

Frequently asked Questions regarding the Scheme of Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF)

Q.1. How can I avail the benefit of MANF?

Ans. A candidate has to fulfill the following conditions to avail the benefit of MANF:-

- (i) He/she should belong to one of the minority communities notified under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992.
- (ii) He/she should get admission and registration for regular and full time M.Phil/Ph.D courses in University/Academic Institution by fulfilling conditions of admission of that University/Institution, subject to provisions of the Fellowship as per advertisement of UGC.
- (iii) The minority community students once considered eligible for the fellowship shall not be entitled to benefits under *any other source*, Central or State Government or any other body like UGC for the same study.
- (iv) Prior clearance of CBSE-NET/ CSIR-NET examination will be a prerequisite for award of Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students for M.Phil/Ph.D.
- (v) In order to qualify for the award of JRF/ SRF the UGC norms would be applicable at pre-M.Phil and pre-Ph.D stage, respectively, *including the minimum score of 55% at post graduate level.*

Q.2. What is the duration of award ship of MANF?

Ans. The duration of award ship of MANF is subject to Para 6 of MANF Scheme guidelines.

Q.3. What is the selection procedure of MANF?

Ans. UGC is the nodal agency for implementing the Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students, as defined by Government of India from time to time.

- (i) UGC invites applications for fellowship online once in a year by inserting suitable advertisement in the Press and other media.
- (ii) The total number of fellowships will be 756 for 2017-18 and 1000 for 2018-19 & 2019-20 (*state wise distribution is at annexure 1*). In case of non-availability of adequate number of candidates, the number of fellowships not availed during a year will be carried forward to the next academic session.
- (iii) 30% of the fellowship shall be earmarked for women students; remaining 70% will be general. In case there are shortage of women candidates, the fellowship can be passed on to male students of the same minority community.
- (iv) In case the numbers of candidates exceed the number of available slots, UGC will select the candidates for the fellowships based on the percentage of marks obtained by them in the NET exam.
- (v) The reservation for differently abled students shall be made as per UGC norms and in a horizontal manner.
- (vi) Scholars will be selected under the Scheme in all domains of knowledge.
- (vii) The State/UT wise selection of Research Scholars would be ensured to the extent possible.
- (viii) Un-utilized Fellowship of any community in a State/ UT will be transferred to eligible Scholars of the same community at national level. Thereafter, un-utilized Fellowship; if

any; will be transferred to eligible Scholars of other Notified Minority Communities purely on merit basis at the national level.

- (ix) The decision of UGC in regard to awarding the Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students shall be final and no appeal would lie against any decision by UGC in regard thereof, except as provided under law in force.

Q.4. What is the Income Ceiling under MANF?

Ans. The income ceiling of the parents/guardian of the candidate for Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students will be Rs.6.00 Lakh per annum.

Q.5. For release of fellowship amount to whom I can make a contact?

Ans. Disbursement of the fellowship amount is taken care by the UGC through Canara Bank which is nodal Bank of this Scheme. Student may contact UGC/Canara Bank or MoMA for any query regarding release of fellowship.

Q.6. Which communities are covered under the Scheme?

Ans. Minority communities i.e. Muslims, Christians, Sikhs, Buddhists, Jains and Zoroastrians (Parsis) notified under Section 2 (C) of NCM Act, 1992 are covered under the Scheme of MANF.

Q.7. Which courses are covered under MANF?

Ans. Only regular M. Phil and Ph. D courses are covered under MANF.

Q.8. What are the rates of fellowship?

Ans. The rate of fellowship for JRF and SRF will be at par with the UGC fellowship as amended from time to time. Presently these rates are as follows:

Fellowship	@ Rs.25,000/- p.m. for initial two years (JRF) @ Rs.28,000/- p.m. for remaining tenure (SRF) (Revised w.e.f. 01.12.2014)
Contingency for Arts & Commerce	@ Rs.10, 000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs.20, 500/- p.a. for remaining three years.
Contingency for Sciences, engineering & Technology	@ Rs.12, 000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs.25, 000/- p.a. for remaining three years.
Departmental assistance	@ Rs.3,000/- p.a. per student to the host institution for providing infrastructure
Escorts/Reader Assistance	@Rs.2,000/- p.m. in cases of physically and visually challenged candidate

**In addition, HRA and other incidentals will be paid as per the UGC pattern.*
