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### To Whosoever It May Concern

Please note that SHODH fellowship is provided by the Government of Gujarat and not by MSUB. The information regarding SHODH fellowship is available at Link: <https://mysy.guj.nic.in/shodh/>. We have enclosed the screenshot of the Home page of the official portal of Government of Gujarat hosting SHODH fellowship along with this letter. In view of this, we request you kindly consider the SHODH fellowship in this metric.

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Enclosure:

Screenshot and Information about the SHODH fellowship given by Government of Gujarat

Shodh scheme is a fellowship provided by Gujarat Government to PhD scholars. Following is the screenshot of the website:

**SHODH-ScHeme Of Developing High quality research**  
Education Department, Gujarat State.

**About Scheme**  
**ગુજરાતનું ગર્વ, સંશોધન કરે સર્વ**

ગુજરાત રાજ્યમાં ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણ ક્ષેત્રે વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ગુણવત્તાયુક્ત સંશોધન માટે પ્રોત્સાહન પૂરું પાડવા માટે ગુજરાત સરકાર હંમેશા પ્રયત્નશીલ છે. ગુજરાતના વિદ્યાર્થીઓ રહેલી સંશોધનની ક્ષમતાને વિકસાવવા, પ્રોત્સાહન કરવા માટે ગુજરાત સરકારનો વધુ એક ઉમદા અને એતિહાસિક પ્રકલ્પ : SHODH-ScHeme Of Developing High quality research. આ યોજના અંતર્ગત રાજ્યની માન્ય યુનિવર્સિટીમાં ગુણવત્તાયુક્ત સંશોધન કરતા વિદ્યાર્થીને બે વર્ષ સુધી દરમહિને ૧૫,૦૦૦ રૂપિયાનું સ્ટાઇપેન્ડ આપવામાં આવશે. આ ઉપરાંત પોસ્ટગ્રેજુએટના વિદ્યાર્થીને આનુષંગિક ખર્ચ માટે વાર્ષિક ૨૦,૦૦૦ રૂપિયા આપવામાં આવશે. વર્ષે કુલ બે વખત રૂપિયા પ્રમાણે સંશોધકને બે વર્ષના અંતે ચાર વખત રૂપિયાની સહાય આપવામાં આવશે. ખૂબ જ વાલદાયી અને મહત્વાકાંક્ષી આ યોજનાથી વિદ્યાર્થીઓ સંશોધનની સજ્જતા વધશે. ગુજરાતની જ્ઞાનસંપદામાં બહુવક્ત્રી વૃદ્ધિ થશે.

**યોજના ના ઉદ્દેશ્ય:**

1. ગુજરાત રાજ્યમાં વધુમાં વધુ વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ઉચ્ચ કક્ષાના ગુણવત્તાયુક્ત સંશોધન પ્રતિ અભિમુખ કરવા આર્થિક સહાય પૂરી પાડવાની વ્યવસ્થા
2. જ્ઞાનની તમામ શાખાઓમાં અભ્યાસ કરતા વિદ્યાર્થીઓને ઉચ્ચ ગુણવત્તાયુક્ત નિયમિત અને પૂર્ણ સમયના સંશોધન માટે પ્રેરણા પૂરી પાડવી.
3. ઉચ્ચ શિક્ષણની સંસ્થાઓમાં ગુણવત્તાયુક્ત સંશોધનની ક્ષમતા અને સીમા વધારવી.
4. ઉદ્યોગો અને સમાજોપયોગી સંશોધનો દ્વારા વૈશ્વિક સ્તરે ઓળખ ઊભી કરવી.
5. સંપ્રત જરૂરિયાતને પહોંચી વળવા અને અભ્યાસનિક આવશ્યકતાને અનુરૂપ સંશોધનને પ્રોત્સાહન
6. ભારતના સમૃદ્ધ સાંસ્કૃતિક વારસાને જાળવવા અને નવા આયામોને સ્વીકારતા સંશોધનોને પણ પ્રોત્સાહન પૂરું પાડવી.
7. ગુજરાત રાજ્યમાં ઉચ્ચ માન્યતા પ્રાપ્ત આંતરરાષ્ટ્રીય યુનિવર્સિટીઓ અને રાષ્ટ્રીય સંસ્થાઓ વચ્ચે સ્કોલર વિદ્યાર્થીઓ નો સમૃદ્ધય તૈયાર કરવા

