



Guidelines for Applicants, MUJ-Post Doctoral Fellowship

Preamble

To foster theoretical and conceptual advancements across various disciplines and to attract young research talent globally, MUJ has launched the Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) program. This initiative aims to support outstanding scholars from both India and abroad.

1. Fellowship Benefits

MUJ will award Post-Doctoral Fellowships in various disciplines with the following financial support:

- a) Monthly Stipend: ₹70,000
- b) Contingency Grant – Part I: ₹50,000 per annum
To be used for attending professional conferences, presentations, and covering publication charges.
- c) Contingency Grant – Part II: ₹50,000 per annum
To be used for procurement of consumables and necessary equipment.

2. Eligibility Criteria

Applicants must meet the following requirements:

- a) Open to all nationalities.
- b) Must be under 35 years of age at the time of application submission.
- c) Must hold a Ph.D. from a recognized institute in India or abroad.
- d) Candidates who did PhD from MUJ, must have a minimum of one year of post-Ph.D. experience in a relevant field outside MUJ.
- e) Must have published at least four papers in the Q1/Q2 quartile, in the last two years.
- f) Should not be receiving any other external grants/financial aid/research assistance during the fellowship.
- g) Should not undertake any part-time or full-time employment (remunerative or honorary) for the entire fellowship duration.

3. Fellowship Duration

- a) The fellowship will initially be awarded for a period of one year, with a possible extension of an additional year based on satisfactory performance and progress that will be reviewed by a committee.
- b) Fellows may be assigned academic responsibilities related to teaching and learning as part of their fellowship which may be allotted within the department based on its requirements.



4. Recruitment and Selection Process

- a) MUJ will invite applications from eligible candidates throughout the year, as announced on its official website.
- b) Candidates must apply online using the prescribed format, accompanied by:
 - Recommendation letters from two referees
 - Copies of academic and research credentials
 - A statement of purpose (minimum 500 words).
- c) All applications will be reviewed and evaluated by a selection committee. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an interview, which will be conducted once a month during the first week, subject to the availability of expert panel members.
- d) The MUJ PDF Selection Committee will consist of the following members:
 - Pro President – Chairperson
 - Dean RIAA
 - Concerned Academic Dean
 - Concerned Associate Dean
 - Concerned HoDs
 - Prospective Supervisors
 - Director Research – Member Secretary.
- e) The committee will evaluate candidates based on academic and research credentials, publication record and proposed research area.
- f) Selected candidates will receive a formal letter of award from MUJ.

5. Progress Reports and Expected Outcomes

- a) Each Post-Doctoral Fellow (PDF) will be assigned a supervisor who will monitor both research progress and administrative compliance.
- b) Fellows must submit a quarterly progress report to the supervisor outlining research activities.
- c) These reports, along with feedback from the supervisor and Head of Department (HOD), will be submitted to the Directorate of Research (DoR) for evaluation.
- d) Fellows are expected to publish or have accepted at least two (2) research papers Q1/Q2 journals, by the end of the fellowship.
- e) All outcomes such as research findings, publications, monographs, patents, etc. must be affiliated with and remain the intellectual property of MUJ.
- f) Wherever relevant, fellows should also explore opportunities for technology transfer.

6. Leave

Fellows are eligible for annual paid leave in accordance with the university's research scholar regulations.
