



DR. BABASAHEB AMBEDKAR NATIONAL RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP,
(BANRF)

BANRF-2022 Guidelines

About BARTI:

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar Research & Training Institute (BARTI), Pune is an autonomous Institute of Govt. of Maharashtra, under 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 liberty, equality, fraternity & justice as enshrined in constitution of India by promoting research in various fields.



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. Only Scheduled Castes (SC) candidates belonging to Maharashtra, who wish to pursue regular and fulltime Ph.D. in any subject from Indian Universities / Institutions / Colleges as indicated below are liable to get fellowship.

- I. Universities / Institutions / Colleges included under section 2(f) and 12(B) of UGC Act
- II. Deemed to be Universities included under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956 and to receive grants-in-aid from UGC.
- III. Universities / Institutions / Colleges funded by Central/State

Government

IV. Institutes of National Importance

Year 2014 marked 101 years of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar's historical journey to Columbia. In commemoration of this, One Hundred and One (101) 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. However 30th BOG meeting decided to increase this number from 106 & 107 to 200 each for 2019 & 2020 respectively. BARTI is keen to support the candidates with academic excellence and methodologically sound research projects pertaining to social justice, equality, humanities, Social Sciences, Sciences, Engineering & Technology and related field.

OBJECTIVE

To provide fellowships in the form of financial assistance to the students belonging to SC category & domicile of Maharashtra State to pursue higher studies such as M.Phil./Ph.D. (full-time) in Indian Universities /Institutions / Colleges approved by UGC or Competent Authority.

ELIGIBILITY

1. Applicant should belong to **Scheduled Caste Category** & Domicile of Maharashtra State (Caste Certificate and Caste Validity by the competent authority is Compulsory).
2. Applicant applying for BANRF 2022 must be confirmed registered for Ph.D. from 1st January 2022 to 31st December 2022. (Student need to attached Ph.D. selection list published by University website, or confirmed Ph.D Registration letter issued by University authority on the letter head of the University with duly sing and seal by University Registrar).
3. In case of not registered candidate from Science and Technology stream he/she must get himself/herself registered for Ph.D at the first available opportunity but not later than within a period of two years from the receipt of award letter. This period is not extendable. However, the actual payment of fellowship will be made effect from the date of joining only.
4. Applicant who have already availed fellowship benefits from any other institute / university will not be eligible for BANRF-2022.
5. The Applicant who accept or hold any paid appointment, full time, part time or receive emoluments, salary, stipend, fellowship etc. from any other source during the tenure of the Ph.D. will be considered eligible for the fellowship only after

- furnishing Reliving letter & Resignation letter from the concerned organization.
6. A scholar who does not complete his/her research work during the period of fellowship shall not be eligible to apply again under this scheme. Similarly, a scholar who has completely or partially availed any of these fellowship for Ph.D earlier shall also not be eligible for fellowship under this scheme.
 7. The Fellowship shall be granted upto the date of submission of Ph.D. thesis or five years of tenure, whichever is earlier. No extension is permissible beyond the total period of five years of fellowship.
 8. Employees and retired persons of any University/College/Educational Institution/Central/State/UT Government shall be excluded from availing fellowship, even if they are on study leave or extra ordinary leave to pursue the Ph.D. course.
 9. There will be an inclusive provision of reservation for Persons with Disabilities (PwD) who belongs to category for the consideration as per norms of existing quota of PwD., as per “The Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016. The minimum degree of disability should be 40% in order to be eligible for any concessions/benefits.

NATURE OF ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE UNDER THE SCHEME

DURATION OF FELLOWSHIP

Name of the Course	Maximum duration	Admissibility of JRF and SRF	
		Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)	Senior Research Fellowship (SRF)
Ph.D.	5 Years	2 Years	Remaining 3 years

TENURE OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

FOR PH.D.-

Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Junior Research Fellowship (BANJRF) for 1st& 2nd year and Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar National Senior Research Fellowship (BANSRF) (subject to providing up-gradation certificate.) for remaining period

1. The tenure of fellowship for Ph.D. is 5 years which will be considered from the date of Registration to respective University. No further extension will be given after

completion of the total tenure of Ph.D. Candidates.

