

MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT GUIDELINES

Introduction:

Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj Research, Training and Human Development Institute, Pune (hereinafter referred to as SARTHI) is an autonomous institute of Government of Maharashtra. SARTHI is a newly established Non-Profit Government Company and is aimed at research, policy advocacy, training, etc. for social, educational & economical development of Maratha, Kunbi, Kunbi- Maratha and Maratha-Kunbi communities (herein after referred to as the Target Group).

Objectives:

There are a number of Independent Research Scholars belonging to the Target Group and some of them are keen to undertake research related to social, educational and economic development of the Target Groups and for that, they need financial assistance/ support to meet their requirements of research in the areas of their interest. Obviously, these areas are of the interest of SARTHI, and hence, support/ financial

assistance to such candidates can serve both the purposes; (i) research on the subjects / topics of interest of SARTHI and (ii) financial assistance to the eligible and deserving candidates of Target Group communities, to conduct research of both SARTHI and of his/ her choice. Hence, SARTHI invites online application containing research proposals under its MINOR RESEARCH PROJECT for excellent research in the areas related to social, educational and economic development of Target Group communities.

Eligibility:

The applicant has to fulfil the following basic conditions to be Eligible to apply for SARTHI's Minor Research Project:

The applicant must belong to Maratha / Kunbi / Maratha-Kunbi / Kunbi-Maratha community. (Caste Certificate issued by the Competent authority is MUST)

1. The applicant must be Domicile of Maharashtra.
(Certificate issued by the Competent authority is MUST)
2. The applicant must have completed his / her Post Graduation in Humanities / Social Sciences.

3. The Applicant MUST be from a Non-Creamy Layer Category (Total Family Income for the financial year (2018-2019) from all sources, should not exceed Rs. 8 lakhs per annum (Non-Creamy Layer Certificate issued by the Competent authority is MUST). (Ref: Dept of Social Justice and Special Assistance, Govt. of Maharashtra शासननिर्णयक्र. सी.बी.सी. -10/2008/प्र.क्र. 697/ विभाजक-1, दिनांक 16 डिसेंबर, 2017)
4. Age of applicant should not exceed 60 years as on the date 31stOctober, 2019.

Application submitted through On-Line does not imply that candidate is ELIGIBLE or has fulfilled all the criteria. The Application is subject to scrutiny. The same will be rejected if the applicant is found to be ineligible at any point of time.

Some of SARTHI's objectives pertaining to research include:

- To undertake various research, training, human development related activities for social, educational,

economic and cultural development and to suggest various measures to the government for the target groups i.e. Maratha, Kunbi, Kunbi- Maratha and Maratha-Kunbi.

- For social, educational, economic and cultural development of the target group, undertaking various surveys, research including action research and evaluation research.
- Undertake research, action research and conduct various programs, activities and various educational & awareness programs including the followings:
 - Constitutional duties and rights of citizens.
 - National integration and scientific temperament.
 - Promotion of brotherhood, communal harmony and peaceful co-existence.
 - Equity and social justice
 - Removal of gender bias, caste bias, race bias and superstitions.
 - Promotion of cleanliness and sanitation, inter-caste marriages, group and simple marriages, de-addiction and awareness of substance abuse in society, women empowerment.

- Eradication of dowry, jaatpanchayats, social-boycott and domestic violence.
- To organize, undertake, conduct, encourage, promote, sponsor studies and research on the life and works of Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj, Sant Tukaram, Jotirao Phule, Sant Gadge Baba, Tarabai Shinde, Savitribai Phule, Sayajirao Gaikwad, Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Maharshi Shinde, Dr.Babasaheb Ambedkar, Bhagat Singh and other social reformers.

The proposals should focus on the research areas pertaining or related to the above objectives of SARTHI.

Procedure for approval:

Research proposal of the applicant will be examined by an 'Evaluation Committee' constituted by the Managing Director, (M.D.), SARTHI. The scholar may be called for discussion, interview, presentation, etc. on the proposed research topic under the Minor Research Project.

The applicant will have to modify/ amend/ alter his/her research proposal, and/ or enhance the scope, etc., as per the suggestions

recommendations of the Committee and then submit a revised proposal to SARTHI.

Such final proposal of the scholar will be further examined and scrutinized by the Expert Committee constituted by M.D., SARTHI and, if required, the applicant will have to further modify/ amend/ alter his/her research proposal as per the recommendations of the Committee and then submit a revised proposal to SARTHI for the final decision. Decision regarding contents, financial aspects, etc., taken by the M.D., SARTHI will be final. In case the proposal is approved, the candidate will be informed for further necessary action and certain compliances.

Tenure and Implementation of the project:

The scholar must complete his/ her research within a maximum period of two years. The research report will not be accepted by SARTHI before the - period of 9 months from the date of sanction of project.

The scholar can claim for financial assistance, for only one project at any given time. If some one desires to undertake

another research project, a gap (cooling period) of minimum one year after submission of earlier research report, is necessary.

The effective date of implementation of the project will be mentioned in SARTHI's approval cum sanction letter.

If the scholar fails to complete the sanctioned project within the stipulated period, he/she has to refund the entire amount already released, if any, by SARTHI.

No extension of tenure is permissible in any circumstance.

No. of Projects to be sanctioned:

About 300 Projects will be considered by SARTHI. (This number may increase or decrease)

Reservation:

Out of total sanctioned projects; 50% Research Projects will be for Women scholars & 3% for the disabled (Divyangjan) scholars as per Govt. policy.

Nature of Financial Assistance:

Maximum Rs. Three Lakhs for One Minor Research Project.

Release of funds:

- 1) In case of sanction of the project, detailed terms and conditions will be decided by SARTHI and the scholar will have to enter into an agreement for the same.
- 2) Release of funds, at periodic interval, may be considered on the basis of scope and nature of work and on the basis of justification. Each case will be decided on the basis of its merits by the Research Progress Evaluation Committee constituted by the M.D., SARTHI, However, any amount released before the completion of final report, will be treated as an advance to the scholar and the same will be adjusted at the time of final settlement and acceptance of final Research Report.
- 3) The amount allocated will not be used for attending conferences, seminars, workshops and training courses, etc.

On completion of the research:

The scholar will have to submit certain literature, material, including the followings on completion of the research;

1. Copy of the final report of the research, along with the soft copy.
2. A consolidated item wise detailed statement of expenditure, incurred during the project period, in the prescribed proforma and duly signed by the Scholar.
3. The books and journals, if any, acquired by the scholar under the Minor Research Project will be deposited to SARTHI library after completion of the project.

Research Proposal Format:

The research proposal to be submitted must contain all the salient features, including the followings:

- i) Title of the Research Proposal
- ii) Executive Summary (Abstract) (max. 500 words)
- iii) Introduction of the proposed research (max. 500 words)
- iv) Major existing research works reviewed (max. 500 words)
 1. National
 2. International
- v) Identification of Research gap (max. 500 words)

- vi) Framework and Methods proposed for research (max. 500 words)
- vii) Data Collection & Data Analysis.
- viii) Innovativeness in the proposed research (max. 250 words)
- ix) Expected Outcome of the Research (max. 300 words)
- x) Expected outputs; such as papers / report / book / document / dissertation / etc. (max. 200 words)
- xi) Relevance of the proposed study for policy advocacy and policy formulation (max. 500 words)
- xii) Relevance of the proposed study for the social, educational & economic development of the Target Groups. (max. 300 words).

The PDF copy of the research proposal of about 1 MB to be uploaded while filling the On-line Application form.