

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA

Abstract

Agriculture & Cooperation Department – Institution of scheme to grant of Overseas Fellowship to the students of PJTSAU and Operational Guidelines for Sanction of fellowship – Orders – Issued.

AGRI. & COOP. (AGRI.III) DEPARTMENTE

G.O.Ms. No.8

Dated: 11.03.2024

Read:

Email dt.20.02.2024 received from the Registrar, PJTSAU.

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ORDER :

Since, agriculture along with allied fields and farmer's welfare is the priority areas of the Government, extending its support in education, research and extension in the State. In the continued efforts towards enhancing and sustaining the standards, quality and relevance of higher Agricultural education in the State, the Government supporting to train, human resources needed for Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering & Technology, Horticulture and allied sectors backed up by young scientific community teaming with innovators and entrepreneurs, with its proactive policies to enable agriculture and allied sectors as a primary contributor to GDP of our country.

2. Government intends to develop competent human resource in the State with a policy to train the students in the identified best laboratories in the world for creating a pool of scientist-envoys for enhanced future co-operation, by instituting overseas fellowships in PJTSAU for agriculture programs as pilot basis.

3. In the ref. read above, the Registrar of Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University (PJTSAU) has informed that Auburn University, team offered to relax the 50% tuition fee to the Masters in Agriculture programs to the students of PJTSAU aspiring to study at Auburn University, Alabama State, USA.

4. The Registrar of PJTSAU has proposed for institution of overseas fellowship to the undergraduate students of PJTSAU to pursue Master's programmes in Agriculture education at Auburn University, Alabama State, USA.

5. Government after careful examination of the proposal, hereby accord permission to the PJTSAU to institute overseas fellowships, as a pilot basis to two students of PJTSAU for three batches, for students completing their graduation during the end of AY 2023-24, AY 2024-25 and 2025-26 and wishing to pursue Masters program at Auburn University, Alabama State, USA, and obtaining admission for spring semester in 2024, 2025 and 2026.

6. The operational Guidelines for implementation of Overseas Fellowships to the students of the PJTSAU are enclosed as Annexure to this order.

7. The expenditure for the above overseas fellowship shall be met from the head of accounts: PJTSAU: 2415-01-120-25-04-310-312.

8. The Registrar, PJTSAU shall take necessary further action accordingly in the above matter.

This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance (EBS.II) Department vide their U.O.No.2419429/18/A1/EBS.II/2024, dt.05.03.2024.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF TELANGANA)

**M.RAGHUNANDAN RAO
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To
The Registrar, PJTSAU

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ANNEXURE

(To G.O. Ms. No. 8 A&C (Agri.III) Dept., dt. 11 .03.2024)

GUIDELINES FOR PJTSAU OVERSEAS FELLOWSHIP

PREAMBLE

The State Government of Telangana is interested to foster innovation and implement cutting edge technologies across sectors for building livelihoods, a strong fiscal situation and a healthy community. Agriculture along with allied fields and farmers welfare have been priority areas for the Government supporting agricultural education, research and extension in the process. In its continued efforts towards enhancing and sustaining the standards, quality and relevance of higher agricultural education in the State, the Government of Telangana, Hyderabad, India through the Professor Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Rajendranagar herein after referred to as PJTSAU, has instituted an **PJTSAU-Overseas Fellowship** with dual purpose of (i) human resource development in cutting edge technologies strengthened by cross learning that will benefit the State, and (ii) demonstrating the strength of Telangana agricultural system abroad. This initiative has been proposed on a pilot basis for three years (Academic Year 2024-25 to 2026-27), the learnings from which will drive the continued implementation of the Fellowship. The objective is to develop competent human resource that are trained in the identified best laboratories in the world for creating a pool of scientist-envoys for enhanced future eco-operation.

GUIDELINES

1. Title:

The fellowship is named as “PJTSAU Overseas Fellowship (PJTSAU- OF)” and the awardee will be called “Overseas Fellow”.

2. Purpose:

The PJTSAU Overseas Fellowships are intended to support regular students of PJTSAU, domicile of State of Telangana (as per the rules prevalent in the Govt. of Telangana) for pursuing Master’s degree in agriculture and allied sciences in accredited overseas Universities/Institutions having strong research and teaching capabilities.

3. Location:

The PJTSAU Overseas Fellowships shall support study in the identified accredited/recognized overseas institutions having strong research and teaching capabilities and adequate strength in terms of faculty and infrastructure facilities–The Auburn University, Alabama State, USA has been identified for the pilot phase for AY 2024-25.

4. Tenure of Fellowship:

- 4.1 The PJTSAU Overseas Fellowships shall be for 22 months.
- 4.2 The tenure of fellowship shall not be extended under any circumstances, interms of financial support by PJTSAU is concerned.
- 4.3 In case the fellow is not able to complete the degree during this period, he/she will use his/her own resources for completing the degree.
- 4.4 In case the Overseas fellow is not able to complete the degree even after maximum of six months from the end of fellowship, the PJTSAU shall reserve the right to recover the fellowship incurred for his entire post graduation education.

5. Number of Fellowships:

- 5.1 Number of fellowships available every year for a programme leading to Master’s degree under this scheme will be two (2) during the pilot phase across the faculties

(Agriculture/Agril. Engineering/Community Science).

6. Fellowship requirements for AY 2024-25:

- 6.1 The applicant must hold a bachelor's degree from PJTSAU by 30th June, 2024
- 6.2 The regular students admitted through EAMCET/AGRICET/ICAR-AIEEA(UG) and passing out in the year of notification only are eligible for the said fellowship.
- 6.3 The in-service candidates are not eligible for the overseas fellowship.
- 6.4 Regular students admitted through self finance/ NRI quota at PJTSAU are not eligible for the Overseas fellowship.
- 6.5 The candidates should not be more than 25 years of age as on 1st July, 2024.
- 6.6 The applicant must have OGPA of 8.0 and above in under graduation and should have a valid I 20/admission letter from Auburn University, Alabama State, USA.
- 6.7 The student shall be the domicile of State of Telangana (as per the rules prevalent in the Govt. of Telangana).

