



DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR NATIONAL
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**DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR RESEARCH & TRAINING
INSTITUTE, (BARTI) -PUNE**

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research & Training Institute (BARTI), Pune is an autonomous Institute of Govt. of Maharashtra, in the Department of Social Justice and Special Assistance, The institute was established in the year 1978 under the name “Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Samata Vichar Peeth” and subsequently became autonomous under its present name in the year 2008. BARTI is committed for the cause of Equity, Social justice, Brotherhood, Removal of Caste bias, Developing Scientific Temperament and Ethics and Moral Values and achieving progress in these areas through scientific research.

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INTRODUCTION

In 1913, Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar undertook a historic journey to Columbia University, New York for Higher Studies. In grateful commemoration of this, BARTI launched Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Research Fellowship (BANRF) in 2013. The fellowships are open to Scheduled Castes (SC) candidates belonging to Maharashtra, who wish to pursue regular and fulltime M. Phil and Ph.D degrees, in any subject, from Indian Universities / Institutions / Colleges approved under UGC.

Year 2014 marked 101 years of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s historic journey to Columbia. In commemoration of this, One Hundred and One (101) M.Phil. / Ph.D. fellowships were awarded in the year 2014. The number of fellowships awarded each year would be equivalent to the number of years since 1913 i.e. 101 for 2014, 102 for 2015 and so on.

Against the above background, 2017 marks 104 years of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar’s historic journey to Columbia University, New York for Higher Studies. Hence this year 104 fellowships are to be awarded. This number may increase/decrease depending on the decided merit for selection of fellows.

BARTI is keen to support the candidates with academic excellence and methodologically sound research projects pertaining to social justice, equity and the related fields. Above all we want to

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support research that helps in taking forward Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's mission of creating a more equal society and a stronger nation. We want our Fellowship Awardees to be keenly aware of social issues facing our society, particularly backward communities.

OBJECTIVE

1. The objective of this award is to provide fellowships to the students belonging to SC category to pursue higher studies leading to M.Phil. And Ph.D. degrees (full-time) in Indian Universities / Institutions / Colleges approved under UGC.
2. Bring visibility to the issues of such extended and discriminated caste groups and thereby draw attention of the government, for appropriate policy formulation and intervention.

ELIGIBILITY

1. The SC candidates belonging to the state of Maharashtra, who have passed the Post- Graduation examination in the concerned discipline and who desire to pursue full-time research without JRF of UGC-NET or UGC-CSIR NET or RGNF or any other fellowship.
2. Candidates applying for M. Phil must have their Admission/Registration on or after 1st June, 2016. Those who have been admitted/registered for M. Phil before 1st June, 2016, will not be eligible to apply for BANRF-2017.
3. Candidates applying for Ph.D. must have their Registration on or after 1st January, 2016. Those who have registered for Ph.D. before 1st January, 2016, will not be eligible to apply for BANRF-2017.
4. Candidates not Registered/admitted for M. Phil/ Ph.D., can also apply for BANRF-2017, subject to the conditions that, applicant must have qualified at least one exam i.e. M. Phil/ PET/ SET/ NET/ GATE/GPAT. Failing to fulfil the same or produce proper supporting documents, will be debarred from application/ short listing/ selection process.
5. Applicants working as permanent employees in Private/Public/Semi Govt./Govt. sectors can also apply subject to the condition, applicant will be considered eligible only after furnishing Resignation letter & Relieving letter from the concerned organization. However, the actual payment of fellowship will be made with effect from the date of joining only.
6. Age of applicant should not exceed more than, 55 years as on 15th July, 2017.




RESERVATIONS:

1. 50% of fellowships are reserved for SC women candidates.
2. 3% of fellowships are reserved for SC persons with disability.

TENURE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

For M. Phil –

(Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Junior Research Fellowship (BANJRF) for 2 years

1. The tenure of fellowship for M. Phil. is 2 years which will be considered from date of Admission/ Registration with University. No further extension shall be Permissible.
2. The actual benefits of fellowship will be disbursed from the date of Registration/ Admission to M. Phil, up to 2 years or the date of thesis submission whichever is earlier.
3. In case of candidates, joining the fellowship after the date of awarding fellowship, due to reasons like holding a job will be eligible for the fellowship after submitting Joining Report. In such cases fellowship will be given for the remaining tenure (Out of 2 years) from the date of joining the fellowship.
4. In case a selected applicant is working as permanent/ temporary employee in Private/ Public/ Semi Govt. he/ she will be considered eligible only after he/she resigns and furnishes a relieving letter from concerned organization. However, the actual payment of fellowship will be made with effect from the date of joining, and will be for the remaining tenure (Out of 2 years) from the date of joining the fellowship.

