

## 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 are eligible to apply for fellowship w.e.f. 2015-16.
- (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 NET/SLET examination will *not* 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 50% 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 MANF Scheme guidelines clause 6.

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) Clearing NET/SLET shall not be insisted upon by UGC for the award of Maulana Azad National Fellowship for minority students. UGC will give adequate time to the candidates for applying for the fellowship.
- (iii) Selection of candidates, within the prescribed annual income limit will be based on inter-se merit, as under Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Fellowship.
- (iv) The distribution of fellowship among different States/UTs would be in proportion to minority population in respective States/UTs as per 2001

census. However, all States/UTs shall have at least 4 fellowships by suitably reducing the targets of states having higher allocations. There will be no community-wise distribution in States/UTs with four fellowships. All applications will be pooled together and decided on the basis of merit.

- (v) In case the number of fellowship so allocated to a State/UT are not fully utilized, due to non-availability of eligible candidates, UGC will reallocate the slots amongst other States/UTs where the number of eligible candidates is more than the slots allocated to that State/UT. This decision will be taken by a Committee consisting of the representatives of UGC and Joint Secretary in-charge of the scholarship in Ministry of Minority Affairs.
- (vi) 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.2.5 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.

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 classes are covered under MANF?

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

Q.8. What is the basis of selection for MANF?

Ans. Selection for fellowship is made purely on merit basis. The merit in this case determines against the State quota of the domicile State of student. For example if a student belongs to Jharkhand and doing its M. Phil or Ph. D from Central University, Hyderabad, his/her merit will be determined against the physical allocation of Fellowship to Jharkhand State. There was Roster till 31.03.2014 for selection of Fellowship i.e. Arts, Commerce, Science and Engineering. That has been dispensed with since 2014-15.

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