

UGC is implementing various women-oriented scholarship/fellowship schemes to encourage higher studies among women by providing financial assistance. The brief of the schemes is as under:

1. Post-Doctoral Fellowship for Women

The objective of the scheme was to provide an opportunity to unemployed women candidates holding PhD degree and intending to pursue post-doctoral research in Science, Engineering & Technology, Humanities and Social Sciences. The total number of slots available under the scheme were 100 per year.

The last selection was made under the scheme in the year 2017-18. At present, previous cases are being settled. An expenditure of Rs.0.44 crores was incurred during the year 2023-2024.

Number of beneficiaries: 14 {General: 9, SC: 4, ST: 1 }

2. Swami Vivekananda Single Girl Child Fellowship for Research in Social Sciences

The scheme, launched in 2014-15, applied to single girl children enrolled in regular, full-time PhD programs in Social Sciences at recognized Universities/Institutes. The scheme aimed to promote single girl children in society, improve the sex ratio in favour of women, and encourage the small family norm. Currently, there is no limit on the number of fellowships awarded each year. Consequently, all eligible applicants were able to receive fellowships to support their research leading to the award of a PhD.

The scheme was re-launched in 2022 as the "Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child," with only previous cases being processed. During the reporting period, a total of Rs. 1.88 crores has been disbursed to 117 beneficiaries.

3. Savitribai Jyotirao Phule Fellowship for Single Girl Child (SJSGC)

Under SJSGC, the fellowship is available for pursuing research work leading to award of PhD degree. The objectives of the scheme are as under:

- a. To support higher education of single girl child in Social Sciences.
- b. To recognize the value of observance of small family norm.
- c. To recognize the norm of single girl child in society.
- d. To propagate the concept of single girl child norm.
- e. To promote single girls in the society.

Any single girl child of her parents pursuing Ph.D. in any stream/subject in recognised Universities/Colleges/ Institutes is eligible to apply under the scheme. The number of fellowship slots will be decided annually based on eligible applications received through online mode. The duration of the fellowship is 5 years or until the submission date of the Ph.D. thesis, whichever comes earlier.

Financial Assistance:

Fellowship	@ Rs.37,000/-p.m. for initial two years @ Rs.42,000/-p.m. for remaining tenure	JRF (for 2 yrs.) SRF (for 3 yrs.)
Contingency A	@ Rs.10,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs.20,500/- p.a. for remaining tenure	Humanities & Social Sciences
Contingency B	@ Rs.12,000/- p.a. for initial two years @ Rs.25,000/- p.a. for remaining tenure	Sciences
HRA	As per rule of the Govt. Of India	
Escorts/Reader Assistance:	Rs.3000/-p.m.(fixed) in cases of PWD (Person with disability)	

The scheme was launched in September 2022, and online applications were invited. In the year 2022-23, a total of 1129 candidates were selected. During the financial year 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 86.92 crores was disbursed to 1014 beneficiaries.

4. Indira Gandhi Post-Graduate Scholarships for Single Girl Child

The objectives of the scheme are to support the postgraduate education of single girl children, aiming to promote their presence in society, increase the sex ratio in favour of women, and encourage the small family norm.

The scheme was initiated in the academic session 2006-07. Only single girl children of their parents who have enrolled in a regular, full-time first-year Master's degree course (Non-professional course) at any recognized university or postgraduate college are eligible for the

scholarship. Girl students up to the age of 30 years at the time of admission to PG courses are eligible. Since this is an incentive scheme, there is no limit on the number of scholarships awarded each year, ensuring that all eligible applicant girl children receive the scholarship.

Pattern of Financial Assistance:

Particulars	Rate of Scholarship
Scholarship	@ Rs. 36,200/- per annum

The scheme has been available on the National Scholarship Portal since 2017. It has been integrated with the newly launched National Scholarship for Post Graduate Studies, and only the previous cases are being processed. During the financial year 2023-24, an amount of Rs. 25.90 crores has been disbursed to 7155 beneficiaries.