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OFFICE MEMORANDUM

Subject: Revision of fellowships granted under NBHM/BRNS

1. In supersession of the earlier orders on the subject, the undersigned is directed to convey the approval of the President for revising the rate of Fellowship being paid by National Board of Higher Mathematics (NBHM) and Board of Research in Nuclear Sciences (BRNS) to the Junior Research Fellows/Senior Research Fellows/Post Doctoral Fellows/Research Associates as detailed below:

Sr. No.	Name Fellowship	Qualification*	Revised rates of Fellowship
1	Junior Research Fellows/Ph.D. Scholarship Holders of NBHM	M.Sc./BE/B.Tech/B.VSc/ B.Pharm	₹ 25000/- p.m. for 1 st two years ₹ 28000/- p.m. for subsequent years Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.
2	Senior Research Fellows/ Ph.D. Scholarship Holders of NBHM	M.Tech./M.E./MVSc/ M.Pharm/MBBS/BDS/ M.Sc/B.Tech, with two years experience	₹ 28000/- p.m. Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.
3	Research Associates	Ph.D/M.D./M.Tech/ ME/M.VSc/M.Pharm/ MBBS/BDS with two years experience	₹ 36000/- ** "RA-1" ₹ 38000/- ** "RA-2" ₹ 40000/- ** "RA-3" Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.

4	Post Fellows	Doctoral	PDF who have submitted Ph.D. thesis and yet to receive their Ph.D. degree (provisional or otherwise) or has received only provisional degree.	₹32000/- p.m. Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.
			Fresh PDF with Ph.D. degree	₹ 36000/- p.m. Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.
			PDF with Ph.D. degree and with one year experience	₹ 38000/- p.m. Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.
			PDF with Ph.D. degree and with two or more years of experience	₹ 40000/- p.m. Plus contingency grant of ₹ 32000/- per annum.

* If a student having higher qualification such as M.Tech/MBBS, etc. competes with students having lower qualification such as B.Tech/MSc., etc. he will be paid the Fellowship at the rate applicable to the latter.

** The RAs may be fixed at one of the 3 pay levels depending on qualifications and experience. The level at which a fellow will be placed will be decided by the interview committee at the level of the Unit, based on the following:

- i) Quality of Ph.D. thesis;
- ii) Post-Ph.D research experience as evidenced from the quality of the publications and /or products/processes designed and developed and
- iii) Performance in the selection interview

Note:(1) The JRF/SRF have to be NET qualified or a DAE nominee has to be on the Selection Committee for their recruitment.

(2) On completion of two years and on assessment by the Doctoral Committee of the Student about the progress of work done by the Student, Junior Research Fellows shall be re-designated as Senior Research Fellow. Where such a committee does not exist, Head of the Institution may appoint a 3(three) member 'Expert Committee' for evaluation.

- (3) The PDF Fellowship will be fixed at one of the three levels (₹ 36000/₹ 38000/ ₹ 40000) depending upon the conditions met by the candidate and this shall remain constant throughout the tenure.

3. Contingency Grant:

3.1 The JRF/SRF/PDF, Research Associates engaged under the Research Projects of BRNS and NBHM will not be entitled for this Contingency Grant as the Project itself is sanctioned with a Contingency Grant Component.

3.2 The Contingency Grant will be given to meet the expenditure towards (a) purchase of books, (b) Stationery, (c) purchase of computer software and hardware, (d) journals, (e) mailing expenses and (f) travel for attending seminars and conferences.

3.3 The reimbursement of actual cost of work related travel other than indicated above, tuition fee, registration fee, thesis evaluation fee and any other similar fee, wherever applicable, paid by the students/research scholars to the Universities will not be part of the 'Contingency Grant' and would be borne by the concerned Unit/Institution from their non-plan budget.

3.4 The Contingency grant will be paid on reimbursement basis against the actual bills.

4. Service Conditions:

4.1. JRF/SRF/RAs/PDF are not entitled for Dearness Allowance.

4.2 House Rent Allowance (HRA)

All research fellows may be provided hostel accommodation wherever available and those residing in accommodation provided by the Institute will not be eligible for drawing HRA. Wherever provision of hostel accommodation is not possible, HRA may be allowed to all the above categories viz., JRF/SRF/RA/PDF as per Central Government norms in the City/location where they are working. The Fellowship amount may be taken as basic for calculating the HRA.

4.3 Medical Benefits:

The Research Fellows and the Research Associates (JRF/SRF/RA/PDF) will be entitled for Medical Allowances as per the rules of the institution in which they are working.

4.4 Leave:

30 days paid leave per year in addition to casual leave as per rules of the Institutions. Maternity/Paternity Leave shall be admissible as per Government of India instructions. Participation in any scientific event in India or abroad will be treated as on duty.

While pursuing course work during the first year of Ph.D. programmes or for any extended duration, leave will be limited to regular vacations as per the programme of the Institute/R&D Centre.

4.5 Bonus/LTC/Retirement benefits:

Not entitled

5. Tenure of Fellowship:

5.1 Ph.D. Scholarship holders : 4 (four) years, which includes period spent on course work, It may be extended by 1 (one) year after evaluation of the progress made by the scholar by 'Doctoral Committee'. Where such a committee does not exist, Head of the Institution may appoint a 3 (three) member 'Expert committee' for evaluation. The tenure is not extendable beyond 5 (five) years

5.2 Fellows/Associates working on research projects funded by BRN5/NBHM:

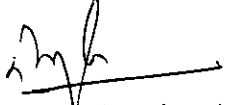
As per the terms of the projects, but will not exceed 5 (Five) years in any case.

5.3 Research Associates/PDF: Maximum of 3 (three) years.

6. Publication/Patent:

6.1 The results of JRF/SRF/RA's research work may be published in standard referred journals at the discretion of the Fellow or his Guide. It should be ensured by the Fellow that the assistance provided by the funding agency Department of Atomic Energy, is acknowledged in all such publications.

- 6.2 For filing of patents, BRNS/NBHM guidelines will be applicable
7. The stipend of all the above Fellowships including JRF/SRF/PDF/RAs is exempt from payment of income Tax under Section 10 (16) of the Income Tax Act 1961.
8. The revised rates of Fellowship will be applicable **w.e.f. 1.10.2014.**
9. This issues with the concurrence of Member (Finance), AEC.


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To:

1. Chairman, BRNS
2. Chairman, NBHM
3. Scientific Secretary, BRNS
4. Member Secretary, NBHM
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9. Under Secretary, Office of Secretary, DAE