2. The fellow doing Ph.D will be paid fellowship amount up to 5 years or the date of thesis submission whichever is earlier.
3. In case candidate fails to complete Ph.D. within stipulated time period and gets extension from concerned University, BARTI will not disburse any financial benefits for extension period.
4. In case there is duration gap in between Registration date & Actual joining date to University/Research Centre or during the fellowship tenure due to any reason then candidate has to furnish a gap certificate from a competent authority of the University stating the reasons for the gap taken.

FOR M.Phil to PH.D.-

Candidates who previously availed BARTI's BANRF fellowship for M.Phil. Course and selected for BANRF Ph.D. fellowship the total tenure of his/her fellowship will be maximum 3 years. No extension is permissible beyond the total period of 3 years. The maximum allowed gap period for continuation from M.Phil to Ph.D under this shall be 2 Years (from the date of declaration of result of M.Phil to date of admission to Ph.D) No Fellowship paid during the gap period.

BARTI will not be liable to disburse any fellowship/HRA/Contingency/etc. amount during gap period.

- **Up-gradation from JRF to SRF** - On completion of 2 years from Registration to Ph.D. fellow has to go through Research progress evaluation, for which a three-member committee shall be constituted by the concerned department of University/Institution/College comprising of Supervisor, Head of the department & one outside Subject expert. The Awardees should give detailed presentation about his/her topic to the committee. The recommendations of the committee shall be submitted to the BARTI for up- gradation to the level of BANSRF.
 - SRF up-gradation process should be completed within 2 months after the completion of JRF period i.e. two years from date of Registration.
 - In case, the said tenure exceeds more than 2 months, SRF up-gradation will be considered from the date of meeting of Three Member Committee, hence, fellowship related monetary benefits with higher rate i.e. Rs 35,000/- per month will be disbursed from the date of meeting of Three Member Committee onwards, for the remaining tenure.
 - In case Awardees fails or delays to submit SRF up-gradation certificate & Three Members Committee Report within stipulated time period, he/she has to furnish a letter from a competent authority of the concerned University stating the reason

for the delay or non-submission.

- No further benefits will be released unless & until Awardees submits SRF up-gradation certificate & three Members Committee Report to the BARTI.

If the candidate wishes to apply for any other fellowship/paid assignment/ examination conducted by public body during the tenure of financial assistant under the above fellowship, he/she is not required NOC from BARTI. In case of selection, the candidate will have to tender resignation from BANRF fellowship -2022 and after getting the reliving order from BARTI, the candidate will be at liberty to join the fellowship/assignment. Violation of this, may invite recovery of financial assistance given by BARTI to the candidates.

DISTRIBUTION OF FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE UNDER BANRF 2022 FELLOWSHIP

Fellowship		
Ph.D.	Rs. 31,000/-Per Month	(BANJRF)
	Rs. 35,000/- Per Month (subject to providing up-gradation certificate.)	(BANSRF)
Contingency		
Contingency A	- Rs. 10,000/- Per annum BANJRF (Ph.D.)	Social Sciences & Humanities , Commerce and Management and all others
	- Rs. 20,500/- Per annum for BANSRF (Ph.D.)	
Contingency B	- Rs. 12,000/- Per annum for BANJRF (Ph.D.)	Sciences & Technology
	- Rs. 25,000/- Per annum for BANSRF . (Ph.D.)	
Escorts/ Reader assistance		
Escorts/ Reader assistance	Rs. 2,000/- Per Month In case of physically handicapped & blind candidates only.	For all disciplines
House Rent Allowance (HRA)		
HRA	As per Govt. of Maharashtra norms for universities & institute within Maharashtra State & as Per University/Institute Rules. <u>For Non-Hosteller Awardees</u> ➤ @ 8% of per month fellowship amount for class "Z" cities ➤ @ 16% of per month fellowship amount for class "Y" cities ➤ @ 24% of per month fellowship amount for class	For all disciplines

	“X” cities	
HRA	<u>For Hosteller Awardees</u> As per charges paid by Awardees to avail hostel /accommodation facility provided by University /institute.	For all disciplines

In the event of discontinuation of the course or in case of inadmissible leave rendering him/her not entitled to the fellowship, the candidate will be responsible to intimate such position and he/she will be liable to refund the amount of over-payment, if any, of fellowship paid to him/her for the period beyond the date of such discontinuation, or for the such period of inadmissible leave.

