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**GUIDELINES FOR**

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**NATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP**

**(BANRF)**

**FOR SC CANDIDATES**

**OF MAHARASHTRA**

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## **NATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (BANRF)**

**For Scheduled Caste Students to pursue M.Phil. / Ph.D.**

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### **RESEARCH & TRAINING INSTITUTE (BARTI)**

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research & Training Institute (BARTI), Pune is an autonomous institute of Govt. of Maharashtra, in the Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance. This institute was established in the year 1978 under the name “Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Samata Vichar Peeth” and subsequently became autonomous under its present name in the year 2008.

BARTI is committed for the cause of Equity, Social justice, Brotherhood, Removal of Caste bias, Developing Scientific Temperament, Ethics, Moral Values and achieving progress in these areas through scientific research.

### **DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR**

### **NATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (BANRF)**

#### **INTRODUCTION**

In 1913, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar undertook a historic journey to Columbia University, New York for Higher Studies. In commemoration of this, BARTI launched Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Research Fellowship (BANRF) in 2013. Every year, BARTI invites applications from Scheduled Caste candidates of Maharashtra for the Award of M.Phil. / Ph.D. Fellowships. The number of fellowships awarded each year would be equivalent to the number of years since 1913 i.e. 101 for 2014, 102 for 2015 and so on. The fellowship scheme is formulated and funded by BARTI and named as "**Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Research Fellowships (BANRF).**" The fellowships are open to Scheduled Castes (SC) candidates belonging to Maharashtra who wish to pursue regular and full time M. Phil and Ph.D. degrees in Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences and Engineering & Technology in India.

## **OBJECTIVE**

The fellowship has been initiated for SC candidates to provide them opportunity to undertake advanced studies and research. The objective of this award is to provide fellowships in the form of financial assistance to the students belonging to SC to pursue higher studies leading to M.Phil. and Ph.D. degrees (full-time) in Indian Universities / Institutions / Colleges approved under Section 2(f) and 12(B) of the UGC Act and in Non-Universities / Institutions.

The guidelines of this fellowship are on the lines of Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RGNF).

## **TARGET GROUP & ELIGIBILITY**

### **TARGET GROUP:**

The SC candidates, who have passed the Post-Graduation examination in the concerned discipline and who desire to pursue full-time research and are not recipients of the JRF of UGC-NET / UGC-CSIR NET / RGNF or any other fellowship.

### **ELIGIBILITY:**

The fellowship is open for the SC candidates belonging to Maharashtra State. The Candidate should have passed the Post Graduate examination. The selection will be made on the basis of merit of the candidates. The candidate may not have necessarily registered for M.Phil. / Ph.D. at the time of application.

However, in such cases, the candidate must get herself / himself registered for M.Phil. / Ph.D. at the first available opportunity but not later than/ within a period of two years from the receipt of fellowship award letter from BARTI. This period is not extendable.

However, the actual payment of the fellowship will be made with effect from the date of joining or the date of approval of fellowship – whichever is later. All candidates will have to undergo a process of Interviews through a Committee constituted by BARTI for being selected for the fellowship.

## **NATURE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME**

Once selected, the nature of assistance under the scheme can be availed in the form of BANJRF (Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Junior Research Fellowship) for M.Phil. and non- confirmed Ph.D. Students. Ph.D. Candidates can avail the BANSRF (Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Senior Research Fellowship) on qualifying the conditions stated below.

The tenure of fellowship is initially for two years, for BANJRF. Before expiry of this period, the work of the Fellow will be evaluated by a Committee constituted by BARTI, Pune.

If the research work is found satisfactory, her/ his tenure will be extended further for a period of three years, for BANSRF. The recommendations of the constituted Committee shall be considered to decide upon the enhancement of scholarship emoluments to BANSRF. The fellowship may be withdrawn if the work is not considered satisfactory or the candidate fails in any of the examinations related to Ph.D. Thus, the total period of fellowship (BANJRF and BANSRF) is for five years, with no provision of further extension.

**The period and release of fellowship w.r.t. to academic programme of the research fellow shall be as follows:**

- The fellow pursuing M.Phil. will be paid fellowship (BANJRF) amount up to the period of 2 years or the date of dissertation whichever is earlier.
- The fellow pursuing Ph.D will be paid fellowship amount as BANJRF until the period when her/his Ph. D. is confirmed. The fellowship will not be paid if the candidate is not confirmed for Ph. D. at the end of one year from registration<sup>1</sup>. The fellowship will be enhanced to BANSRF only after the confirmation and the recommendation of the committee which shall interview the candidate at the end of two years from the date of registration for Ph.D.

If the progress of the student is found satisfactory then,

1. The fellowship for the halted period before confirmation will be paid to the candidate after the committee's recommendation as arrears.
  2. If the synopsis is passed before the end of two years the candidate can claim the enhanced amount of fellowship at the BANSRF rate from the date of confirmation in the form of arrears.
  3. The total period of fellowship for Ph.D. will be 3 years from the date of registration or the date of viva whichever is earlier.
- If the candidate is pursuing an integrated M.Phil. / Ph.D. programme (2+3 years), then candidate has to apply for the fellowship through a separate application for M.Phil. as well as Ph.D. Selection for M.Phil. does not imply selection for Ph.D. fellowship automatically even in case of students pursuing an integrated programme.

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<sup>1</sup> This will vary to two years if the Ph.D. programme involves one year compulsory course work.

**THE CANDIDATE WOULD BE ELIGIBLE FOR FOLLOWING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE**

This fellowship scheme includes:

- 1) **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Junior Research Fellowship (BANJRF) for M.Phil.**
- 2) **Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Senior Research Fellowship (BANSRF) for Ph. D. (Confirmed).**

**The amount of fellowship / contingency etc. to be paid to the fellow under BANRF is mentioned below:**

Fellowship in Humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering & Technology	@Rs.25000/-p.m. for initial two years	BANJRF
	@Rs.28000/-p.m. for remaining tenure	BANSRF
Contingency A	@Rs.10000/-p.a. for initial two years	Humanities & Social Sciences
	@Rs.20500/-p.a. for remaining tenure	
Contingency B	@Rs.12000/-p.a. for initial two years	Sciences, Engg. & Technology
	@Rs.25000/-p.a. for remaining tenure	
Departmental Assistance	@Rs. 3000/- p.a. per student to the host institution for providing infrastructure	For all disciplines
Escorts/Reader assistance	@ Rs. 2000/- p.m. in cases of physically handicapped & blind candidates	For all disciplines
HRA	As per rules of the University / Institutions	For all disciplines

Note : The revised rates of fellowship are applicable w.e.f. 1.12.2014 as per the UGC communication to the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment vide letter no. F.21-1/2010 (SA- III/PDF-Policy) dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2014.

## **PROCEDURE FOR APPLYING FOR THE SCHEME**

Applications are invited in the prescribed format (Annexure-I) every year through advertisements in leading newspapers. The same is also uploaded on the BARTI Website <https://barti.maharashtra.gov.in> under the Notice Board link as **BANRF > Guidelines**. The selection is made on the basis of merit and as per the procedure of BARTI.

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