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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 APPLYING TO DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIPS (6 NOS.) @ RS. 25000/MONTH****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:**

Doctoral Fellowship (6 nos.) @ Rs. 25000/month

**Essential:**

1. Masters Degree in Life science/ Botany/ Zoology/ Fisheries/ Agriculture/ Forestry/Environmental science/ Marine Biology/ Sociology/ Economics/ Law/ Business Management equivalent with at least 55% marks. SC/ST candidates will be given a relaxation of 5% marks in aggregate percentage of marks.
2. Candidates already registered for Ph.D. in UGC-recognized University Departments or Research Centers in Kerala on the specified topic.
3. Study Area-Mainly Kerala Part.

**SELECTION PROCESS**

The applications shall be submitted through the Google Form provided on the KSBB website. 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 of Kerala State Biodiversity Board. The date of interview will be informed to eligible candidates over telephone/email. 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](http://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 quarter of the fellowship will be disbursed only after the submission of the Ph.D 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. 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.
2. The selected candidates shall not be permitted to avail any fellowship/stipend other than KSBB research fellowship during the tenure of Doctoral programme.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. The fellowship will be discontinued if research progress is found unsatisfactory. The KSBB may demand annual /mid-term appraisal of the research work.
6. 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.
7. Research fellows should submit a copy of the thesis to Kerala State Biodiversity Board.
8. The fellowship will be purely on contract basis and he/she will not be eligible for any other service benefits.
9. The Research fellows should contact the concerned BMCs for local support as well as for updating the research findings on Peoples Biodiversity Register (PBR).
10. 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.
11. The fellowship will be awarded for a continuous period of three years. No scholarship will be granted for any extended period.
12. Before submitting the thesis, candidates shall make a final presentation at KSBB before an expert committee.
13. 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.

**Member Secretary (i/c)**

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