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Announcement of Junior Fellowships

1. Introduction:

The Central Institute of Indian Languages (CIIL) is an apex institute dealing with the promotion of Indian Languages under the Ministry of Education, Government of India. It advises and assists the central government, state government and various government agencies on language policies and related matters. This Institute is often called upon to help fulfil a variety of evaluation requirements of the country involving a number of languages, levels of education, and a range of purposes.

Under the scheme of Fellowships and Scholarships, CIIL is encouraging language related activities by awarding **Five (05) Junior Fellowships** every year. The scheme is operated as per the revised guidelines of Ministry of Education as being implemented by the University Grants Commission (UGC), Council of Science and Industrial Research (CSIR), National Council of Educational Research and Training (NCERT) and Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR). The awardees are expected to work on the themes related to the vision statement of this institute. In other words, the recipients of the fellowships are expected to engage in research that yields valuable data or new insights in the field of Linguistics and its allied disciplines preferably related to the languages of India.

2. Objectives of the Junior Fellowship Scheme:

The general objective of this Junior Fellowships is to provide an opportunity to carry out the advanced studies and research in Linguistics and Indian Languages and its allied disciplines in Indian Universities/Colleges/Institutions as indicated below:

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- i. Universities/Institutions/Colleges included under section 2(f) and 12(b) of UGC Act, 1956.
- ii. Deemed to be Universities under section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 which are eligible to receive grant in aid from UGC.
- iii. Universities/Institutions/Colleges funded by Central/ State Govt.
- iv. Institutes of National Importance.

And, the specific objective is to engage on a whole time basis to build the knowledge base of Linguistics and language in the contemporary context. And, also research activities of the Institute, preferably among the major areas of investigation identified by the Institute and its schemes/projects.

3. Scope of the Fellowship Scheme:

The Junior Fellowships are intended to enable young scholars to pursue doctoral research in Linguistics, Indian languages and related disciplines. The awardees can pursue their work in a recognized university/research institution of their choice. The Institute encourages original thinking in conceptualization of the problem and use of innovative methodology in conduct of the research related to language education.

4. Eligibility for Junior Fellow:

- 4.1 Minimum 50% marks in Graduation and 55% in Post-Graduation or equivalent grades in Linguistics/Indian Languages disciplines. A relaxation of 5% marks will be given to the SC/ST candidates.
- 4.2 The scholar should not be more than 35 years of age on the last date of application. There shall be an age relaxation of 5 years for SC/ST/Persons with benchmark disability candidates.
- 4.3 Candidates who have already availed/availing any other fellowships are not eligible to apply. Moreover the applicant has to certify along with application that he/she has not availed/availing any other fellowship.
- 4.4 Bona fide students registered for Ph.D. degree or working toward their Ph.D. registration in a recognized University/Institute in India are eligible to apply.
- 4.5 The maximum duration of the fellowship is three (03) years.
- 4.6 The number of slots available under the Junior Fellowship Scheme is **Five (05)**.
- 4.7 The amount of finance assistance for Junior Fellows is Rs. 20,000 per month and an annual contingency grant of Rs. 20,000.

5. Other conditions:

- 5.1 The candidate should be unemployed and the fellowships will be limited to extremely deserving candidates only.
- 5.2 Candidate applying for Junior Fellowship should have completed pre-doctoral course work for appropriate duration as approved by UGC. The period of fellowship will commence from completion of the course work as per the UGC guidelines and registration of the topic of research.
- 5.3 A fellow is not entitled for same type of fellowship more than once.
- 5.4 While accepting Junior Fellowship from CIIL, the fellow should not accept any other fellowship from any other University/Institute.
- 5.5 The Junior Fellows must stay and work full time at the affiliating University/Institute. However, they may go on field work/library consultation with the approval of their supervisor and the same has to be

intimated to this Institute. For the rest of the period they must continue to work at the concerned University/Institute.

- 5.6 A progress report has to be submitted to CIIL on the last day of every month through their supervisor.
- 5.7 Each Junior Fellow will be required to present a seminar at the end of each year.
- 5.8 During the course of the fellowship, the scholars are required to publish at least two research papers (one in an indexed journal) on the topic/theme of the research undertaken.
- 5.9 The research undertaken by the fellow shall be reviewed periodically/time to time and the fellowship being granted by the institute may be discontinued, if the progress in the research is found unsatisfactory.
- 5.10 The scholar shall prominently acknowledge CIIL's support in all publications resulting from the research output of the fellowship and should submit a copy of the same to the Institute.
- 5.11 The candidate will submit along with their applications and the curriculum vitae of the research supervisor, if allotted. CIIL reserves the right to advise the candidate in research activity, if needed. If the fellow requires a co-supervisor from this Institute, the permission of the supervisor and University/Institute should be obtained and submitted.
- 5.12 The fellowship will be terminated at the end of three years from the date of joining or on the day of submission of the doctoral thesis, whichever is earlier.
- 5.13 The fellowship of the last three months and contingency of the final year will be released only after the receipt of the thesis by the Institute.
- 5.14 The Institute reserves the right to reject any application or withdraw/cancel the fellowship without assigning any reason. The final decision related to the interpretation of the guidelines or any issues not discussed above is vested with the Director, CIIL.

6. Selection Procedure:

Shortlisted candidates will be required to appear for an interview, which may also include presentation of the proposal/synopsis. Candidates will be paid up to AC III tier train fare by the shortest route for attending the interview.

7. Reservation:

There shall be reservation as per the Government of India norms.

8. Disbursement of Fellowship:

The Central Institute of Indian Languages will credit the monthly fellowship to the bank account of the Fellow by PFMS/online transfer. For this, each Fellow will be required to submit 'Certificate of Attendance and Satisfactory Work Performance' to CIIL on a quarterly basis. Release of the monthly fellowship from the second quarter onwards will be subject to receipt of the said certificate. Annual contingency grant to the extent of actual expenditure incurred per annum will be credited to the account of the fellow after the receipt and scrutiny of the bills/vouchers submitted by the fellow duly signed and countersigned by the research supervisor and the Head of the Department.

9. Monitoring of Work:

Junior Fellowship scholars will be required to submit monthly progress report duly forwarded by their research supervisors/Head of the Department and Research Advisors to CIIL. A Committee of experts will review the progress. Also, a research colloquium will be held on the completion of second year where the fellows will present the progress of their research. If the progress of the research is found unsatisfactory, CIIL reserves the right to terminate the fellowship at any point of time.

10. Leave Rules:

As for the leave permissible during the fellowship period, the rules of the affiliating University/Institute will apply.

11. Publication of the Thesis:

After the award of Ph.D. degree, the Junior Fellows will be required to submit a copy of the thesis to CIIL in print and electronic formats. CIIL may consider the publication of the thesis in an appropriate form. The Fellow should obtain prior permission for publishing his/her work elsewhere with due acknowledgements.

12. Application Procedure:

Online submission of applications is preferred. To apply, please visit the online application portal of CIIL at <https://apply.ciil.org/> latest by 07 August 2023. In exceptional circumstances, applications complete in all respects can be submitted by email to fellowships.ciil@gmail.com latest by 07 August 2023. In addition to the copies of academic qualifications and work experience, an application should be accompanied by a concept paper of about 2500-3000 words on the theme of the proposed research, containing statements about (a) rationale and objectives of the study, (b) conceptual framework, (c) proposed methodology, and (d) potential contribution of the study. The online submission portal is open till 07 August 2023.

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