours faithfully,



Principal Secretary to Government 07/02/2022



**REVISED GUIDELINES (w.e.f. 2021-2022)**

**FOR**

**ODISHA UNIVERSITY RESEARCH AND INNOVATION INCENTIVIZATION  
PLAN (OURIIP)**

**(Odisha Vishwavidyalaya Anusandhan ebam Abhinabikarana Protsahan Yojana)**

Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC) in the Higher Education Department, Government of Odisha has envisaged a new scheme called the “Odisha University Research and Innovation Incentivization Plan (OURIIP)” (Odisha Vishwavidyalaya Anusandhan ebam Abhinavinikarana Protsahan Yojana) to bridge the gap in research activities and promote research in emerging areas. Thrust area would be on original research instead of incremental research. The aim of the scheme is to facilitate a research-innovation culture at Higher Education Institutes of the state.

**Objective:**

The objective of the project is to provide scholarships to talented youngsters to devote themselves to full time research in Odisha and facilitate young faculty to start a research program in Odisha. The scheme particularly emphasizes to facilitate woman researchers of Odisha.

There are four components, under which financial assistance will be provided to strengthen the Research, Development and Innovation Ecosystem in State Universities and Higher Education Institutions of Odisha

*(A) Research Fellowship*

*(B) Seed Funding for Young Faculty working in State Universities and Colleges:*

*(C) Support for Publication related Expenses*

*(D) Support for Patent Filing*

*(E) Miscellaneous*

**(A) For Research Fellowship:**

**Eligibility:**

1<sup>st</sup> Category: It is proposed to provide a Research Fellowship to the top-ranking NET qualifiers (leaving aside the JRF) in each subject who has not been found eligible for National Junior Research Fellowships for doing research in state universities.

The applicant for the scholarship must be a permanent resident of Odisha.

**Advertisement inviting Applications:**

The OSHEC shall invite applications from eligible candidates through advertisement in local newspapers and/or the websites of the Higher Education Department. The format of application and guidelines are available in the website of HE Department ([www.dheodisha.gov.in](http://www.dheodisha.gov.in)).

**Tenure of the Fellowship:**

The period of fellowship will be limited to 04 years, extendable to another one year with the prior approval of the Odisha State Higher Education Council (OSHEC).

**Fellowships**

The candidate would be eligible for following financial assistance:

Fellowship	Rs. 15,000/- per month with a contingency of Rs. 25,000/- per year for subjects having laboratory work and Rs. 15,000/- for subjects without laboratory work.
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**No. of Fellowship:**

The number of fellowship in each subject would be limited to five (05) with two (02) numbers of fellowships reserved for girl students exclusively.

*Subjects at Masters Level (M.A., M. Sc., M. Com.) covered under this scheme (Participants must have cleared NET (UGC, CSIR, DBT, ICAR etc.) in areas relevant to these subjects):*

Physics	Population studies	Education	Labour Welfare/Personnel Management / Industrial Relations Labour and Social Welfare /Human Resource Development
Chemistry	Economics	Social Work	Law
Botany	Political Science	Home Science	Library and Information Science
Zoology	Philosophy	Public Administration	Mass Communication and Journalism
Biotechnology	Psychology	Business Management(MBA)	Women Studies



Mathematics	Sociology	Odia	Computer Science and Applications
Statistics	History	Hindi	Electronic Science
Geography	Anthropology	Sanskrit	Environmental Sciences
Geology	Commerce	English	

Relevant NET subjects will be as defined by the State University.

