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National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste Students (NFSC)

Fellowships for Scheduled Caste students to do M.Phil or Ph.D, awarded to those who qualify in UGC NET or Joint CSIR UGC NET.

What you may get

2000 new fellowships a year (1500 for humanities and social sciences and 500 for science) over and above normal reservation slots. Rates and terms are in the scheme guidelines linked on the official page.

Who it is for

Scheduled Caste students who qualify in UGC NET or Joint CSIR UGC NET and pursue M.Phil or Ph.D in a UGC recognised Indian institution.

Main conditions

- Scheduled Caste category student.
- Qualified UGC NET or Joint CSIR UGC NET and selected by the National Testing Agency.
- Doing M.Phil or Ph.D in a UGC recognised institution in India.

Documents

- Scheduled Caste certificate
- UGC NET or Joint CSIR UGC NET result
- Proof of admission and registration
- Other documents listed in the scheme guidelines

How to apply

1. Appear in UGC NET or Joint CSIR UGC NET and declare your SC category in the exam form.
2. If you qualify and are selected, follow the NFSC guidelines and instructions on the official page to claim the fellowship.
3. For queries, use the toll free number 1800110396 shown on the official page.

Status

Ongoing

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