

**BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY ENTREPRENEURSHIP,
INNOVATION & CAREER HUB
BHARATHIDASAN UNIVERSITY
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI - 620 024**

Call for Applications for Post-Doctoral Fellowship cum Research Grant

1. Purpose

The Bharathidasan University Entrepreneurship, Innovation and Career Hub (BECH – RUSA 2.0) invites applications for Post-Doctoral Fellowships (PDF) to promote high level research work leading to Innovation. This is to further the RUSA sponsored Theme Based Projects across Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Social Sciences.

2. Eligibility

- Applicants should have been awarded Ph.D. degree from the disciplines under Physical Sciences / Biological Sciences/ Social Sciences.
- The upper age limit for applying for PDF will be 40 years as on 01.01.2020. Age relaxation of 5 (five) years will be given to candidates belonging to SC/ST/BC/MBC/Physically Challenged/Women categories.
- Applicants can avail PDF only once in his/her career.
- Applicants should identify and obtain a consent letter from a Mentor, who must be a regular faculty member of Bharathidasan University / its Affiliated Colleges with due Ph.D. supervision approval from Bharathidasan University.

3. Number of Fellowships and Duration of Support

- The number of PDF is 3 (three), i.e., one each for Physical Sciences, Biological Sciences and Social Sciences.
- The duration of fellowship will be initially for one year and will be extendable for a maximum of one more year based upon the performance of the candidate and recommendation of the Mentor.

4. Budget

Items	Amount ₹
Fellowship	55,000/- per month (Consolidated)
Research Grant	As per the guidelines of Theme Based Projects& Seed Money.

- Research grant can be used for the purchase of minor equipment, consumables, contingencies and domestic travel. There is no provision for providing manpower support under this scheme. The Fellow is expected to undertake the research objectives by himself/herself during the entire duration of the fellowship.
- The fellows are not eligible to receive any other fellowship from any Government or Non-Governmental source during the tenure of the fellowship.
- The fellows must seek the consent of BECH – RUSA 2.0 if he/she intends to be away from the implementing institute (except for field work related to the project) continuously for a period more than 8 (eight) weeks.

5. Selection and Mode of Application

- The call for applications for PDF will be notified through the websites www.bechrusa.in and www.bdu.ac.in
- The Application form along with a Research Proposal (as per the Theme Based Project guidelines) highlighting the objectives and methodology of the research work to be undertaken should be submitted online through the website www.bechrusa.in
- An Expert Committee constituted by BECH - RUSA 2.0 will scrutinize the applications and Research Proposals (Theme Based Project) and the short-listed candidates will be called for personal interview. The selected candidates will be recommended for the award of PDF and Research Grant (as per the Theme Based Project guidelines).

6. Documents Required

- a) Resume (Download Template)
- b) Qualification Certificates
- c) Age proof certificate
- d) Category Certificate (in case of Age Relaxation)
- e) Undertaking certificate by the applicant (Download Template)
- f) Consent letter from Mentor (Download Template)
- g) Brief CV of the Mentor (Download Template)

7. Termination of the Fellowship

- In case a PDF wishes to discontinue the Programme / Fellowship, a prior intimation is mandatory through the Mentor and host institution, at least three months in advance.
- BECH - RUSA 2.0 SERB reserves the right to terminate the Fellowship at any stage, if it is convinced that appropriate progress is not being made or the grant has not been utilized properly.

8. Leave

PDFs are entitled to leave as per rules of Bharathidasan University. Participation in scientific workshops held in India or abroad will be treated as leave on duty. Maternity leave as per the Govt. of India instructions issued from time to time would be available to female candidates in all categories.