RELEASE OF LAST INSTALLMENT:

The last 6 months Installment will be released only after the submission of Research Thesis, Completion Certificate to BARTI & Research work in the UGC – INFLIBNET Repository.

1. In case candidate fails in final exam of Ph.D. in his/her first attempt, fellow will not be liable to get last 6 months fellowship amount, last year HRA & Contingency Amount. But the fellow will have to submit the research thesis whenever he/she passes the final exam of Ph.D.

TRANSFER

Transfer of the research place should be done by Institution / Colleges / Universities concerned under intimation to BARTI. Transfer of research place will be allowed only once during the entire tenure.

MEDICAL

No separate /fixed medical assistance is provided. However, the fellow may avail of the medical facilities available in the University/Institution/College.

FORMAT TO CLAIM BENEFITS UNDER BANRF-2022 FELLOWSHIP.

1. **Joining Certificate:** - Annexure –I (A)
2. Awardees shall submit Joining Report in the prescribed format along with the set of all the required documents to the BARTI office to avail benefits under BANRF-2021 fellowship.
3. **Joining Certificate:** - Annexure – I (B) In case awardees holding a job during the period from Date of registration to Date of Award, Awardees shall submit Joining Report - I (B) in the prescribed format separately along with Resignation letter/

- Relieving letter / Experience certificate etc.
4. **Half Yearly Progress Report-** Annexure -II
 5. Awardees shall submit Half Yearly Progress Report on completion of 6 months from the date of registration and at the interval of every 6 months till the completion of fellowship tenure.
 6. **House Rent Allowance (HRA) -** Annexure - III
 7. Awardees shall submit House Rent Allowance certificate on completion of 1 year from the date of registration and at the interval of every 1 year till the completion of fellowship tenure along with Non-Hosteller Certificate or Hostel Bill Receipts paid by Awardees in given Performa.
 8. **Utilization Certificate for Contingency Amount -** Annexure -IV
 9. Awardees shall submit account of Contingency certificate on completion of 1 year from the date of registration and at the interval of every 1 year till the completion of fellowship tenure.
 - 10.**Up-gradation Certificate-** Annexure V
 - 11.Awardees shall submit Up-gradation certificate on completion of 2 years from the date of registration to Ph.D. along with Three Member Committee Evaluation Report.
 - 12.**Extension Certificate -** Annexure VI
 - 13.**Attendance Certificate -** Annexure VII
 - 14.Monthly Attendance sheet certified by Supervisor/Guide, to be submitted for the period mentioned in the Half Yearly Progress Report.
 1. **Fellowship/ House Rent Allowance Utilization Certificate -** Annexure VIII
 2. **Research proposal /Synopsis –**Annexure IX
 3. **Continuation certificate -** Annexure X
 4. Awardees shall submit personal bank account details after final selection for BANRF – 2021. BARTI may verify the genuineness of records & ask additional / revised documents if required at any stage.

RESERVATIONS:

1. 4% of fellowships reserved for SC Candidates with disability.
2. 30% of fellowships reserved for SC Female candidates.

RESERVATION WISE 200 SEAT DISTRIBUTIONS:

Sr. No	Name of Quota	No. of seats
1	Handicap (4%)	8
2	Female (30%)	60
3	General (Male + Female)	132
	Total	200

SUBJECT/STREAM WISE SEAT DISTRIBUTION

Subject/ Stream	Female	General (Male+Female)	Total
Social science & Humanities	23	48	71
Science & Technology	13	28	41
Commerce and Management	10	24	34
All Others	11	25	36
Person with Disabilities			8
Ph.D. Not Registered Candidates Science and Technology	3	7	10
Total	60	132	200

SELECTION PROCEDURE - BANRF -2022

Stage -I

SCRUTINY

- Online application will be invited for BANRF-2022 fellowship.
- Applicants have to submit online application & upload all the necessary documents online, which will be scrutinized by BARTI.



Stage –II

Written Examination and Interview

Selection of candidates will be based on following criteria. Percentage wise weightage will be given each criteria.

