

**Lok Jagruti Kendra University**

**Full Time Ph.D. Program**

**Guidelines For Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)**

1. **Objective**

The objective of the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) scheme is to provide an opportunity to Indian students and teachers to undertake advanced study and research leading to Ph.D. in pharmacy, sciences, engineering, physiotherapy, computer applications, commerce and management at LJK university.

1. **Eligibility**
2. The upper age limit for JRF is 35 years for men as on 1 July of the year of application and 45 years for women.
3. The candidate must have secured the minimum percentage 55% (without gracing and round off) in post-graduation or equivalent grades. Five percent (5%) relaxation of marks (without gracing and round off) will be given to the SC/ ST/ OBC/ Differently abled candidates.)
4. The candidate should be qualified with the relevant entrance exam as per the field of application-

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| **Field of Application** | **Relevant Entrance Exam** | **\*Score Eligibility duration** |
| Management and Commerce | UGC-NET/GRE/ GMAT/CAT | 2 years |
| Pharmacy and Science | CSIR-NET/GATE/ GPAT | 2 years |
| Engineering and Computer application | GATE/JEST | 3 years |
| Physics, Mathematics | JEST | 1 year |
| Physiotherapy | UGC-NET/UGC/ CSIR-NET/GATE/ SLET | 2 years |

(\*) *The validity period is as per the exam certificate*

**3) Tenure of Fellowship**

The tenure of fellowship is initially for two years under the JRF scheme. Upon expiry of this period, the work of the fellow will be evaluated by experts. If the research work is found satisfactory, his/her tenure will be extended for a further period of one year under the enhanced emoluments of the Senior Research Fellowship (SRF). Thus, the total period of fellowship (JRF and SRF) is three years and there is no further provision of extension.

In case the work for the first two years is not found satisfactory under the LJK JRF scheme, the fellowship will not be continued by the university.

1. **Fellowship Honorarium**

Amount of fellowship is mentioned below for various institutes of the university.

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| **Management, Commerce, Pharmacy and Science, Physics, Mathematics, Physiotherapy** | |
| First Two Years | Rs.20,000/- per month |
| For Third Year | Rs.23,200/- per month |
| **Engineering and Computer application** | |
| First Two Years | Rs.23,200/- per month |
| For Third Year | Rs.26,900/- per month |

Note: After successfully completing the six-month coursework (excluding TA duties), the awardee will become eligible for fellowship honorarium.

1. **Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and progress report**
2. The LJK PhD program guidelines will be followed for the formation of RAC.
3. The research fellow is required to attend six RAC meetings.
4. The awardees shall submit a monthly report on the progress to Supervisor, Head of the Department, Head of the Institute and Directorate of Research (DoR) for the continuation of fellowship.
5. If the progress of the awardee is not satisfactory as reported by the Supervisor, Head of the Department, Head of the Institute and DoR, the fellowship of the research scholar shall be terminated with immediate effect. This will not be revoked under any circumstances.
6. **Fellowship Commitment and Non-Transferability**
7. In any circumstances the awardees shall not be allowed for transfer of fellowship from the Institution where the awardees are presently working for Ph.D. during the entire tenure of the fellowship.
8. The awardees shall devote full-time to research during the tenure of fellowship and will not be permitted to take any part-time/ full-time assignment outside the LJK University. He/ She will not accept any salary, fellowship or any type of financial assistance offered during the tenure of fellowship through any other source. Otherwise, the fellowship will have to be refunded for the entire period of getting financial assistances from other sources.
9. Teaching and non-teaching Assistance (work load) of up to 10 hours/ week (at the discretion of Head of the Department, Head of the Institute and DoR) may be given to full time awardee availing fellowship under LJK University and may include assistance in lab classes, tutorial support, administrative support etc.
10. For those awardees who left the course midway, the fellowship shall be stopped.

**7) Attendance and Leave rules**

1. The awardee has to report regularly in the school/institute and follow the attendance rules (work timings and punch in- punch out) of the LJK University except the duration of field work.
2. The awardee is entitled for a maximum period of 12 days Casual Leave (CL) and 12 days Medical Leave (ML) in a year in addition to public holidays. They are not entitled to any other vacations.
3. The awardee is eligible for Maternity leave as per LJK University norms once during the tenure of award. However, maximum duration of fellowship will not be extended under any circumstances.
4. In case any awardee avails the break during the fellowship period on medical ground with due permission of Supervisor, Head of the Department, Head of the Institute and DoR, the fellowship will be discontinued from the month of such break and shall be resumed on rejoining the program for the remaining period of fellowship.

Note: CL, ML, and Maternity Leave require approval at the level of Supervisor, Head of the Department, Head of the Institute and DoR. Prior approval is mandatory for all types of leave.

1. The awardee is entitled to 2.5 months of research leave (field work) over three years for attending conferences, FDPs/workshop, or conducting research-related data collection, subject to prior approval from the Supervisor, Head of the Department, Head of the Institute and DoR at least one month in advance and to be availed during non-teaching periods.

**8) Publication Requirement**

During the fellowship tenure the fellow has to publish-

1. Three publications indexed in Scopus (Quartile: Q2 and above) OR Web of Science (WoS) (Impact factor 2 or above) with due affiliation to LJK University.

Note: In lieu of publication a scholar can publish three patents (minimum 2 utility patents) at the discretion of Supervisor, Head of the Department, Head of the Institute and DoR.

1. Attend and present three research papers in National/International conferences.

(Note: The awardees shall give a declaration that if the results of research are such that can be exploited commercially by taking a patent or otherwise, commercial exploitation and patent rights should be with the Institute, candidate and supervisor)

**9) Cancellation of Award**

The fellowship is liable to cancellation in case of:

* 1. Non-Completion of course work
  2. Misconduct
  3. Unsatisfactory progress of research work/ failure in any examination related to Ph.D.
  4. He/ She is found ineligible later
  5. Any false information furnished by the applicant or any fraudulent activity by the awardees shall lead to Penal action against him/ her.
  6. The fellowship may be terminated at any time during the tenure and the decision of the LJK University shall be final and binding.