**Shodh Guidelines**

- GR Government Resolution
- How to Apply
- How to Check Aadhaar Linking status
- Login
- Format of Certificates
- Admin Module (For SSO Users)
- List of beneficiaries approved under SHODH scheme
- List of beneficiaries approved under SHODH scheme 2020-2021
- Student Status
- List of University Nodal Officers for verification
- Instructions for Document Verification
- Instruction for Uploading Report
- Contact us

Applications are invited for the Year of 2021-22, The Last date for receiving online application is 10/03/2022

Shodh helpline numbers During working days: 9979200152 (10-30 AM to 6:00 PM)  
Visit KCG for query on Tuesday and Friday (3:00 PM to 06:00 PM)  
In case of any query, Please Mail Us With Details and Your Contact Number: E-mail: shodhsupport-kcg@gujgov.edu.in , shodh-kcg@gujgov.edu.in  
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## Important Points regarding SHODH Fellowship

### Financial Assistance:

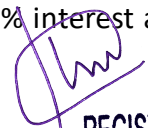
- Every recipient of the studentship will get Rs. 15,000/- per month as stipend for two years after registering for Full Time PhD programme in Recognized University within State of Gujarat.
- In addition to the stipend, the students will be eligible to get Rs. 20,000/- as contingency grant per year.
- Thus, every student will receive Rs. 4,00,000/- at the end of two years of the fellowship.

### The Process Flow of the fellowship:

1. Students will apply online before the deadline.
2. They will upload all the relevant documents and lock the application. After this point, the students will not be able to modify their application.
3. University Nodal Officer will verify the documents. The applicants are required to produce the original documents along with self-attested photocopies for the same.
4. Valid qualifying applications will be forwarded to KCG by the university.
5. Classification of applications according to subjects and verification of eligibility.
6. Evaluation and approval of applications by scrutiny committee.
7. Disbursement of stipend for finally selected applications by KCG
8. Every recipient of the fellowship will upload Progress and Attendance reports every month regularly.
9. Continuous guidance by KCG for arising questions and queries.

### Rules and regulations:

1. All students joining for PhD after 01/07/2018 in regular mode in recognized govt/private universities within the state of Gujarat, having following qualification will be eligible for applying for the fellowship.
  - a. The student must have scored minimum 55% (without grace or rounding off) at Postgraduate degree level. ST/SC/OBC (non-creamy layer), differently abled students will get relaxation of 05% (without grace of rounding off). All applications with less than the minimum scores will stand cancelled automatically.
  - b. The student must have confirmed admission to PhD programme in Regular Full Time mode after 01/07/2018. Students in central institution within Gujarat will not be eligible to apply for this fellowship as that is taken care of by central government for them.
  - c. If the student is getting any other fellowship from government or non government agencies, she/he will not be eligible to apply for SHODH fellowship.
  - d. The student must not have any other source of income in form of salary/stipend etc. If the student is found to have such income after availing the SHODH fellowship, the student will be asked to refund all the amount of fellowship she/he might have received from KCG from beginning with 18% interest as fine. An FIR

  
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will be filed against such student and the matter will be dealt with legal implications.

- e. Any student pursuing full time in state/private/sectoral universities but not having any income/salary can also avail this fellowship.
  - f. The PhD registration must have been done following the prevalent rules and regulations of UGC and the university must be recognized under UGC. If the university does not have valid recognition, the student will not be able to avail the fellowship.
  - g. If the student satisfies all the conditions above (a to f), she/he will be getting fellowship for the full tenure (two years). If the student violates any of the above conditions during the fellowship period, she/he loses eligibility from the beginning of the fellowship period and she/he will have to refund the stipend amount with 18% interest.
2. All the universities will appoint a senior faculty member as the Nodal Officer. She/he will evaluate the applications submitted by the students from her/his university and will do primary screening of applications based on eligibility criteria as mentioned in 1 above. The Nodal Officer will be responsible for all the work assigned for evaluation of the applications.
  3. The Nodal Officer will verify all the online applications by comparing with original documents produced by the applicants. She/he can also ask for additional documents for verification.
  4. The applicant will produce the following documents (list is suggestive but not full) when called by the Nodal Officer for verification and online approval of her/his application.
    - i. Printout of SHODH Online Filled Full Form
    - ii. Aadhar Card
    - iii. Bonafide certificate issued by Head of the Department / Guide
    - iv. First page of bank passbook (Aadhar MUST be linked to this account)
    - v. SSC/HSC marksheets and passing certificates
    - vi. School Leaving Certificate
    - vii. Undergraduate degree marksheet(s) and certificate
    - viii. Postgraduate degree marksheet(s) and certificate
    - ix. PhD registration certificate and fees receipt
    - x. Research proposal duly signed and stamped by Guide and Head of Department
    - xi. Self-declaration Certificate
    - xii. Identity card issued by Registrar or competent authority of the university
    - xiii. About 10 page writeup regarding the research proposal  
**OR** A print of Powerpoint Presentation regarding the proposal
    - xiv. Other relevant documents the student has submitted during application
  5. The Nodal Officer can ask for clarification in case of any discrepancy is observed during the verification process.
  6. IF the applicant fails to provide satisfactory clarification, the Nodal Officer can cancel her/his application at that stage. No objections will be entertained after that.

