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RSU POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP REGULATIONS 2020

Overview:

The objective of the Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) Programme at Raksha Shakti University is to support high quality research to scholars with a doctoral degree and an outstanding academic record. Prospective candidate must have demonstrated a high level of potential and commitment for conducting full time research on specific themes and issues.

Post-Doctoral Fellowship (PDF) studies are aimed and expected to contribute to theoretical and conceptual advancement in different disciplines, innovative product development and help to generate field work based empirical data and contribute towards policy making in national security.

1. Eligibility:

- Applicants (irrespective of Age) should have secured a minimum of 55% aggregate marks or equivalent in the Masters degree and should have obtained a Ph.D. degree in the broad areas of Internal Security, national security or any interdisciplinary area with major aspect of Internal Security, national security.
- Candidates who have completed their Ph.D. in the last Five years and have demonstrated high quality research and publication record are particularly encouraged to apply. Also, candidate needs to submit two reference letters along with application.

2. Selection:

- Candidates will be selected based on an evaluation of their application, Research proposal and a personal interview by selection committee.

3. Research Proposal Format

- Applicant must apply on prescribed application form and must submit research proposal in two parts:

A. **Abstract of the research proposal (about 250 words).**

B. **Detailed research proposal.** An indicative outline for the detailed research proposal is given below:

- ◆ **Title:** The research proposal should have a clear, meaningful and concise title reflecting the scope of the investigation.
- ◆ **Introduction:** The research proposal should begin with the introduction of research consisting clearly the research problem to be investigated in the light of its theoretical and/or empirical context in the relevant area.
- ◆ **Objectives of the Study:** The general aim of the study as well as its specific objectives should be clearly stated in the proposal.
- ◆ **Research Questions or Hypotheses:** Given the conceptual framework and the specification of dimension, the specific questions to be answered through the proposed research should be sharply formulated. In the case of

an explanatory research design, specification of variables and relationship among them through specific hypotheses must form a part of the research proposal.

- ◆ **Review of Literature (National & International):** The proposal should summarize the current status of research in the area and major findings, including the researcher's own work in the area. Existing empirical findings also to be included. The overview should clearly demonstrate the relevance as well as inadequacy of existing findings or approaches and provide a rationale for the proposed study.
- ◆ **Research Methodology:** The researcher must describe in detail the scope and coverage of study and approach and methodology with adequate justification. Emphasis should be given to bringing out innovativeness in approaches proposed to be followed. The detailing of the methodology may include research design, data to be collected and empirical and analytical methods to be used. The description of the methodology must be clearly linked to the aims of the research and the research questions/hypotheses of the study.
- ◆ **Relevance and Anticipated Outcomes:** The proposal should include a statement on the relevance of the study and the anticipated outcomes. It should clearly reflect the significance of the research problem, the contribution which the proposed study is expected to make to theory and to methodology as well as its practical importance and advancement to society and policy making.
- ◆ **Tentative Chapterisation:** Detailed chapterisation to be mentioned in the research proposal.

4. Fellowship:

Post-Doctoral Fellowship is a full time research work at RSU. Post-Doctoral Fellows will receive a consolidated amount of Rs. 40,000/- per month for a maximum period of two years and contingency amount Rs. 1, 00,000.

5. Fellowship tenure & Progress Report:

- The fellowship will be granted for an initial period of one year and on satisfactory progress on research, as may be determined and evaluated by the University, the fellowship may be extended to one year.
- The candidate should submit the duly signed progress report immediately after completion of every Six months for evaluation along with statements of accounts of fellowship to the IR&D of RSU.
- The fellowship will be awarded on annual basis and may be terminated, extended or renewed, as may be determined on the basis of PDF mentor's appraisal. However, the maximum duration of the PDF award would be 2 years. No extension is permission beyond two years under any circumstances.
- Once the candidate is awarded the PDF, and he/she joins the fellowship, he/she will not be eligible to apply ever again for PDF in the same or other area.

6. Accommodation:

- Suitable residential accommodation as per University Hostel rules may be provided on the Campus on joining as PDF depending on availability and on payment basis.

7. Responsibilities of Fellow:

- The fellows would be independent to pursue their research plan and are expected to produce at least one working paper per year and conduct at least one public seminar at RSU in each year based on the progress of work.
- The fellows are also required to participate in University's activities including teaching, research and extension activities, as may be organized by the University. A PDF will have a mentor whose area is closest to the topic of the PDF.

8. Mentor's Eligibility:

- The mentor should be full time Professor having experience as a Professor of at least 5 years and should have very strong and credible research experience in relevant area.

Mentor:

- In general, the postdoctoral work should be undertaken in the areas which are unexplored and should not be exactly in the same area where the candidate has carried out his/her doctoral studies .However, the postdoctoral work may be enhancement of Doctoral work.
- It is necessary to identify a Mentor with whom the candidate would like to work for his/her postdoctoral research. The mentor should have successfully guided at least 5 Ph. D. candidates at the time of application of the candidate. The consent of Mentor expressing willingness to guide applicant's postdoctoral work is required to be produced before starting the research work.

