

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQs)

MAULANA AZAD NATIONAL FELLOWSHIP FOR MINORITY STUDENTS

S.No.	QUERIES	ANSWERS
1	What is MANF?	MANF refers to Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students. Fellowship is awarded for pursuing regular and full time research leading to award of Ph.D./M.Phil.
2	Who can apply for fellowship under MANF scheme?	The candidate should belong to one of the minority communities notified under Section 2 (c) of the National Commission for Minorities Act, 1992, viz., Buddhist, Christian, Jain, Muslim, Sikh, Zoroastrian (Parsi).
3	How to apply/register for MANF?	The candidates should apply and appear in UGC-NET / Joint CSIR-UGC Test for both i.e. Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) as well as Eligibility for Assistant Professor. A candidate should qualify for Eligibility for Assistant Professor.
4	Is it mandatory to appear in the UGC-NET/Joint CSIR-UGC Test for MANF Fellowship?	Yes, this fellowship is awarded only through UGC-NET / Joint CSIR-UGC Test. Candidate should apply for both i.e. JRF and Eligibility for Assistant Professor.
5.	When will be the Online Application form for UGC-NET/Joint CSIR-UGC Test are available on the website?	The Online Application form and the Information Bulletin / Notification for UGC-NET will be available on the NTA website, i.e., https://nta.ac.in/ and for Joint CSIR-UGC Test, it will be available on https://csirhrdg.res.in/ The tests are normally held twice in a year during the month of June and December.
6.	What is the period for availing the award of MANF through UGC-NET/Joint CSIR-UGC Test?	For the candidates who had already taken admission into M.Phil / Ph.D while applying for the concerned UGC-NET/ Joint CSIR-UGC Test, the validity period of the offer is three months w.e.f. the date of issue of Award letter. Other candidates have to join M.Phil / Ph.D within three years from the date of issue of the Award Letter.
7	Where will the MANF qualified candidate get the Award Letter?	The UGC uploads the Award Letters on its website: www.ugcnetonline.in . The qualified candidates can download their Award Letters from there.
8.	Can I be considered for MANF if I have not declared my minority status while applying for UGC-NET/ Joint CSIR-UGC Test?	The result of MANF is prepared on the basis of information provided by the candidate in his/her Online Applying Form for UGC-NET/ Joint CSIR-UGC Test. The candidate, therefore, must exercise utmost care while filling the online application form. No requests for alteration in category, community or any other material information are entertained at a later stage.

9.	How will one know the result of MANF?	For result, candidates are advised to visit the following websites: (i) UGC-NET website : https://nta.ac.in/ (ii) Joint CSIR-UGC Test website : https://csirhrdg.res.in/
10.	How many Fellowships can be availed by the candidate at a time?	A scholar is eligible to receive only one fellowship at a time. The scholar is required to declare that he/she will not accept/receive any other monetary benefit/ scholarship/ fellowship from any other source. In other words, a scholar who is awarded fellowship under this scheme shall not accept any other fellowship/scholarship or hold any appointment, paid or otherwise, or receive any emoluments, salary, stipend etc. from any other source during the tenure of the award (except in case of 'academic leave' of one year). In case, a scholar is already in receipt of any scholarship/fellowship, he/she will have to relinquish either the previous scholarship / fellowship/ any other monetary benefit or to forgo the selection under this scheme.)
11	What is the mode of selection?	Community wise selection of scholars at the national level will be done on the basis of their pro-rata population. Merit list is prepared from amongst the candidates who had applied for JRF as well as Eligibility for Assistant Professor but who qualify for Eligibility for Assistant Professor only.
12	What is the number of fellowships to be awarded?	The total number of slots for the fellowships to be awarded under the scheme is 1000 per year. Out of 1000 slots available under this scheme, 750 are allocated for subjects under UGC-NET, i.e., National Eligibility Test for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Eligibility for Assistant Professor and remaining 250 for subjects falling under basic sciences through Joint CSIR-UGC Test. NET is normally held twice in a year and 500 selections are to be made through each NET.
13	Which is the implementation Body for this scheme?	UGC is the nodal agency for implementing the Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

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14	What is the minimum eligibility criteria/ qualification to be considered for MANF?	The candidates belonging to the minority communities as mentioned above, who had applied for 'Both JRF and Eligibility for Assistant Professor / Lectureship' but qualified for 'Eligibility for Assistant Professor Only' are eligible to be considered for MANF.

15.	Whether any candidate who has already taken admission into M.Phil/Ph.D. programme can be given preference as per the selection criteria?	The candidates, who have already taken admission in M.Phil/Ph.D. will receive precedence over other candidates.
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DURATION AND RATE OF MANF

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16	What is the duration of fellowship?	For M.Phil :- Maximum duration is 2 years or date of submission of dissertation, whichever is earlier. For Ph.D. :- Maximum duration is 5 years or date of submission of Ph.D. thesis, whichever is earlier (2 years for JRF and remaining 3 years for SRF). For M.Phil + Ph.D. :- Maximum duration is 5 years or date of submission of Ph.D. thesis, whichever is earlier (2 years for JRF and remaining 3 years for SRF).
17	What is the rate of fellowship?	JRF- Rs.31,000/- p.m. for initial two years SRF- Rs.35,000/- pm. for remaining tenure HRA and Contingency is also paid as per guidelines of scheme.
18	Where can I get full details of MANF Scheme?	The guidelines of MANF scheme are available at: Website of Ministry at https://minorityaffairs.gov.in/en/schemesperformance/maulana-azad-national-fellowship-minority-students-scheme and UGC website www.ugc.ac.in