

Terms & Conditions of the Vidyaposhini Student Fellowship Programme

(Under Environmental Research and Development Scheme – Directorate of Environment & Climate Change, Government of Kerala)

Name of the Student Investigator:

Name of the Teacher Investigator:

Address of the Institution:

Title of the project proposal:

File No. / Letter No. :

Proposed Date of start:

Terms and Conditions

- The Guidelines shall form part of these Terms and Conditions
- The fellowship supports postgraduate students undertaking short-term research projects in Environmental Science, Environmental Engineering, Environmental Technology, Environmental Management, Environmental Studies, and Climate Change Studies, and is applicable to students enrolled in regular postgraduate (M.Sc./M.Tech./M.A.) programmes in recognized institutions in Kerala, limited to those in the final semester (4th semester) or at the end of the 3rd semester, with applications submitted in the prescribed format with the consent of the Teacher Investigator and Head of Institution.
- The duration of the project shall be six (6) months from the date of sanction, and the date of commencement shall be intimated to DoECC within one month from receipt of the sanction order; any request for extension shall be submitted prior to the expiry of the project period and shall be considered only with valid justification and approval of DoECC.
- The maximum financial assistance shall be ₹25,000/- per project, which shall be released to the Head of the Institution in two equal instalments of ₹12,500/- each, with the first instalment released upon submission of duly signed Terms and Conditions by the Head of Institution and Teacher Investigator, and the second instalment released on successful completion of project and submission of final report and on satisfactory verification of Utilization Certificate (UC) and detailed Expenditure Statement (ES).
- The Utilization Certificate (UC) must be in **KFC Form 44**, signed and countersigned by the competent authority. A final consolidated UC and ES shall be submitted within one month of completion of the project.
- The project shall be carried out under the supervision of the approved Teacher Investigator, and the Institution shall not transfer or entrust the implementation of the project to another institution or divert the grant for any purpose other than that for

which it is sanctioned; any change in the Teacher Investigator shall require prior approval of DoECC, and change of Student Investigator shall not be permitted.

- Upon completion of the project, a soft copy of the final project report, duly certified by the Teacher Investigator and Head of Institution, shall be submitted to DoECC along with the UC and detailed ES, and delay in submission of the required documents may result in withholding or non-release of pending instalments.
- DoECC reserves the right to review and monitor the project at any stage and may constitute a Technical Committee or Expert Panel for evaluation; the accounts shall be subject to audit by the Accountant General or any other authority authorized by the Government/DoECC, and in case of misutilization of funds, non-compliance with guidelines, or unsatisfactory progress, DoECC may withhold, cancel, or recover the grant.
- Fellows and Teacher Investigators are encouraged to publish their findings in reputed journals or present them in scientific forums, and all publications, presentations, or patents arising from the project shall duly acknowledge the Directorate of Environment and Climate Change (DoECC), the project shall not be submitted for financial assistance from any other Government agency or funding body.
- All official communications with DoECC shall be made only through the registered institutional email ID, and DoECC may issue additional operational or procedural instructions from time to time, which the Institution and Investigators shall comply with; the Student Investigator, Teacher Investigator, and Head of Institution shall agree to abide by all the above Terms and Conditions.

We agree to the terms and conditions stated above.

Name & Signature of
Student Investigator

Name & Signature of
Teacher Investigator

Name & Signature of
Head of Institution

(Designation & Office Seal)