**Selection Process:**

1. The candidate must be below 35 years of age as on January first of the year in which award is being made.
2. Candidate must be NET qualified in the above subjects. Those who are JRF qualified will be eligible for UGC/CSIR/DBT/ICAR fellowship and will not be considered here.
3. Candidates who qualified at NET more than three years back to the year of application will not be eligible, i.e., to be eligible in 2018, NET qualification must be of 2015 or after.
4. The fellowship shall be available only for pursuing full time Ph.D. programme in/under any Govt. University of the State or any State Govt. institute established in the State.
5. The prospective researchers will apply to the state government citing their NET eligibility certificate, mark sheet/Rank and clearly indicating the specific subject, topic, specific state university where research will be carried out.
6. The student must have registered under an approved research guide after completing the required course work at any of the state universities of Odisha.
7. The OSHEC will be responsible for administering the entire program and procedure for State Research Fellowship as well as the seed funding.
8. The scholarship continuance will depend upon the annual review by domain experts at the Odisha Research and Innovation Conclave. If the work is evaluated to be below 5 on a scale of 10, scholarship will be discontinued.
9. The scholar should not be getting any other financial support from any other source and be a full time research scholar.
10. Selected candidates should be willing to teach at PG/UG level at least 3 hours per week.

11. Candidate would be willing to provide a bond to complete the research work and submit for Ph.D. within a period not exceeding 4 years. If it has to be extended to 5<sup>th</sup>Year, it has to be on prior approval of OSHEC.
12. The selected candidate shall remain under the administrative control of a Supervisor. The Supervisor must be a regular faculty of any Govt. University of Odisha/Govt. or Aided Colleges or a regular Scientist of any State Govt. Research Institute of Odisha or any Central Govt. Research Institute established in Odisha.
13. All correspondences of the Scholar should be routed through the supervisor, Head of the Department and Head of the Institution concerned.

**Release of Fellowship & Fund:**

1. The fund with respect to fellowship shall be made available to the Head of the host Institution by the OSHEC/HED.
2. The fellowship shall be directly credited to the bank account of the scholar on monthly basis by the Head of the host institute within the first week of the month.
3. The contingent grant shall be credited to the bank account of the scholar/Head of the Institute.
4. The host Institute/University/College shall submit the financial year wise audited statement of Expenditure & Utilization Certificate in OGFR 7(A) in duplicate countersigned by the competitive authority for each fellowship.
5. The Fellow will be required to submit progress report every year through proper channel.

**Cancellation/Withholding of Fellowship:**

1. The fellowship shall be discontinued if it is found that the candidate has furnished incorrect information or suppressed materials. In such cases, other disciplinary action will be initiated against the candidate as deemed fit to recover the fellowship amount.
2. The fellowship shall also be discontinued while pursuing Ph.D. Degree if the conduct of the scholar is found to be unsatisfactory, as per the report by the Committee of three members comprising of Head of the Department, Supervisor and one outside subject expert to be constituted by the concerned Department of the University/Institution/College.
3. The fellowship will be automatically cancelled if a candidate changes the Course of Study for which she/he is in receipt of the fellowship under this scheme or the progress is found unsatisfactory during review.



**Other Conditions:**

1. The Higher Education Department, on the basis of request of OSHEC with justification, may increase the amount and number of fellowships with due concurrence from Planning & Convergence Department and Finance Department, Govt. of Odisha.
2. In general, the Fellow once accepts the offer of fellowship at a particular University/College/Institute shall not be allowed to transfer the fellowship to any other University/College/institute during the tenure of the fellowship. However, under unavoidable situation, the fellow must seek prior permission from the Higher Education Department, Govt. of Odisha through OSHEC for transfer of institute through written application with the following documents.
  - No Objection Certificates (NOCs) from both host institutes and Supervisors
  - Detailed justifications for changing/shifting of host institute for implementation of fellowship
  - Area of Ph.D. Works with an up-to-date progress report
  - Curriculum vitae of research supervisor at the new host institute
  - Up-to-date Financial Statement from the old host institute
3. In case of discontinuity of the research project by the scholar, the Institute concerned shall return the unutilized funds to the OSHEC immediately. Further, the scholar is required to hand over the research findings to the OSHEC through proper channel.
4. In case of suppression of facts regarding receipt of any other fellowship from any other Govt. and/or Private Institutions, the scholar is required to refund the total grant with interest received from HE Department through OSHEC.

