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FELLOWSHIP FOR RESEARCH DEGREESNew Delhi, March 10th, 2016

As per the information furnished by the University Grants Commission (UGC) and the All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), the number of students pursuing research degrees, including M. Phil and Ph.D who received fellowships, under their schemes, year-wise since 2013, is the following:

Year	Number of students
2013-14	41970
2014-15	56024
2015-16 (till 8 th March, 2016)	69435

The UGC is implementing several fellowship schemes for students pursuing research degrees, namely:

- (i) Junior/ Senior Research Fellowship
- (ii) Maulana Azad National Fellowship
- (iii) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste (SC) students
- (iv) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for Scheduled Tribe (ST) students
- (v) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for students with disabilities
- (vi) National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes
- (vii) Swami Vivekanand Single Girl Child Fellowship
- (viii) Basic Scientific Research (BSR) Fellowship
- (ix) Non-National Eligibility Test (NET) fellowship.

The UGC has informed that its fellowship amount, under these schemes, for students pursuing research degrees is Rs. 25,000/- per month for the initial two years and Rs. 28,000/- for the remaining tenure, as per the fellowship scheme. The students are also eligible for matching allowances, as per the fellowship scheme. The fellowships awarded under the Non-National Eligibility Test fellowships, through the UGC grants, are Rs. 8,000 per month for Ph.D course and Rs. 5,000 per month for M.Phil course. The details of these UGC fellowships are at <http://www.ugc.ac.in/page/XII-Plan-Guidelines.aspx#quality>.

The AICTE has informed that the scholarship given to the teachers sponsored under Ph.D[Quality Improvement Programme(QIP)] is Rs.9000 per month, along with Rs. 10,000 per annum as contingency, and the scholarship is in addition to their regular salary and allowances to be paid by the parent institutions.

The UGC has informed that there is no fixed allocation for fellowships and scholarships in its fund. The Central Government releases block grants to the UGC for promotion, determination and maintenance of standards of education. The year-wise fellowship amount released by the UGC and AICTE on fellowship schemes for students pursuing research degrees, since 2013, is the following:

Year	Grants released by the UGC & AICTE (in Rs.crores)
2013-14	439.40
2014-15	874.53
2015-16 (till 8 th March, 2016)	1013.23

As per information made available by the UGC a total of nearly 30000 students are selected every year under its research promotion fellowship schemes, namely:

- (i) Post-Doctoral Fellowships for students in professional courses.
- (ii) Post-Doctoral Fellowship for women.
- (iii) Dr. S. Radhakrishnan Post-Doctoral Fellowship for women in humanities and social sciences, including languages.
- (iv) Dr. D.S. Kothari Post-Doctoral Fellowship.
- (v) UGC-BSR Faculty Fellowship.
- (vi) Emeritus Fellowship.
- (vii) Junior/ Senior Research Fellowship.
- (viii) Maulana Azad National Fellowship for students belonging to minorities.
- (ix) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for SC students.
- (x) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for ST students.
- (xi) Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship for students with disabilities.
- (xii) National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes.
- (xiii) Swami Vivekanand Single Girl Child Fellowship.
- (xiv) BSR Fellowship.
- (xv) Non-NET fellowship. The AICTE is currently supporting 382 PhD students under its QIP scheme.

This information was given by the Union Human Resource Development Minister, Smt. Smriti Zubin Irani today in a written reply to a Rajya Sabha question.
