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# Incentive for Full Time PhD Scholars

Tamil Nadu gives a yearly incentive to research scholars from the Adi Dravidar, Tribal and Christian Adi Dravidar communities who do a PhD full time at a recognised university in the state.

### What you may get

Rs 1,00,000 a year to each selected scholar. The incentive is meant for 2,000 students.

### Who it is for

Adi Dravidar, Tribal and Christian Adi Dravidar students doing a full-time PhD at a recognised university in Tamil Nadu, whose parent or guardian earns up to Rs 8 lakh a year.

### Main conditions

- The student must be registered as a full-time PhD scholar only.
- The yearly income of the parent or guardian must not be more than Rs 8.00 lakh.
- The student must belong to the Adi Dravidar, Tribal or Christian Adi Dravidar community.

### Documents

- PhD registration certificate
- Community certificate
- Guide recommendation letter
- Income certificate
- Bank account details
- Aadhaar card

### How to apply

1. Apply online on the PhD Scholarship Portal, which is linked from the scheme page of the Directorate of Adi Dravidar Welfare.
2. Keep the PhD registration certificate, community certificate, guide's recommendation letter, income certificate, bank details and Aadhaar card ready for the form.
3. The scheme page also carries the government orders and the instructions for PhD Scholarship 2025-26, so read them before filling the form.
4. For questions, contact the Adi Dravidar Welfare Commissioner or the Director, Tribal Welfare, at Chennai.

### Status

Active

**Official source:** https://www.tnadw.tn.gov.in/scholarships/phd
**Official application:** https://adwphdscholarship.in/
**Official PDF:** https://cms.tn.gov.in/cms_migrated/document/docfiles/sj_e_pn_2026_27.pdf
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