



TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY
TERMS AND CONDITIONS FOR THE AWARD OF UNIVERSITY
RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP

1. For the selection of fellowship, the score obtained in the Admission Entrance Examination and Interview shall be considered. The fellowship may be awarded on the basis of the merit list prepared during the selection process.
2. The award shall from the Second year of provisional registration of the awardee, which is subject to satisfactory progress and conduct in this regard as recommended by the Research Supervisor and Head of the Schools.
3. The fellowship will be awarded for a period of TWO years during the Ph.D. programme as per the regulations of University.
4. Only One fellowship at a time, per Research Supervisor will be allocated, during the eligible period of research fellowship.
5. No extension will be given beyond the stipulated period of Research Studentship.
6. Initially the value of the fellowship will be an amount of Rs.5,000/- per month and a contingency amount of Rs.5,000/- per year tenable for a maximum period of two years for candidates. This is applicable for all study disciplines/programmes.
7. Student to whom the fellowship is awarded should execute an undertaking in a stamp paper worth not less than Rs.10/- in the prescribed form.
8. During the tenure of the fellowship, the holder must continuously engage himself/herself in research. A six monthly report of his/her work and progress, should be submitted.
9. The awardee shall not accept or hold any appointment, paid or otherwise or receive any emoluments, salary, stipend, scholarship, fellowship etc., from any other source or government during the tenure of the award.
10. For the renewal of fellowship for the subsequent year, the awardee shall submit the progress report through his/her Research Supervisor and proper channel to the Director (Research), the annual report on the progress of his/her research work.

11. All the fees as per the existing rates are to be paid regularly by every fellowship holder; else their registration is liable to be cancelled.
12. The fellowship will be paid monthly after completion of a month on the basis of the claim submitted in the prescribed form through proper channel to the Finance Division.
13. Good conduct, regularity in attendance and satisfactory progress in the research programmes are essential conditions to continue the scholarship.
14. The Leave may be taken by a fellowship holder with the prior approval of the supervisor in accordance with the Ph.D Regulations- 2019 of TNOU.
15. If the fellow is absent due to illness, then the fellowship for the particular month will be admissible supported by a Medical Certificate if such absence is for 15 days or less than the recommendation of the supervisor concerned. Women students would be eligible for maternity leave at full rates for period not exceeding eight months, once only during the award of fellowship period.
16. The fellow may, in special cases, be allowed to avail leave by the University without fellowship for a period not exceeding three months during the tenure of award on the recommendations of the supervisor concerned. The period of leave without fellowship will also count towards the tenure of fellowship. In case of absence of more than three month, the fellowship will be cancelled once for all.
17. If the Fellow discontinues the Ph.D. (FT) research programme in the middle at any time he/she has to refund the entire amount received by him/her in the lumpsum with 9% interest from the date of payment upto the date on which he/she repays the amount.
18. The University shall have power to terminate the fellowship at any time awarded to any research scholar in its opinion, the candidate's progress is not satisfactory or if the fellow is found to be of habitual irregularity misbehaviour, misconduct, indiscipline etc.,

19. If a Ph.D. candidate who is receiving URF converts his/her Ph.D. registration to M.Phil. then he/she is not eligible for the award to URF with immediate effect and candidates shall refund the whole amount which he/she and already received from the University as URF with an interest of 9% from the date of payment upto the date on which he/she repays the amount.
20. University reserves the right to change the conditions and the award of URF at any time in the middle of the period of award of fellowship to any candidate without intimation.
21. It shall be lawful for the University to declare that the holder of the Award has forfeited it for misconduct, providing false / wrong information irregular attendance or unsatisfactory progress which it may consider sufficient cause for such forfeiture and decision of the University shall be final.
22. The University shall be empowered to make such changes in the conditions of award as new circumstances may render desirable.
23. In case of any disputes the matter may be referred to the Internal Research Advisory Committee (IRAC) and based on the advice of the IRAC, the decision of the university shall be final.