9. Leave Rules:

- Leave for a maximum period of 30 days in a year in addition to public holidays may be availed of by the Postdoctoral Fellow with the approval of the mentor and Director (IR&D). In the case of short leave (less than 8 days), medical leave etc.
- Women candidates are eligible for maternity leave with full pay as per the Government of India rules, once during the tenure of their award.
- The Fellow, in exceptional cases may be allowed by the University, leave without fellowship and contingency, for a period not exceeding six months during the tenure of award on the recommendation of the mentor and Director of the institution concerned. The period of leave without fellowship will be counted as a part of the tenure. To avail this leave, the Fellow has to be submit a request to the IR&D. Decision on the request will be taken by the Competent Authority.

10. Joining:

- After getting the Award Letter, the candidate has to submit a joining report in prescribed format forwarded through the Mentor to office of the IR&D and office of the Registrar.
- The Fellow is expected to join within 3 months from the date of receipt of award or as may be specified in award letter. No extension on joining date is permissible

11. For Foreign Nationals:

- PDF is open to candidates from across the globe, However, University retains the discretion to give preference to the candidates from developing, SAARC and other neighbouring countries.

12. Availability of Seats:

- Variable no. of seats as per availability of Mentors shall be offered every year.

13. Completion & Submission:

- If a fellow leaves the fellowship within one year, he/she has to submit a detailed progress report of the work along with the details of publications, if any, duly forwarded by the Mentor and the affiliating institution ensuring the final settlement of account by the affiliating institution up to the period of fellowship. However, if a fellow leaves the fellowship after one year, he/she has to submit a detailed progress report along with an undertaking to complete the study and submit the final report on completion of the duration of fellowship along with two published research papers, duly forwarded by the supervisor and the affiliating institution within the duration of fellowship of two years without claiming fellowship of the remaining period. If a candidate leaves the fellowship without completion, he/she will have to apply to IR&D for permission and the IR&D will take the final decision in this regard.
- If, as a special case, a scholar remains on leave due to maternity/medical/extra ordinary circumstances (not to exceed six months) duly approved by the IR&D, RSU, the tenure of fellowship will be extended by that period but the total amount of fellowship will not exceed 24 months.

On completion of the fellowship, the scholar should submit the following:

- A book-length final Report in a publishable form along-with a summary of the report (3000-4000 words) and published research papers.
- These documents should be submitted in hard copy (two copies of final report and five copies each of the summary and research articles) and a soft copy in pen-drive.
- A certificate of settlement of assets and books purchased out of the contingency grant offered by University issued by the affiliating Institution.
- A maximum of three months period can be granted for submission of the final report after completion of the fellowship.
- Certificate of plagiarism from University Librarian.

14. Termination of the Fellowship:

- If any fellow wishes to terminate the fellowship, he/she shall inform to the IR&D through the mentor.
- IR&D reserves the right to terminate the Fellowship at any stage if it is convinced that appropriate progress is not being made or the grant has not been utilized properly.

15. Other Terms & Conditions:

- The duration of full time regular fellowship shall be strictly for two years. In no case the fellowship beyond two years will be considered. However, extension for submission of final report may be granted on justified reasons without any additional financial commitment by IR&D.
- The IR&D reserves the right to publish the fellowship report funded by it.
- The scholar shall acknowledge IR&D's support in all publications resulting from the research output of the fellowship and should submit a copy of the same to the IR&D.
- Defaulters of any previous fellowship/project/grant of the IR&D will not be eligible for consideration until the applicant obtains the clearance from the concerned administrative, academic, research of any other division of the University.
- A fellow is not entitled for the same fellowship more than once.
- While accepting any fellowship from the IR&D, a fellow shall not be allowed to accept any other fellowship or research project or regular financial benefit/assignment from any other institution.
- The research proposal/final report of the fellowship cannot be submitted for the award of any University degree/diploma or funding by any other institution. The IR&D, RSU however, will have no objection if the scholar utilizes the research data for this purpose with prior permission of IR&D, RSU.
- During the tenure of fellowship, the fellow will be governed by the rules of the affiliating/administering institution in all matters including TA/DA, holidays/leave and contingency grant, etc.
- The selected fellows are expected to do full time research in India. They could, however, undertake data collection outside India in exceptional cases and if warranted by the needs of the proposal. For this they are required to apply separately for consideration under the Data Collection Scheme of the IR&D,RSU.
- The scholar should not have been subjected to any disciplinary/legal action/proceedings/financial penalties in his/her career/ research career.
- The final report submitted by the scholar will be considered satisfactory only after its evaluation by the IR&D, RSU.
- Books/periodicals/equipment purchased by the scholar out of the contingency grant should be deposited with the affiliating/administering institution and a certificate to this effect may be submitted along with the final report.
- Application submitted against one Call for PDF will not be considered for the subsequent Calls.

- The IR&D reserves the right to reject any application. The IR&D shall not be responsible for any postal loss/delays in communications.
- Incomplete applications in any respect shall not be considered for fellowship.
- The final authority related to the interpretation of the guidelines or any issue left is vested with the IR&D, RSU.
- Reservation policy as per UGC Regulations

16. Application Deadline & Notifications:

Application Deadline & Notifications: Applicants have to apply online. (www.rsu.ac.in)
