

Research Fellowship Scheme

Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj National Research Fellowship (CSMNRF)

Background: o provide special encouragement to meritorious students from the target groups — Maratha, Kunbi, Kunbi-Maratha, and Maratha-Kunbi — pursuing Ph.D. studies, the **Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj National Research Fellowship (CSMNRF)** was launched in the year 2019.

Under this fellowship, up to the year 2023, **a total of 3,078 students from the target groups have been sanctioned fellowships through SARTHI**. As of today, **394 students have successfully completed their Ph.D., and 103 students have secured employment in various institutions**.

Out of these students, 23 have received patents in their research subjects

Sr. No.	Scheme	Number of Selected Students	Number of Students Currently Pursuing
1	Chief Minister's Special Research Fellowship (CMSRF) – 2019	146	26
2	Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj National Research Fellowship (CSMNRF) – 2019	357	207
3	Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj National Research Fellowship (CSMNRF) – 2020	204	118
4	Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj National Research Fellowship (CSMNRF) – 2021	551	458
5	Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj National Research Fellowship (CSMNRF) – 2022	851	825
6	Chhatrapati Shahu Maharaj National Research Fellowship (CSMNRF) – 2023	969	947
Total		3078	2581

1. Eligibility:

1. The beneficiary must be a resident of Maharashtra. (Domicile certificate issued by the competent authority must be submitted.)
2. The beneficiary must belong to the target group — Maratha, Kunbi, Maratha-Kunbi, or Kunbi-Maratha. (Caste certificate issued by the competent authority must be submitted.)
3. The beneficiary must belong to the Non-Creamy Layer category. (Non-Creamy Layer certificate issued by the competent authority must be submitted. Reference: Social Justice and Special Assistance Department, Government of Maharashtra, G.R. No. CBCB-10/2008/Pr. No. 697/Div-1, dated 16 December 2017.)
4. The beneficiary must have confirmation registration for a Ph.D. (Confirmation Registration Letter for Ph.D. must be submitted.)
5. The applicant must be pursuing a **full-time Ph.D.**
6. **Part-time Ph.D.** will not be considered.
7. If employed in any other institution for earning purposes, the applicant must resign and submit a relieving letter to SARTHI; only then will the fellowship be granted.
8. The applicant shall not avail of any other fellowship/scholarship/stipend scheme.
9. Applicants who have already availed benefits under this scheme through SARTHI will not be eligible to apply again.
10. The applicant must not be above 45 years of age (as of 1st January of the respective year).
11. Ph.D. pursued through **distance education** shall not be considered for the fellowship.
12. In case of tie in marks among candidates selected for fellowship, final selection shall be based on higher marks obtained at the **postgraduate level**. If marks are still equal, the decision will be based on **undergraduate level marks**. If a tie persists, preference shall be given to the **older candidate**.

2. Fellowship to be provided to the beneficiaries as per the University Grants Commission (UGC) norms :

JRF (First 2 Years)		SRF (Next 3 Years after 2 Years)	
Description	As per UGC norms	Description	As per UGC norms
Fellowship/Scholarship Amount (Per Month Per Student): 37000X 12	4,44,000/-	Fellowship/Scholarship Amount (Per Month Per Student):42000X 12	50,4000/-
House Rent Allowance (HRA) Amount (for the entire year) 20 %	88,800/-	*House Rent Allowance (HRA) Amount (for the entire year) 20 %	1,00,800/-
** Contingency Amount (for the entire year)	20,500/-	** Contingency Amount (for the entire year)	25,000/-
Total Annual Fellowship Amount	5,53,300/-	Total Annual Fellowship Amount	6,29,800/-
Total Monthly Fellowship Amount	46,108/-	Total Monthly Fellowship Amount	52483/-

Under the above-mentioned Fellowship (CSMNJRF), financial assistance to the finally selected candidates shall be admissible from the **later of the following two dates**:

- the date on which the Award Letter is issued by SARTHI, or
- the date on which the candidate has joined the University/College/Institution for research (as per the joining date mentioned in the institution's report).

The fellowship shall be granted only for the **remaining period of the Ph.D.**, subject to a maximum duration of **five years**, or until the date on which the candidate submits the research dissertation, **whichever is earlier**.

The fellowship amount payable to the selected beneficiaries shall be as per the **University Grants Commission (UGC) norms**, and any subsequent revisions therein shall be applicable.

Sr. No	Name of the Scheme	Number of Eligible Students	Number of Ph.D. Complete	Number of Students Employed
1	Fellowship -2019	503	246	74
2	Fellowship -2020	204	80	18
3	Fellowship -2021	551	64	10
4	Fellowship -2022	851	04	01
5	Fellowship -2023	969	00	00
Total		3,078	394	103