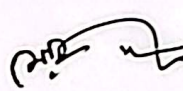


UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship Guideline 2026

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Introduction: The essence of higher education is ingrained in the generation of new knowledge. This is particularly relevant to enriching the capacity building of universities to promote education and research at the advanced level. The Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programme is universally acknowledged as one of the principal ways of driving advanced research and thereby generating highly skilled professionals in various fields of academic endeavor. The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh is an apex body responsible for overseeing the progress of higher education of the country. It remains committed to playing a pivotal role in the furtherance of teaching, learning, research and training. The UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programme has been introduced to encourage pragmatic and advanced level research on different fields of Agriculture, Arts and Humanities, Biological Sciences, Business Studies, Engineering, ICT, Legal Studies, Medicine, Dental and Pharmacy, Physical Sciences, Social Sciences etc. for contributing to knowledge based society which is essential to poise Bangladesh to confront numerous challenges of the 21st century. The present guideline has been prepared with the objective of expanding the Post-Doctoral Fellowship Programme at the UGC.

1. **Name of the Fellowship** : UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship.
2. **Objective** : To promote and encourage quality higher education and research in Bangladesh, with a strong focus on advancing national interests, addressing pressing national challenges, and generating innovative, evidence-based solutions to societal and developmental problems.
3. **Number of Fellowships** : 20 (Twenty) per year.
4. **Duration of the Fellowship** : Duration of the fellowship is 1 (One) year, effective from the date of joining the programme.
5. **Fellowship Allowance** :
 - a) An allowance of Tk. 60,000.00 (Sixty thousand) per month from the date of joining. For extension period no fellowship allowances will be paid.
 - b) For data collection, secretarial costs, lab fees, purchase of chemicals, purchase of lab materials, participation in seminars/conferences (domestic and foreign), field visits, industrial visits, preparation of the report and other expenses maximum an amount of Tk. 1,00,000.00 (One lac) may be paid upon the submission of the final report and the bill will be paid against the research supervisor/co-supervisor's countersignature with payment VAT-Tax (as per govt. rules).



6. **Candidature for Application** : The applicant must be a full-time teacher of any public university, private university, government college or any institution offering tertiary education in Bangladesh or any individual.

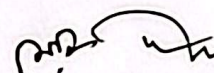
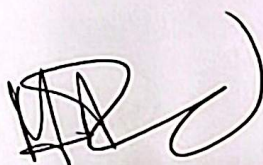
The Fellowships will be distributed as follows:

- a) Agriculture;
- b) Arts and Humanities;
- c) Biological Sciences;
- d) Business Studies;
- e) Engineering;
- f) ICT;
- g) Legal Studies;
- h) Medicine, Dental and Pharmacy;
- i) Physical Sciences;
- j) Social Sciences;
- k) Others.

If the number of applicants in any category is not found suitable, the remaining fellowship of that category may be offered to another category.

7. **Eligibility**

- : a) The applicant must have a PhD degree from a recognized university.
- b) The UGC Post-Doctoral Fellow is a full-time researcher, and therefore he must obtain study leave/deputation from his/her respective university/institution.
- c) While applying for a fellowship, the applicant must mention the name of the discipline in any public university with concern letter, where he/she wishes to carry out Post-Doctoral research work, and also the name of the professor/scientist under whose supervision the work will be carried out. Further, a detailed research plan with (i) Title of the proposed research, (ii) Appropriateness of research, (iii) Clarity and importance of objectives, (iv) Research methodology, (v) Importance of the research in relation to the needs of the department, (vi) Necessity of the proposed research in the perspective of the national interest, (vii) Brief review of the work done with justification, (viii) Comprehensive plan of research, (ix) State whether any work on the proposed study and/or research has already been done. If so, give details indicating, among others, (x) Expected date/time of completion, (xi) Research relevant references must be submitted as per prescribed application form.





8. Supervisor

- : a) The supervisor must be an active full time professor of public university having a PhD and adequate research experience in the related discipline;
- b) The supervisor will receive an honorarium of Tk. 50,000.00 (Fifty thousand) from UGC upon submission of the final report, subject to its evaluation and approval by the Evaluation Committee.