***(B) Seed Funding for Young Faculty working in State Universities and Colleges:***

1. Any Young faculty with a Ph.D. and below 45 years of age working in a regular capacity in State Universities and Colleges (Government & Aided) under Higher Education Department and also in State Government Technical Colleges/Universities under Skill Development and Technical Education Department can apply for this seed funding with an appropriate research proposal.
2. The proposal will be prepared in the standard format that will be uploaded in OSHEC/HED website.

3. She/he has to submit a proposal in the prescribed format for review followed by a presentation. The funding will be decided on merit.
4. The quantum of each seed funding will be limited to 7 lakh per faculty and duration of two years will be the period for providing the deliverables.
5. Faculty in receipt of funding from other research agencies will not be eligible for this scheme.
6. The state will annually award 40 such seed funding on competitive basis after due evaluation of the proposals by a domain expert committee.
7. The seed funding scheme will expect the concerned faculty to produce about two research publications (One in Scopus Indexed Journals) per year. They will also be expected to write and secure funded research projects from national agencies towards end of two-year period.
8. Annual Review of Work would be done through a poster presentation at Odisha Research Conclave.

**(C) Support for Publication related Expenses:**

If a faculty in State Universities or Government Colleges under Higher Education Department or State Government Technical Colleges/Universities under Skill Development and Technical Education Department publishes in extremely high impact journal that is also appearing in SC indexing (Science Citation indexing), there will be a provision to reimburse the exact amount for publication or Rs. 50,000/-, whichever is less. Publication cost of maximum 10 research papers per annum, selected through a committee can be paid out of this grant. The committee of experts will be formed by the OSHEC. However, in exceptional cases where publication is approved in a globally renowned journal, like Nature and higher cost is indicated, the request can be taken up as special exceptional case.

**(D) Support for Patent filing:**

If a faculty in State University or Government/Government Aided College coming under Higher Education Department or Government Technical College/University files a patent in Patent Offices of India, then there will be a provision of financial support of exact amount or Rs. 50,000/-, whichever is less. Maximum 10 inventors per annum will be eligible to avail this assistance to file the patents. The selection will be done by a committee of experts, formed by the OSHEC.

**Note: The unmet targets of any particular year under category A, B, C and D shall not be carried over to next year.**



**(E) Miscellaneous:**

**(1) Executing Agency:**

The entire scheme will be operated and executed by the Odisha State Higher Education Council with funds sanctioned from Department of Higher Education. Committees will be formed with the domain experts as members. Vice-Chairperson of the OSHEC will prepare the list of the Members and submit to the Government for approval.

**(2) Timeline:**

**1. For Research Scholarship:**

- a. Advertisement before March every year
- b. Selection and award before May in the same year

**2. For Seed Funding:**

- a. Advertisement twice a year January and July
- b. Selection and award by March and October

**3. For Research Scholar's Conclave: December every year**

**(3) Reviewing/Mentoring Panel: to be drawn up by OSHEC**

The implementation of the scheme, the funding pattern and outcome of the scheme will be reviewed annually by competent authority. The Higher Education Department, Govt. of Odisha, with the advice from OSHEC reserves the right to amend the rules. The decision of the competent authority shall be final and nobody/individual can go for any legal or other remedy against the decision of the competent authority.

**(4) Odisha Research Conclave:**

The scheme will also include few annual thematic research conclaves titled, "Odisha Research Conclave" for these research scholars of the state, where they will showcase their work and be reviewed and be mentored by domain experts with awards for best research work in a category. An amount of Rs. 30 lakh is earmarked annually for conducting these conclaves. The money will be used in TA, Stay, hospitality and other contingent expenditure for these events. Annually three conclaves; one in each faculty, i.e., science, social science and liberal arts as well as business, economics and commerce will be organized. These conclaves will provide the much needed platform for review and monitoring.

  
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***N.B: Enhancement of age limit from 30 to 35 years to apply for Research Fellowship and from 40 to 45 years to apply for Seed Funding has been made effective from the year 2020-2021.***