Sr. No	Criteria	Marks	Weightage
1	Educational Qualification 10 th , 12 th , Graduation, Post-Graduation	20	20%
2	(NET/SET/M.Phil)	10	10%
3	Interview	20	20%
Total			50%

- ✓ **Candidate Absent for written examination and for interview will be debarred from further selection process. No request will be entertained.**
- ✓ The objective of the personal interview is to check subject, suitability of the candidate for fellowship & to judge the mental caliber of candidate.

Applicants will be shortlisted on the basis of above criteria and will be invited for document verification

Stage –III

Original Document verification

- For Selected candidate, Original Document verification will be conducted by BARTI.
- Candidate Absent Original Document verification will be debarred from further selection process. No request will be entertained.
- Candidates who produced all required documents will be recommended.



Stage – IV

RECOMMENDATION OF APPLICANTS FOR SELECTION UNDER BANRF-2022 FINAL SELECTION

- Final Selection of the recommended applicants will be subject to passing original document verification process.

DOCUMENTS –

1) Passport Size of Colour Photo *	2) M.Phil./Ph.D. Registration Admission Letter*
3) ID issued by Government (Aadhaar Card /voter ID/Driving License, PAN card etc.) *	
4) Domicile Certificate*	5) Graduation Mark Sheet*
6) Graduation Certificate	7) PG Mark Sheet*
8) PG Certificate*	9) Caste Validity Certificate*
10) Affidavit *	
11) Research Synopsis *	
12) Disability Certificate (If Applicable)	

Note - * Denotes mandatory document

CANCELLATION OF AWARD:

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

1. Misconduct/ Misappropriation/Misbehavior/Criminal record
2. Submitting fake documents/ Information
3. Candidate is already availing scholarship/fellowship from any other sources.
4. Candidate if found employed during the M.Phil/Ph.D. research.& not informed to BARTI
5. Candidate is later found ineligible.
6. Unsatisfactory progress of research work.
7. Not doing full time Ph.D.
8. Leaving Ph.D. in between due to any reason.
9. Any false information furnished by the applicant or any fraudulent activity by the Scholar/Fellow/Research Awardees.
10. If it is found that candidate has already availed fellowship benefits from other institute/university/RGNF, fellowship will be cancelled with immediate effect and legal action will be preceded against him/her for deceiving BARTI.

OTHER CONDITIONS:

1. The selected fellow will have to undertake full-time research work under the approved guide in a subject selected by him/her and approved by the University/selection committee.
2. Research topic chosen for Ph.D. can be modified but cannot be changed totally during the tenure of availing BANRF. In case, the fellow is willing to change the topic he/she intimate BARTI regarding this. The decision about continuation of the fellowship will be taken by Director General BARTI, which will be binding on candidates.

3. Any change in the 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 receive emoluments, salary, stipend, fellowship, business etc. from any other source during the tenure of the award subject to verification. In case of breach of above conditions, BARTI will discontinue his/her funding without any notice. The fellowship, HRA, Contingency and any other benefit paid previously, will be liable to be recovered.
4. If the fellow wishes to surrender the fellowship during the tenure or discontinues Ph.D. course in between due to any reasons, it should be brought to BARTI's notice in writing within 15 days of such discontinuation. However, fellow will have to pay back the Fellowship, HRA, Contingency amount, Escorts Reader assistance amount (if taken) and any other benefit given to fellow under BANRF to BARTI.
5. Fellowship may be withdrawn if the progress is not considered satisfactory or the candidate fails in any of the examination related to Ph.D.
6. The fellow 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.
7. The candidate will have to be present for events organized by BARTI like conferences, workshops, presentations, meeting and any other occasions or inquiry during the fellowship tenure for which, No T.A/D.A will be provided.
8. Candidate shall furnish affidavit stating that he/she will complete Ph.D. in academic tenure of concerned University. In case of extension of the above period he or she shall submit Extension certificate from competent authority to BARTI for further information.
9. Director General, BARTI reserves the right to relax income limit & age limit or any other condition in exceptional case only.
10. BARTI may add additional terms and conditions as and when required which will be binding on the fellows.
11. In case of any dispute arises regarding BANRF, the decision of Director General, BARTI will be final which will be binding on the Fellows.