9. Method of Application

- : a) The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh will advertise the Fellowships through well-circulated national dailies/university/college authorities/ UGC website/online platform etc.;
- b) Intending candidates will submit an application in the prescribed form available at the UGC website (www.ugc.gov.bd);
- c) The application must be submitted following the rules of the respective university;
- d) All necessary papers: academic certificates, transcripts, published articles and books, consent letter by the university, a copy of a detailed research proposal and estimated budget must be included.

10. Method of Fellow Selection

- : a) The member, Research Grants and Award Division of UGC will be in-charge of preliminary selection. He/she may incorporate Members/any Member to assist him/her in the scrutiny;
- b) Following a thorough scrutiny, a Preliminary Selection Committee (approved by the UGC Chairman) will prepare a shortlist. This list will be presented to the subject-specific Sub-Committee (comprising of Expert Members) for the purpose of evaluation and recommendation of the candidate.
- c) Based on the evaluation and recommendations received from the Sub-Committees, the Steering Committee headed by the Honorable Chairman including members of UGC will select the final nominations;
- d) The list of the selected candidates will be published in the UGC website.

11. Research Report and Evaluation:

- a) A Post-Doctoral Fellow shall perform full-time research under the guidance of a supervisor in the public university and must submit progress report as per prescribed form of his/her research work to the Director, RG&A Division of UGC through the supervisor;

- b) Fellows must organize at least 2 (Two) seminars during the fellowship period;
- c) After completion of the Fellowship programme, the Fellow will submit a detailed report of the research outcome, duly forwarded by the supervisor through his/her research university authority. The report will be evaluated by the review committee;
- d) Soft copy (.pdf file) with pen drive and 4 (Four) hard copies of the final report must be submitted to UGC.

12. Review Committee

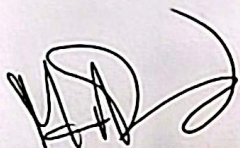
- : a) A Three-member review committee will be formed by the Chairman of UGC headed by a UGC member;
- b) Recommendation from the Review Committee is a pre-requisite for any major change in the final report. The application for a change should be recommended by the supervisor. The changes can only be approved by the Review Committee of UGC.
- c) Each Member of the Review Committee will be paid an honorarium of Tk. 10,000.00 (Ten thousand) only.

13. Mode of Payment

- : a) The fellowship allowance will be disbursed through EFT in 3 (Three) installments: the first and the second installment upon submission of the progress report countersigned by the research supervisor, and the final installment upon submission of the final report along with published journal from his/her research work in MJLCA (at least one) and necessary documents to the UGC.
- b) The fellow may apply for publication incentive for 1 (One) journal is published from their research work based on Post-Doctoral programme in **Master Journal List of Clarivate Analytics (MJLCA)** during or within 01 (One) year of the completion of the UGC Post-Doctoral fellowship programme. The researcher will be paid highest amount of Tk. 50,000.00 (Fifty thousand) for publication fees as an incentive by the UGC.

14. Acknowledgement

- : The Fellow must acknowledge the assistance from University Grants Commission (UGC) of Bangladesh for supporting through UGC Post-Doctoral Fellowship Program in any publication in the form of a research article or book.





15. Termination of Fellowship : a) A fellow shall not accept any other award/fellowship during the tenure of this UGC Post-Doctoral fellowship, otherwise the fellowship will be terminated;
- b) The University Grants Commission of Bangladesh reserves the right to terminate the fellowship for plagiarism and non-compliance/violation of the terms and conditions agreed by the candidate.
16. Amendment of the Guideline and Resolution of Ambiguities : a) The Commission reserves the right to amendment, modification, addition, deletion or correction any provision of this Guideline based on the recommendations of the 'UGC PhD Scholarship' Selection Committee and any decision taken by the Commission authorities in this regard shall be final and binding;
- b) Furthermore, if any question arises regarding the interpretation or meaning of any clause, sentence, or word of this Guideline, or if any special situation occurs, the decision of the Commission authority shall be considered final.

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