

## Rules and Regulations Governing the NBHM Research Project Grant

The NBHM Research Project Grant is given for a maximum period of 3 years. It has the following components:

1. **JRF/SRF/RA:** At most one JRF/SRF/RA may be supported\*. Fellowship amount will be as per the NBHM Junior Research Fellowships and NBHM Post-Doctoral Fellowships. House Rent Allowance (HRA) is admissible as per central government rules.
2. **Book Grant:** The books procured must be strictly relevant to the theme of the project. Maximum limit is Rs. 45,000 for the entire project. This may be increased to Rs. 65,000 if the PI does not have a good library facility at the workplace.
3. **Computer Hardware/Software:** Maximum limit Rs. 100,000 for the entire project. No request for a photocopier/scanner will be granted.
4. **Travel Grant:** Can be used for domestic travel only. This may be shared between PI, Co-PI (if any) and JRF/SRF/RA (if any). Maximum limit Rs. 130,000 for the entire project.
5. **Overheads:** As per DAE guidelines.
6. **Contingency:** Rs.10,000/- per annum for PI/Co-PI (and separately for JRF/SRF/RA, if any) on reimbursement basis against the actual bills.

The Contingency Grant can be utilized for the following:

1. Photographic materials for research work
2. Computation charges
3. Reprints / offprints of research papers.
4. Stationery and postal charges.
5. Typing of research papers.
6. Registration fee for attending conferences in India and abroad.
7. Any other purpose specifically authorized by the NBHM/DAE.

The contingency Grant **cannot** be utilized for

1. Purchase of furniture and office equipment.
2. Expenditure related to administrative assistance.

N.B.: JRF/SRF/RA will be governed by the Rules and Regulations of the NBHM Junior Research Fellowship programme and the NBHM Postdoctoral Fellowship programme.

### **Guidelines for appointing a JRF**

The following guidelines are to be followed for appointing a JRF under a research project and for monitoring the progress:

- (1) The candidate must have obtained 55% or above in the Master's degree or have an M. Phil degree with 55% in the aggregate.
- (2) The candidate must have been selected through a written test/viva conducted at the University/College level. The selection of the JRF must be made through an open advertisement in newspapers and in the University/College website.
- (3) The PI must verify that the student has sufficient background to pick up the required mathematics for the project.
- (4) The JRF must have successfully completed the PhD Course Work as stipulated under UGC rules, and registered for a PhD degree before the renewal of fellowship. A candidate having an MPhil degree may be exempted from the PhD Course work.
- (5) Progress report of the JRF in the first year must include the following
  - (i) Research courses attended and the performance in the courses
  - (ii) literature surveyed
  - (iii) work done (whichever is applicable).

### **Important Guidelines:**

- (a) A JRF can be appointed only once during the full tenure of the Research Project;
- (b) The JRF should preferably join in the first year of the Research Project;

### **Extension of the research project:**

The Research project grant for the approved projects will initially be released for the first year only. Extension of the Research Project beyond one year is subject to the approval of Research Project Committee. Application for extension of a project will be evaluated by the committee solely on the basis of the progress made in the project. Mentoring of a JRF associated with the project, if there is any, will not be a part of the progress report of the project. The PI will separately submit a progress report of the JRF associated with the project, if there is any. Extension of JRF will be based on the recommendation of the PI.

## **Standardization of level of support for RPs. (from 2019)**

The default (maximum) level of support under the various headings for any research project will be as follows. Anything more will need to be justified. A 'big place' in what follows means a national level institution or a large well-funded university, with a good library and other infrastructure, and possibly a PhD program. A 'small place' will mean a not so large or well-funded university away from the metros, without a significant PhD program. These categories will be suitably interpreted in terms of the available common knowledge about these places and the requirements of a research project.

1. JRFs: An RP in a big place will have zero JRFs. There can be zero or one JRFs per RP in smaller places.
2. Book Grant (including journals):

Big places: 15K per year for all 3 years (total 45K).

Small places: 25K, 20K and 20K for the three years (total 65K).

3. Computer Hardware/Software support: A total grant of 100K for the entire project (usually paid completely in the first year, but can be distributed in three years if the P.I. so wants). No request for a photocopier will be granted. If any special software is asked for, treat case-by-case on merits.
4. Travel: No foreign travel can be given.  
Domestic travel: 45K, 45K, 45 K for the three years (total 135K).
5. Contingency: 15K per year for the PI (total 45 K),

10K per year per JRF (total 30K).

6. Overheads: RPC recommends the maximum rate of 10 per cent. However, the administrations of some institutions (including some very well-reputed ones) have insisted on higher rates, and a PI has no choice. So, it was decided to leave this as a grey area, for NBHM to take an appropriate decision.
7. Administrative assistance: Should not be given at all.