7. Procedure for securing admission for AY 2024-25

- 7.1 The admission process and selection would be as per the regulations of the Auburn University, Alabama State, USA
- 7.2 The candidates are required to make their own efforts in seeking admission in the Auburn University. The candidates should satisfy themselves regarding admission and course requirements of the University before identifying it as a place of study.
- 7.3 The applicant shall apply for the MS (by course work and research) only in the course offered by College of Agriculture and College of Human Science of Auburn University duly understanding the pertinence to their Under Graduate degree.

8. Procedure for applying for Overseas Fellowship:

- 8.1 The Selected candidates (two) shall submit an application for the fellowship in the prescribed format that will be made available on the University website <http://www.pjtsau.edu.in>.
- 8.2 Documents to be submitted to PJTSAU by the student along with the filled in application form after securing admission, for verification by PJTSAU:
 - ✓ Caste certificate
 - ✓ Income certificate
 - ✓ Date of Birth certificate (SSC)
 - ✓ Aadhaar Card
 - ✓ Residential /Nativity Certificate
 - ✓ Passport
 - ✓ Marks Sheet/ Transcript from SSC/Intermediate/ Undergraduate (upto 7th semester)
 - ✓ Admission offer letter from overseas University(I-20, letter of admission or equivalent)
 - ✓ Copy of bank account pass book of a nationalized bank of the student
 - ✓ Passport size photos (5)

Note: The original documents shall be returned after verification and the student shall submit copies of the said documents for record in the PJTSAU

9. Fellowship Amount:

The fellow will be entitled to:

- 9.1 The fellowship offered for a period of 22 months only (starting from the release of 1st instalment) which includes tuition fee, medical insurance along with Living allowance which includes student fee and one way economy air fare from India to Alabama, USA.

Overseas Fellowship amount in (US \$)/annum per student

S. No.	Type of Fee	2024-25 Batch
1	Tuition fee	10,704
	Medical Insurance	2,000
2	Living allowance in the USA(including student fee & one way economy airfare from India to Alabama, USA)	@1,875 per month for 22 months
Total fellowship in I st year		35,204 (12 months)
Total fellowship in II nd year		31,454 (10 months)
Total fellowship US \$		66,658

- 9.2 The fellow should maintain an OGPA of 3.0 and above out of 4.0 and shall submit a certificate of conduct and satisfactory performance from the guide/supervisor/designated authority after completion of every semester for availing living allowance in the USA.
- 9.3 The fellowship amount towards living allowance / medical insurance would be remitted in Indian Rupees to the student's account in India as per the FOREX rate existing on the 1st working day of the month when the amount is disbursed. The tuition fee shall be directly remitted to the Auburn University by PJTSAU.
- 9.4 The fellow should meet all costs exceeding the above fellowship from his/her own resources and no other financial assistance will be provided to the student under any circumstance.
- 9.5 There is no provision for expenses of dependents of the Overseas Fellow during the period of study under the overseas fellowship and no such claims shall be entertained.
- 9.6 The student is eligible to apply for other graduate teaching/research assistantships offered by the Auburn University during the fellowship tenure provided it is permitted under the regulations of the Auburn University.

10. Other regulations

- 10.1 A Bond / Surety shall be obtained from the student and the parents to the effect that the student shall strive to finish the course in the prescribed period by the Auburn University and bear the financial burden of extended period if any.
- 10.2 The PJTSAU or the Government of Telangana shall not be responsible for any untoward incident or loss / damage that happens to the student in or outside the campus while at Auburn University, USA. The student and their parents shall provide a declaration to this effect.

10.3 It shall be the responsibility of the candidate to obtain appropriate VISA after receiving acceptance letter for admission. The expenditure towards obtaining the Visa shall be borne by the student.

11 Continuance of the Fellowship:

11.1 The fellow shall not change the institute of admission for which the fellowship is sanctioned during the tenure of fellowship.

11.2 The fellow shall devote his/ her full time for his/ her chosen area of studies/ research work during the tenure of fellowship.

11.3 In case of unsatisfactory performance in studies, or conduct, the fellowship will be terminated with immediate effect and the fellow will be required to meet the expenditure on remaining part of the programme from his/her own resources.

12 Medical Fitness:

Selected fellow would be required to get his/ her medical fitness test done at his/her own cost.

13 IPR issues:

In all publications, copy rights, patents and any other IPR's arising out of the Fellow's work, the financial support from the sponsoring agency/ PJTSAU should be duly acknowledged.

14 Completion Report:

The selected fellow shall submit, a copy of the dissertation/thesis and a brief report on the activity undertaken including any significant research contribution, within 15 days of their completion of the program to PJTSAU for record. The fellow shall submit receipts for the funds remitted to the overseas University towards Tuition fee, student fee, etc, with endorsement from the Overseas University.

15 Review of the PJTSAU Overseas Fellowship Scheme:

The Overseas Fellowships along with the fellowship amounts and guidelines will be subject to periodic reviews, as deemed fit by the Government of Telangana /PJTSAU.

16 General:

16.1 For any clarification regarding the Overseas Fellowship, the Registrar, PJTSAU may be contacted.

16.2 The Vice Chancellor, PJTSAU will be the final authority in resolving and taking decision on any situation/case of conflict and his/her decision shall be abided by all parties concerned.

16.3 All disputes would be settled as per the Laws of India under the jurisdiction of Courts in Hyderabad, Telangana, India only.

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