



PERIYAR UNIVERSITY

Salem - 636 011

NAAC A Grade - State University

SCHOLARSHIP POLICY

Preamble

The Government of Tamil Nadu established the Periyar University (in the name of Great Social reformer E.V. Ramasamy) at Salem on 17th Sep. 1997 by enacting Periyar University Act 1997, with an aim to impart higher education. It has jurisdiction over four districts viz. Salem, Namakkal, Dharmapuri and Krishnagiri which are socially, economically and educationally backward. The University Grants Commission bestowed 12(B) and 2(f) status to the Periyar University.

The University imparts higher education through its 27 departments, PG Extension Centre, 113 affiliated colleges and Periyar Institute of Distance Education. The University also provides student support services like Library, NSS, YRC, Women's Studies Centre, NET/SET Coaching Centre, Placement Cell and avenues for sports and games. The University bagged 83rd rank among Indian Universities in the NIRF 2020 and 4th rank in ARIIA 2020 by MHRD.

The University is keen on creating avenues for students to avail scholarships / fellowships for pursuing higher education. This is made possible through various government and non-government schemes. The institution supports by waving fee under 'free education scheme' meant for merit-cum-economically weaker sections. Further merit scholarships, University Research Fellowships and freeship are also provided.

This Policy termed as "Periyar University Scholarship Policy" is formulated in letter and spirit to help the students to exercise their rights in getting financial assistance for their study.

Aim of the Policy

The University aims to provide financial assistance to all the students irrespective of their category by way of scholarship / fellowship / freeship through

various schemes offered by the State Government /Central Government / NGO / University.

Policy Objectives

- To arrange and obtain scholarships through various schemes from State / Central Government and donors.
- To provide free education to the students under free education scheme meant for merit-cum-economically weaker sections.
- To provide institutional scholarships to meritorious students in the name of Dr. B.R.Ambedkar and Thiru Rajaji Merit Scholarship.
- To waive tuition fee to the differently abled students and for all the B.Voc. (Food Science and Nutrition / Textiles and Apparel Design) students.
- To get loan and scholarship for the hostellers under reserved category.
- To offer University Research Fellowship to the research scholars of all category.
- To provide freeship to the students of all category for certain add-on / value-added courses.

Eligibility Criteria

For Government Schemes

- All the students admitted in the departments are eligible for Post Matric Scholarship (PMS) provided by the State / Central Governments for economically weaker sections (i.e. family annual income is less than 2 lakhs).
- Students from ex-servicemen family are eligible to receive ex-serviceman welfare scholarship.
- All the students admitted in the departments under reserved category are eligible for PMS. Loan and scholarship is available for hostellers whose family annual income is less than 2.5 lakhs.
- Single girl child admitted in the departments are eligible for Indira Gandhi Single Girl Child Scholarship offered by the UGC.
- Differently abled students are eligible for tuition fee concession.
- Those students who have secured first rank in their UG degree are eligible for merit scholarship offered by the UGC

- NET qualified research scholars are eligible to receive monthly fellowship from funding agencies like UGC / CSIR.

Application Procedures

Scholarship applications are circulated to the departments requesting the eligible students to submit the applications in time for suitable scholarships / fellowships through HoDs for Government /NGO / University schemes (through e-mail /website / hardcopy). Applications received from the departments are scrutinised and forwarded to the concerned offices for further process. Sanction of scholarship / fellowships / freeship will be intimated to the beneficiaries immediately through respective departments. Queries if any will be rectified immediately with utmost care.

Established Practices

(a) Free Education Scheme

One first year post graduate student studying in each programme offered by the University departments is exempted from paying fees for the whole period of the programme, the criteria being (i) securing top rank in the UG programme (ii) belonging to economically weaker section, based on the recommendations of the department committee.

(b) Dr. B.R.Ambedkar and Rajaji Endowment Meritorious Scholarship

One first year post graduate student having highest score in the UG programme among the classmates will be awarded the scholarship based on the recommendation sent by the Head of the Department and the scholarship will be renewed for the second year also if the candidate passed all the subjects in first year in a single attempt.

(c) Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme

Students admitted in B.Voc. (Food Science and Nutrition/Textiles and Apparel Design) are eligible to get tuition waiver, irrespective of their category. Differently abled students admitted in the University departments are eligible for tuition fee waiver scheme irrespective of their category and programme enrolled.

(d) University Research Fellowship

One research scholar irrespective of the category under each supervisor will be provided University Research Fellowship (URF) based on their registration seniority among the scholars registered to that research supervisor.

(e) Partial Travel Financial Support

The research scholars of the University departments presenting research papers in the International Conferences organised by institutions abroad are eligible to avail 50% of the air fare.

(g) NGO Scholarship

There are a few NGOs offering scholarship for students from economically weaker sections and the NGOs are listed in the annexure.

(h) Special Financial Assistance / support during COVID-19

Fee waived to all the students enrolled for add-on courses during COVID-19 period. Room rent was waived for the hostel students during COVID-19 pandemic. List of existing scholarship / freeship is appended as annexure.

Implementation

Scholarship Policy will be executed through a specially constituted committee with the cooperation of stakeholders.

Approval and Review

Scholarship Policy will be reviewed once in three years or as and when required. The Registrar of the University will be the custodian of the Policy.

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Annexure

List of State Government Scholarships

- Government of Tamil Nadu - Post Matric Scholarship
- Higher Education Special Scholarships for SC/ST Hostel students only
- Ph.D. - Rs.50,000/- scholarship for SC/ST students only
- SC/ST Student Prize (60% marks and above)
- Tamil Nadu Agriculture Labourers-Farmers, Weavers (Social Security and Welfare Scheme)
- The Tamil Nadu Educational Trust Scholarship
- Higher Education Research Scholarship
- Scholarship from Tamil Nadu Construction Workers Welfare Board

Central Schemes

- UGC PG Indira Gandhi Scholarship for Single Girl Child
- UGC PG Scholarship for University Rank Holders (1st and 2nd Rank Holders)
- PG Scholarship Scheme for SC/ST students for pursuing professional courses
- Post Matric Scholarships Scheme for Minorities
- Merit cum Means Scholarship for Professional and Technical courses
- Central Sector Scheme of Scholarships for College and University students
- Financial Assistance for Education of the wards of Beedi /Cine / IMC / LSDM Workers – Post Matric
- Post Matric Scholarship for students with disabilities
- Centrally Sponsored Scheme of Post Matric Scholarship for SC/ST/OBC students of Puducherry
- Post Matric Scholarship for ST students of Manipur
- JRF/SRF for NET cleared research scholars from UGC/CSIR/DBT/DST/ NBHM /ICHR
- Fellowships through funded projects by central funding agencies.

List of University Scholarship / Fellowship / Freeship

- Free Education Scheme
- Dr. B.R.Ambedkar and Thiru Rajaji Meritorious Scholarship
- University Research Fellowship
- Partial Travel Financial Support for foreign countries
- Tuition Fee Waiver Scheme

List of NGOs offering scholarships

- Dr. Abdul Kalam Trust for future vision
- Agaram Foundation
- Matram Foundation
- Mugavari Foundation
- Anantham Foundation
- Dreams Alive
- Vidai Foundation
- Help Society Foundation
- Imaigal Foundation
- Ooruni Foundation



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