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For Ph.D.-

(Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Junior Research Fellowship (BANJRF) for 1st & 2nd year and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Senior Research Fellowship (BANSRF) for 3rd year of Ph.D. from date of award of Fellowship.

1. The tenure of fellowship for Ph.D. is 3 years which will be considered from the date of Admission/ Registration with University. No further extension shall be Permissible.
2. The actual benefits of fellowship will be disbursed from the date of Registration/ Admission with University to Ph.D, up to 3 years or the date of thesis submission whichever is earlier.
3. In case of candidates, joining the fellowship after the date of Registration/ Admission, due to reasons like holding a job will be eligible for the fellowship after submitting Joining Report. The actual payment of fellowship will be made with effect from the date of joining, for the remaining tenure (Out of 3 years) from the date of joining the fellowship.
4. In case a selected applicant is working as permanent/ temporary employee in Private/ Public/ Semi Govt. he/ she will be considered eligible only after he/she resigns and furnishes a relieving letter from concerned organization. However, the actual payment of fellowship will be made with effect from the date of joining the fellowship, and will be for the remaining tenure (Out of 3 years) from the date of joining the fellowship.
5. Upgradation from JRF to SRF - Research progress to be evaluated, for which interview shall be conducted by a three-member committee constituted by University/ Dept. Institute. The recommendations of the constituted Committee shall be considered to decide upon the enhancement of fellowship emoluments from BANJRF to BANSRF.

Integrated M.Phil. / Ph.D. programme.

BARTI has no policy of integrated M.Phil. / Ph.D. programme (2+3 years), In case, the selected candidate is pursuing an integrated M.Phil. / Ph.D. programme (2+3 years), selection for M.Phil. does not imply selection for Ph.D. fellowship automatically. He/she has to apply for Ph.D. Fellowship through a separate application after completion of M.Phil.

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NATURE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME

Fellowship in Humanities, Social Sciences, Engineering & Technology	M.Phil	@ Rs. 25000/- p.m. for 2 years	(BANJRF)
	Ph.D	@ Rs. 25000/-p.m. for 1 st & 2 nd year	(BANJRF)
		@ Rs. 28000/- p. m. for 3 rd year subject to providing upgradation certificate.	(BANSRF)
Contingency A	@ Rs. 10000/- p.a. for initial 1 st & 2 nd year		Humanities & Social Sciences
	@ Rs. 20500/- p.a. for 3 rd year		
Contingency B	@ Rs. 12000/- p.a. for initial 1 st & 2 nd year		Sciences, Engg. & Technology
	@ Rs. 25000/- p.a. for 3 rd year		
Escorts/Reader assistance	@ Rs. 2000/- p.m. in case of physically handicapped & blind candidates		For all disciplines
HRA	As per rules of the University/ Institutions		For all disciplines

TERMS & CONDITIONS:

1. The selected fellow will have to undertake full-time research work under the approved guide in a subject selected by him and approved by the university/selection committee.
2. The research topic for which the Fellowship (BANRF) will be granted cannot be changed during the tenure of availing BANRF fellowship.
3. Any change in Fellow's funding status should be brought to BARTI's notice immediately. The fellow is not allowed to accept or hold any paid appointment, full time, part time or on Clock Hour Basis (CHB), or receive emoluments, salary, stipend, fellowship etc. from any other source during the tenure of the award. In case of breaching, BARTI will discontinue his/her funding without any notice and fellowship already paid will be liable to be recovered from the fellow.
4. The candidate may assist the departments academic activities, including tutorials, evaluation of test papers, laboratory demonstration work, seminar symposia etc., provided the candidate has the consent of the guide / Head of Department and such engagement is not likely to hamper his/her research work.
5. The candidate will have to come for discussion on any matter related to his/her research whenever BARTI contacts him/her. Additionally, you are required to attend certain

workshops, seminars to be organized by BARTI during the fellowship tenure at one's own expenses.

