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**GUIDELINES FOR NATIONAL TALENT SCHOLARSHIP (2016)**  
**TERMS AND CONDITIONS**

(As per approved XII Plan)

1. National Talent Scholarship (NTS) of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research is available to a student pursuing Bachelor or Master degree programme admitted through All India Entrance Examination (AIEE) in the Agricultural University located outside of his State of domicile and duly funded under Plan Scheme " Strengthening and Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India" of the Education Division, ICAR . The NTS will be provided @ Rs. 2,000/- (two thousand) and @ Rs. 3000/- per month per student for Bachelor's (Under Graduate) and Master's (Post Graduate) degree programme respectively.
2. The Scholarship will be awarded initially for a period of one year from the date the student actually takes admission in the Agricultural University for pursuing Under Graduate/Post Graduate degree programme in agriculture and related disciplines with both course work and practical leading to the award of Bachelor's Degree/ Master's degree. The scholarship is will be renewed for the remaining duration of the undergraduate degree/post graduate degree programme subject to his/her maintenance of good academic performance and conduct as specified by the concerned university.
3. A student is eligible for the scholarship provided he/ she:
  - Takes up studies in approved courses and takes admission in the Agricultural University located outside their State of domicile.
  - Maintains merit and good conduct as certified by Head of the College / University / Institution.
  - Does not remain absent without prior permission and does not participate in any agitation/ strike etc. during the period.
  - Takes up studies on a whole time basis and does not take up any job even on part time basis.
  - Does not accept any other scholarship during the course of undergraduate study.
  - Does not leave his/her course of study within one month of the admission otherwise no scholarship shall be paid to him/her.
  - Does not subsequently change the initial subject allocated for which he/she has been awarded the NTS during his studies.
4. **Mode of Payment**
  - The payment of scholarship shall be made to the Head of the College / Institute which in turn would disburse the same to the student/s after verification of required documents.
  - The payment of scholarship shall not be made directly to the student by the ICAR.
  - The scholarship shall commence from the month a student joins the College / University / Institution and shall continue upto the end of the degree programme.
  - The university will pay the scholarship through bank account of student as a Direct Benefit Transfer
5. The College / University / Institute shall be paid the scholarship in lumpsum in advance for a total period of 12 months. The awardee shall however get his/her scholarship on a monthly basis at the end of each month and clear promotion to the next class and secure an OGPA/CGPA of minimum 7.00 out of 10.00 (6.50/10.00 for SC/ST).

The scholarship shall be discontinued if minimum required OGPA/CGPA is not maintained at the end of first year of study and no relaxation shall be provided. The awardee must clear all papers in each semester. In case, the awardee fails in any paper at any stage the scholarship shall be stopped forthwith. Scholarship will be discontinued if the awardee does not appear in regular examination. No scholarship shall be paid for the period of strike, if any.

**6. Value of Scholarship**

The value of scholarship shall be @ Rs.2,000/- per month to undergraduate (Bachelor degree) students and Rs 3,000/- per month to postgraduate (Master degree) students at present. No contingency grant is paid.

**7. The scholarship will be terminated :**

- From the date an awardee ceases to be on the roll of the College/ University/ Institution.
  - From the date the sanction of the scholarship expires.
  - If the awardee is dropped by the College/ University/ Institution or indulges in gross acts of indiscipline.
  - If awardee does not maintain minimum academic performance specified for continuance of scholarship.
8. If an awardee completes/ leaves his/her study before expiry of the sanction, the Head of College/ University/ Institution shall immediately inform the Council.
9. An awardee shall not leave the course before its completion without prior approval of the Council. If an awardee leaves without permission, he/she shall not be paid any scholarship amount due to him/her by the College/University/Institute and student would be required to refund the scholarship so far drawn.
10. The University should get the necessary form filled from the students and the fellowship amount may be paid to the awardee out of the funds that are being released to the concerned Agricultural University. The amount would be paid from the date of admission @ Rs.2,000/- per month per student at undergraduate level and Rs 3,000/- per month per student at postgraduate level as specified above. In case the student has not joined the Agricultural University or is not continuing in the College / University due to transfer or any other reason, the amount may be returned to the Council immediately indicating the reasons thereof.
11. The joining report of all the admitted students eligible for NTS shall be sent to the Council immediately for issue of financial sanction. In case any student has ceased to be on the roll of the institution due to transfer or withdrawal, the amount in his case is to be refunded.
12. No scholarship will be paid if the student changes discipline or the University.
13. University must ensure for Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) to the beneficiary student, where bank account of the scholarship holder will be linked with Aadhaar Number