

THE TAMIL NADU Dr. M.G.R. MEDICAL UNIVERSITY, CHENNAI

PhD Scholarship for Full Time Research Scholars

Terms and Conditions for Ph.D. Research Scholarship Awardees

The candidates selected shall abide by the following Terms and Conditions throughout the tenure of the scholarship.

1. Acceptance of Scholarship

1. The awardee shall submit a written Acceptance Letter, Joining Report and an agreement before commencement of the scholarship.
2. The scholarship shall become effective only after commencement of your PhD program and from the date approved by the University.

2. Nature of Scholarship

1. The scholarship is intended exclusively for **full-time Ph.D. research scholars** registered under The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University.
2. The scholarship is meant solely to support doctoral research and shall not be construed as an employment or service under the University.

3. Eligibility

1. The awardee shall remain a full-time Ph.D. scholar throughout the tenure of the scholarship.
2. The scholar shall not undertake full-time employment or receive any salary, stipend, scholarship, scholarship or financial assistance from any Government, private agency or external funding body without prior approval of the University.
3. Any suppression or misrepresentation of facts shall lead to cancellation and the refund of the scholarship.

4. Duration of Scholarship

1. The scholarship shall be awarded for a maximum period of **three years**, subject to satisfactory progress and annual review.
2. Continuation of the scholarship from one year to the next shall be based on the recommendation of the Research Scholarship Committee.

5. Scholarship Amount

The scholarship shall be released as approved by the University:

- First Year – ₹30,000/- per month
- Second Year – ₹40,000/- per month

- Third Year – ₹50,000/- per month

The scholarship amount is subject to availability of University funds and budget approval.

6. Attendance

1. The scholar shall maintain a minimum attendance of **80%** during the scholarship period.
2. Attendance shall be certified by the Research Supervisor and Head of the department.
3. Unauthorized absence may result in withholding or discontinuation of the scholarship.

7. Progress Monitoring

1. The scholar shall submit a **six-monthly progress report** in the prescribed format.
2. The scholar shall present the progress of research whenever called upon by the Research Scholarship Committee.
3. An annual presentation before the Committee is mandatory.
4. Unsatisfactory performance may result in warning, suspension or discontinuation of the scholarship.

8. Research Conduct

1. The scholar shall conduct research strictly in accordance with approved research protocols.
2. Ethical Committee approval and other statutory approvals shall be obtained wherever applicable.
3. The scholar shall comply with all University Regulations, Research Guidelines and Institutional Policies.

9. Publications

1. The scholar shall publish at least **one research article in an indexed journal** before submission of the Ph.D. thesis.
2. All publications arising from the scholarship shall acknowledge:

"This research work was supported by the University Research Scholarship (URF), The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University, Chennai."

3. Copies of all publications shall be submitted to the Research Scholarship Committee.

10. Intellectual Property

1. Intellectual Property Rights arising out of the research shall vest and be governed by the University IPR Policy.
2. Patent filing and commercialization shall follow University norms.

11. Financial Conditions

1. Scholarship shall be released only after submission of all required documents, including attendance certificate, joining report, progress reports and supervisor's recommendation.
2. The scholarship shall be credited through Direct Bank Transfer (DBT).
3. The scholar shall promptly intimate any change in bank account or contact details.
4. The scholar shall not claim arrears for periods of unauthorized absence.

12. Leave

1. Casual Leave: 12 days per year.
2. Medical Leave: As per University norms.
3. Maternity/Paternity Leave: As per Government and University norms.
4. Leave shall be sanctioned only through the Supervisor and Head of the department.
5. No scholarship shall be admissible during unauthorized leave.

13. Change of Supervisor or Institution

1. Any request for change of Research Supervisor or Research Centre shall require prior approval of the University.
2. Scholarship shall continue only after approval by the competent authority.

14. Code of Conduct

The scholar shall:

- Maintain the highest standards of academic integrity.
- Avoid plagiarism, fabrication or falsification of data.
- Follow ethical practices in research.
- Comply with University disciplinary regulations.

15. Termination of Scholarship

The University reserves the right to terminate the scholarship under any of the following circumstances:

- Unsatisfactory research progress.
- Misconduct or indiscipline.
- Plagiarism or research misconduct.
- Submission of false documents or information.
- Receipt of another scholarship without disclosure.
- Discontinuation or cancellation of Ph.D. registration.
- Violation of University rules or these Terms and Conditions.

The University may also recover scholarship amounts already disbursed, if deemed necessary.

16. Resignation

A scholar wishing to discontinue the scholarship shall submit a written resignation through the Research Supervisor and Head of the department stating the reasons for withdrawal.

18. General Conditions

1. The scholarship is subject to the provisions of the University's PhD Research Scholarship Scheme and amendments made from time to time.
 2. The University reserves the right to modify these Terms and Conditions whenever necessary.
 3. Acceptance of the scholarship shall be deemed as acceptance of all the above Terms and Conditions.
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Declaration by the Candidate

I, _____, Registration No. _____, have carefully read and understood the above Terms and Conditions governing the University Research Scholarship (URF). I hereby agree to abide by all the rules, regulations and decisions of The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University throughout the tenure of the scholarship.

Name of the Candidate: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Research Supervisor: _____

Head of the department: _____

Research Centre Seal

These terms are aligned with the SOP provisions on eligibility, scholarship structure, monitoring, leave, termination, publications, IPR, financial provisions, and grievance redressal, while expanding them into a comprehensive agreement suitable for signing by selected Ph.D. scholarship candidates.