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കേരള സംസ്ഥാന ജൈവവൈവിധ്യ ബോർഡ്
KERALA STATE BIODIVERSITY BOARD
 A statutory and autonomous body, Government of Kerala

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GUIDELINES FOR DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP

OBJECTIVE:

The Doctoral fellowship shall be granted to the Researchers who wish to do research in specific areas on conservation of Biodiversity in Kerala.

ELIGIBILITY:

Essential:

Masters Degree in Life science/Botany/Zoology/Fisheries/Agriculture/Forestry/Environmental science Equivalent with minimum 55% marks. SC/ST candidates will be given a relaxation of 5% marks in aggregate percentage of marks.

Desirable: Those who have already registered for PhD in any of the UGC recognized University Departments/ recognized research centers in the topic mentioned will be given preference,

SELECTION PROCESS

All the Doctoral Fellowship applications will be subjected to preliminary screening and selected candidates will be called for interview. The Final Selection of Doctoral Fellows will be based on Academic records, project proposal, and presentation and interview conducted by an expert panel at the Head office, Kerala State Biodiversity Board. The date of interview will be informed to the selected candidates after preliminary screening over telephone/e-mail. Applications which are incomplete/not in prescribed proforma will be rejected without further intimation. The right to accept/reject an application will be vested solely with the Board. Result will be uploaded in the website www.keralabiodiversity.org

FELLOWSHIP:

Each selected Doctoral Fellow will be eligible for a monthly fellowship of Rs.25, 000/- and an annual contingent grant of Rs.20,000/year. The contingent grant may be utilized for stationery, computer related costs, and the field work expenses connected with the research work and relevant documents are to be submitted for the same.

The final two installments will be released only after submission of the thesis. The fellow will be issued a Doctoral Fellow Completion Certificate after successfully submitting comprehensive report of research work.

DURATION AND NATURE OF SUPPORT

1. If the selected candidate is not already a PhD Scholar, he/she should get admission/registration within three months of awarding the Fellowship.
2. The recipients of the KSBB doctoral fellowship shall register as a full time research scholar for PhD programme in any recognized University Departments/ recognized research centers for award of the fellowship. The fellowship will be for a maximum period of 3 years.
3. The selected candidates shall not be permitted to avail any fellowship/stipend other than KSBB research fellowship during the tenure of Doctoral programme.
4. The Research fellows should complete the research programme within the prescribed time. Extension will be allowed, if needed, only after the scrutiny of the work done. However, fellowship will be given for three years only.
5. The Doctoral fellow should submit monthly work report of the activities done. Regular monitoring of Fellowship will be done on the basis of half yearly and Annual Progress Reports and presentation.
6. The fellowship will be discontinued if research progress is found unsatisfactory. The KSBB may demand annual /mid-term appraisal of the research work.
7. During the course of the fellowship, the scholars are required to publish at least two research papers in peer reviewed journals on the theme of the research undertaken.
8. Research fellows should submit a copy of the thesis to Kerala State Biodiversity Board.
9. The fellowship will be purely on contract basis and he/she will not be eligible for any other service benefits.
10. The Research fellows should contact the concerned BMCs for local support as well as for updating the research findings in Peoples Biodiversity Registers (PBRs).

11. Research scholars shall not discontinue his/her research work without prior approval of KSBB. In case of non-approval, KSBB will have the right to recall the entire fellowship disbursed to the scholars. Scholars who do not submit the thesis are liable to pay penalty/ refund the fellowship already received by them as decided by the Board.

12. Any Patents/ Publications regarding the research should be done with prior intimation and approval by the Board and the copy of publications in journals made by the Research scholars during the tenure of the research period should be submitted to the KSBB and due acknowledgements should be given in all the publications related to research work.

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