  
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7. The Nodal Officer will have to follow the guidelines provided by KCG/Education Department from time to time.
8. The Nodal Officer can communicate with applicants through email or phone provided in the applications.
9. The Nodal Officer will have to provide reason(s) for rejecting any application. If any approved application is found with insufficient documents, KCG will automatically reject them.
10. KCG will automatically get all the applications approved by the Nodal Officer and will provide the same to the scrutiny committee for further evaluation.
11. The University Nodal Officer will send all eligible applications along with list and forwarding letter duly signed and stamped by the Registrar of the university to KCG. After physical verification of the applications, they will be eligible to provide to scrutiny committee.
12. The scrutiny committee will assess the applications as per the following scheme:

Sr. No.	Criteria	Weightage (%)
1	Genuineness and novelty of the proposal and its usefulness for future in the field	10
2	Aims and objectives of the proposal and their capability to generate new knowledge in the field	15
3	Sufficient literature survey and analysis	20
4	Level of research design and methodology	20
5	Importance of expected outcome and its societal implications and benefits	20
6	Availability of infrastructure to carry out and complete the proposed research in the department/university/collaborations	15
Total		100

13. The applicant will have to score at least 50% to be eligible for consideration. There will no grace marks for this.
14. The applications rejected by the scrutiny committee will not be considered again in any circumstances except corrections in evident human errors in evaluation. Only scrutiny committee member can change the score assigned to any applicant. Please note that reassessment will not be done in any case. However, rechecking of score fields can be requested.
15. If the student changes the title of the PhD thesis, it will be allowed through recommendation of RDC. However, if the student changes the entire subject or changes the university for continuing PhD, she/he will have to return all amount received as stipend with 18% interest and will have to apply from scratch again for availing the fellowship.
16. The stipend will be transferred on monthly basis through DBT to the AADHAR linked bank account of the students.

  
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17. KCG will be authorized to ask for attendance, progress report and Research and Development Committee (RDC) Report and will be responsible for execution of the scheme.
18. The students are required to upload the monthly attendance report, progress report and RDC report within three days after completion of the month. If the stipend disbursement is delayed due to late submission by the student, KCG will not be held responsible for the delay.
19. If the attendance is less than 75% in any month, the student will be blocked temporarily. The stipend disbursement will be resumed only after recommendation of guide and nodal officer.
20. If the student is found to violate any condition at any stage of the fellowship period, she/he will have to refund full amount of stipend received from beginning with 18% interest.  
For example, if the student avails other fellowship/job/loan from government or nongovernment agencies and she/he continues with the PhD programme, she/he will have to refund full amount received from the very first day with 18% interest. So students are advised to take careful decision in such circumstances.
21. All the questions / queries raised by students will be resolved in consultation with Advisor, KCG.
22. Once rejected, students will not be able to apply again for SHODH fellowship for the same subject again.
23. The process is completely transparent and any applicant can ask for reason(s) for rejection of her/his application at any time.
24. The SHODH fellowship is given only for two years. If any student completes her/his PhD during this period, she/he will have to report to KCG regarding the same and the stipend will be discontinued from that day onwards. The student will have to send a copy of receipt of thesis submission to KCG by post / email.

#### **Utilization of the Contingency Grant**

1. An amount of Rs. 20,000/- will be disbursed every year.
2. This amount can be utilized for buying books, chemicals, minor equipment, material characterization, transportation for fieldwork, typing, stationery, research material etc.
3. The format for providing the details of contingency expenses can be found at SHODH portal. The student must upload proper bills with GST Number signed by guide and approved by nodal officer. Sign of guide is mandatory for all bills.
4. The student can buy these things from online portals also.
5. They can buy computer, printer, scanner etc in the limit of Rs 20,000/- i.e. if the amount spend is more than Rs. 20,000/-, they can claim Rs. 20,000/- while additional amount will be borne by them.

  
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