

**UNIVERSITY OF KERALA**

(Abstract)

Ph.D Programme – Modified norms for granting University JRF/SRF to Full-time research scholars of University of Kerala - approved – Orders issued.

**Ac E I**

Ac.E1.A4/2020	Dated: 11/09/2020
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- Read: 1. U.O No. Ac.E I/A2/17871/2019 dated 15/05/2019  
2. U.O No. Ac.E1/A1/2019 dated 24/04/2020  
3. Item No. 16.08.A5 of the minutes of the meeting of the Syndicate meeting held on 14/08/2020

**ORDER**

The tenure of the University research fellowship granted to the full-time research scholars in the University approved research centres had been extended from three and a half years to five years, vide UO read as paper (1) above and norms for granting the same was issued vide U.O read as (2) above.

The Syndicate at its meeting held on 14/08/2020, vide paper read as (3) above considered the clarification sought by HoDs of various teaching Departments and research scholars on certain points in the U.O read as (2) above and resolved as follows:

1. *Research scholars who have joined for research on or after 01.01.2020 shall follow the norms for University JRF/SRF as applicable to the Candidates who have registered for Ph.D Programme from January 2020 session onwards.*
2. *Research scholars who were already awarded three and half years of University Research fellowship as per the previous norms and are still continuing their research after 11.07.2018 shall be eligible for conversion to SRF with effect from 11.07.2018, if they have completed the three years of fellowship before 11.07.2018, and shall be eligible for fellowship for the remaining period up to a maximum of 5 years or till the submission of thesis, whichever is earlier, after deducting the fellowship already claimed for the last six months.*
3. *Also research scholars who have been awarded and completed three and half years of scholarship after 11.07.2018, and has completed their three years of fellowship after 11.07.2018, shall be eligible for conversion to SRF with effect from the date of completion of three years and shall be eligible for fellowship for the remaining period up to a maximum of 5 years or till the submission of thesis, whichever is earlier, after deducting the fellowship already claimed for the last six months.*
4. *Research scholars who have been continuing the research as on 11.07.2018 (cut off date to become eligible for extension of fellowship as per U.O dated 15.05.2019) and has submitted the thesis or has completed 5 years of research, before 24.04.2020 ie., the date of issue of revised norms, are eligible for University fellowship w.e.f 11.07.2018 up to the date of submission of thesis or till the date of completion of 5 years, whichever is earlier.*

5. Research scholars who have applied for fellowship beyond three years(SRF) as per U.O dated 15.5.2019 and 24.04.2020 and has either submitted the thesis or has undergone Pre-submission evaluation/Open defence viva before 24.04.2020, are exempted from evaluation of expert committee for SRF, subject to the fulfilment of other eligibility conditions specified in the U.O dated 24.04.2020.

Sanction has therefore been accorded by the Vice-Chancellor to implement the above resolution of the Syndicate regarding the norms for granting University JRF/SRF to full-time research scholars in the approved research centres of this University.

University Order read as (2) above stands modified to this extent.

Orders are issued accordingly.

Sd/-  
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