- 6. If the candidate wishes to surrender the fellowship during the tenure, it should be done with the prior approval of BARTI. However, you will have to pay back the Fellowship, HRA and Contingency amount and any other benefit given to you under BANRF, till the date of surrender or the amount decided by the Director General, BARTI.
- 7. In case the fellow wishes to give up the fellowship after/ during final selection, the fellow has to do so within a period of one month after final selection.

DISBURSEMENT/RELEASE OF FELLOWSHIP/CONTINGENCY/HRA:

- 1. The awardee is required to submit the following documents to BARTI at the stipulated period/interval:
- 2. Joining report in the prescribed proforma Annexure - I
- 3. Half yearly submission of progress report in the prescribed proforma Annexure - II
- 4. Details of the expenditure incurred out of the contingency grant to be submitted annually in the prescribed proforma. Annexure - III
- 5. The claim towards HRA is subject to the annual submission of HRA certificate in the prescribed proforma Annexure - IV
- 6. After completion of two years of award of fellowship an 'Upgradation Certificate' and evaluation report of three-member Committee to be submitted by the Ph. D scholars in the prescribed proforma Annexure -V.
- 7. Depending on the six monthly progress report, a six months' fellowship amount will be released.
- 8. Details of Monthly Attendance to be submitted for the period of the progress report submitted.
- 9. The contingency amount will be released only when the candidate submits original valid bills of purchase of books, typing, stationary, chemical & electrical goods, any other product required for research.

The fellowship/contingency/HRA amount will be released/deposited in one/two months after submission of the above documents in the prescribed proforma. (Formats will be provided once selected)

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PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME

For Not Registered Candidates

1. The candidate is required to register for M.Phil / Ph.D within the next two years from the receipt of award letter.
2. Please note that the process of registration must be completed before the aforesaid date. i.e. you must have a letter from your respective University acknowledging your registration. Any situation, other than this such as pending registration, awaiting registration etc. will not be taken into consideration.
3. On receipt of the Registration Letter from your respective University, you will need to submit a copy of the same to BARTI.
4. Your claim on the fellowship will automatically lapse in case you fail to personally visit BARTI and submit a copy of your registration letter.
5. The Fellowship (BANRF) is granted to you for the research topic you have submitted to BARTI, through your research proposal. In case your research topic / theme changes marginally, in that case during the course of your registration, you must bring to BARTI's notice before such changes. The decision on whether to continue the fellowship or not will be taken by BARTI and decision of BARTI on the matter will be final.
6. Your fellowship process will commence only after you have submitted a copy of registration letter to BARTI as narrated above.

RELEASE OF LAST THREE MONTH'S FELLOWSHIP :

The last three months' instalment will be released only after the candidate submits his/her copy of Research thesis /dissertation to BARTI.

1. In case of M. Phil, the candidate will be given additional "6 months" period for submission of research thesis after 2 years of the fellowship tenure, failing which the last three months' fellowship stands to be cancelled.
2. In case of Ph.D., the candidate will be given additional 2 years' time after the fellowship tenure of 3 years for submission of the research thesis, failing which the last three months' fellowship stands to be cancelled

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CANCELLATION OF AWARD:

Fellowship awarded is liable to be cancelled, in case of:

1. Misconduct
2. Presenting fake documents/ Information
3. Holding a job / Availing any other fellowship while availing fellowship from BARTI
4. Unsatisfactory progress of research work.
5. Not doing full time M. Phil /Ph.D.

BARTI may add additional terms and conditions as and when required in future and it will be binding on the Fellow to accept the additional terms and conditions.

In case of dispute the decision of Director General BARTI will be final and will be accepted by the candidate. With regard to cancellation of the fellowship, the decision of Director General, BARTI will be final and binding on you.

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I hereby declare that, I have read the rules regarding the award of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Research Fellowship (BANRF-2017) for Scheduled Castes M.Phil/Ph.D students initiated by Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research & Training Institute (BARTI), Pune.

I undertake to engage full-time for research work on the subject mentioned under the direction of the supervisor during the tenure of the fellowship. I further declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the particulars given in the form are correct.

In case, the information furnished by me are found to be false at a later stage, I shall be liable for civil consequences / legal prosecution.

Place:

Date:

(Signature of the candidate)

Name of the candidate
(In Block letters)

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