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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQ's)

Bayer Fellowship Program - MEDHA

Q.1	What is the objective of this fellowship?
Ans:	<p>Bayer Fellowship Program – MEDHA helps students from Economically Weaker Section* whose educational aspirations are hampered by a lack of financial support. Medha provides financial assistance to students pursuing higher studies (Master's and PhD) in the disciplines of life-sciences / Biotechnology / pharma.</p> <p>*Economically Weaker Section: with aggregated annual family income of Rs. 8 Lakhs or less</p>
Q.2	Who is providing the fellowship?
Ans:	Bayer CropScience Limited. Visit www.bayer.in
Q.3	What fields does this fellowship support?
Ans:	Lifesciences / Biotechnology / Pharma
Q.4	What are the domain areas for PhD applicants?
Ans:	1. Genomics and Proteomics 2. Bioprospecting 3. Industrial Biotech 4. Bioinformatics 5. Environmental Biotechnology 6. Drug Discovery 7. Biopharma 8. Food Biotechnology 9. Agriculture Biotech 10. Stem Cell Biotech 11. Infectious Disease Biology 12. Molecular Diagnostics 13. Antimicrobial Resistance 14. Pharmacology
Q.5	What are the eligibility criteria for fellowship?
Ans:	<p>(a) Master's Fellowship - The candidate must have completed a Bachelor's degree in life science, biotechnology or pharma with at least 55% or 6 on a ten-point scale</p> <p>PhD Fellowship - A Master's degree in life science, biotechnology or pharma with at least 60% marks or 6.5 on a ten-point scale</p> <p>(b) Applicants must be enrolled in the 1st year of Master's / PhD program as applicable in Life Sciences/Biotechnology/Pharma at an Institute/University/Research Lab approved by AICTE/PCI/UGC/CSIR.</p> <p>(c) Age Limit: Master's fellowship: 25 years or lower as on 31st December, 2022 PhD fellowship: 30 years or lower as on 31st December, 2022.</p> <p>(d) Candidates should not be availing of any other fellowship</p>



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Q.6	What is the duration of the fellowship?
Ans:	For Master's program - 2 years and for PhD program - 3 years No extension will be granted.
Q.7	What is the amount of fellowship support?
Ans:	Master's program - INR Rs. 20,000 per month. PhD program - INR 40,000 per month
Q.8	Is any contingency grant admissible?
Ans:	No contingency grant is admissible
Q.9	How will the candidate receive the fellowship amount?
Ans:	The fellowship funds will be directly credited into candidates' accounts on a half-yearly basis.
Q.10	Is there any reservation policy?
Ans:	The entire program is for students from the Economically Weaker Section of society, of which 60% is reserved for female candidates and 10% for person with disability (PwD) for each Master's/PhD program.
Q.11	What is the total intake in the fellowship program?
Ans:	Total of 125 candidates will be supported (100 Master's and 25 PhD students) under Medha Fellowship Program.
Q.12	Where to apply for this fellowship program?
Ans:	Visit www.bckic.in/medha
Q.13	What are the documents required to be uploaded by the student?
Ans:	Candidates are required to upload the following documents: a) The scanned PDF copy of Marksheets stating aggregate marks/CPI (10th, 12th, and Bachelor final year/semester); an additional Master's Marksheet for PhD students. b) Scanned PDF copy of the EWS/Income Certificate issued by the competent authority under the State/UT Government certifying family annual income of Rs. 8 lakhs or less. c) Scanned PDF copy of the PwD Certificate (if Applicable) d) Scanned PDF copy of MSc/PhD Registration/Admission Certificate whichever is applicable e) Scanned PDF copy of the Bonafide Certificate from the Institute/ University stating enrollment and no other fellowship is being availed (<i>Template - Annexure A</i>). f) Passport size Photo and Signature g) The letter of Motivation (for Master's), and Project Summary (for PhD)



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Q.14	Whether students from foreign countries are eligible for the fellowship?
Ans:	No, only candidates holding Indian Citizenship can apply for this fellowship
Q. 15	Are Indian students studying abroad eligible for the fellowship?
Ans.	No, only Indian students enrolled in Universities/Institutions in India can apply for the fellowship
Q.16	What is the selection procedure?
Ans:	<p>The applications received will be screened and shortlisted for the interview as per the eligibility criteria wherein due weightage will be given to academic performance and a Letter of Motivation (for master's)/research project (for PhD).</p> <p>Only selected candidates will be called for the interview round and final fellowship award list will be declared based on the screening marks and interview performance.</p>
Q.17	What action will be taken in case of leaving the course before completion?
Ans:	The fellowship awardee is responsible for refunding the total fellowship amount in the event the fellow quits the program voluntarily or for misconduct within the duration of the program.
Q. 18	What is the eligibility criteria to receive the fellowship in the subsequent year/s?
Ans.	<p>Master's candidates who are awarded the fellowship should constantly score at least 60% or 6.5 on a ten-point scale in each semester</p> <p>PhD scholars should constantly score at least 65% or 7.0 on a ten-point scale.</p> <p>Or</p> <p>Evaluated Project Progress Report by Supervisor and PhD Research Committee (whichever is applicable).</p>



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Q.19	What would be the tentative timelines for the entire screening process?	
	Activities	Duration
	Application Opens	24 th December 2022
	Application Close Date	13 th January 2023
	Applications Screening	14 th - 21 st January 2023
	Preliminary Screening Results	24 th January 2023
	Interview Round	1 st - 3 rd February 2023
	Result Release	6 th February 2023
	Final Document and Bank Detail Verification	15 th February 2023
	Fellowship disbursement	Before 31 st March 2023
Q.20	Whom to contact in case of any additional queries or assistance needed?	
Ans:	Applicants can send an email to: info@bckic.in for any additional queries.	