



Sher-e-Kashmir
University of Agricultural Sciences & Technology of Kashmir
Main Campus Shalimar Srinagar

Sub: **Guidelines for Implementation of the Dr.Manmohan Singh Fellowship at SKUAST-Kashmir.**

University Notification No. 42 (Acad.) of 2026
Dated: 01.06.2026

- Whereas, the University received a proposal from the Dr. Manmohan Singh Trust through an email communication dated 05.03.2026 addressed to the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, SKUAST-Kashmir, expressing the willingness of the Trust to institute 02 fellowships for meritorious students pursuing postgraduate studies at the University; and,
- Whereas, subsequent deliberations and exchange of proposals/draft guidelines were held between the University and the Trust through electronic correspondence; and,
- Whereas, the draft framework and operational guidelines formulated for implementation of the fellowship programme have received the approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor and concurrence of the Dr. Manmohan Singh Trust vide email communication dated 27.05.2026; and,
- Whereas, the University considers it expedient to operationalise the fellowship scheme in the larger interest of promoting academic excellence, inclusion, and access to higher education among deserving students belonging to socially and economically disadvantaged sections;

Now, therefore, pending formal ratification/approval by the Academic Council and completion of other statutory processes, the guidelines, forming Annexure-A herewith, are notified, to govern the administrative and operational modalities of the **Dr.Manmohan Singh Fellowship** at SKUAST-Kashmir.

These guidelines shall remain subject to such modifications, amendments, or adjustments as may be subsequently approved by the competent statutory authorities of the University/Dr.Manmohan Singh Trust.

Furthermore:

Since the fellowship is being operationalized w.e.from Autumn Semester-2026, the last date of submission of application forms for admission to various postgraduate degree programmes for Autumn Semmster-2026, has already been & in anticipation of notification of *ibid* guidelines, extended vide No.Au/Acad/UET-PG(Autumn)/2026/P-17/4539-89 dated 26.05.2026 upto 14th June, 2026.

By Order,

Sd/-
(Prof. Azmat Alam Khan)
Registrar


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Dated: 01.06.2026

Copy to the:

- Director Education, SKUAST-Kashmir, Shalimar.
- Dean, Faculty of Horticulture/Agriculture, Shalimar/Wadura.
- Comptroller, SKUAST-Kashmir, Shalimar.
- Prof. Upinder Singh, Chairperson, Dr.Manmohan Singh Trust (upinders@gmail.com)
- Professor In-charge ARIS, for placing on university website.
- Head, Division of Fruit Science/IBPR, Shalimar.
- Deputy/Assistant Registrar, FoA, Wadura/FoH, Shalimar.
- Secretary to Vice-Chancellor for kind information of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.
- Master file.


(Umer Iqbal Assad)
01.06.2026
Deputy Registrar (Acad.)

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Annexure-A to University Notification No.42 (Acad.) of 2026 dated 01.06.2026

Guidelines for Selection of Candidates under
DR. MANMOHAN SINGH FELLOWSHIP
in
M.Sc (Agri) Economics/Economics
M.Sc (Hort) Fruit Science
at SKUAST-Kashmir

1. Short Title and Objective:

These guidelines shall govern the selection, admission, administration, and disbursement of fellowship under the Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellowship instituted at SKUAST-Kashmir for postgraduate studies in the discipline of Agricultural Economics/Economics, & (Horticulture) Fruit Science.

The fellowship is intended to support academically meritorious students belonging to socially and economically disadvantaged sections for pursuing postgraduate studies at SKUAST-Kashmir and to promote inclusive access to quality higher education in strategically important academic disciplines.

2. Number of Fellowships:

A total of two (02) fellowship seats shall be available annually in the following programmes:

S.No	Programme	No. of Fellowship Seats
1.	M.Sc. (Agri.) Agricultural Economics / M.Sc. Economics	01
2.	M.Sc. (Hort) Fruit Science	01

3. Applicability:

The fellowship shall apply to candidates seeking admission to:

- M.Sc. (Agri.) Economics/Economics; and/or
 - M.Sc. (Hort.) Fruit Science
- as may be notified by the University from time to time.

4. Nature of Fellowship Seats:

The fellowship seats shall be operated over and above the intake capacity notified by the University for the respective academic session.

Candidates seeking consideration under the fellowship shall necessarily apply for admission to the concerned Master's programme(s) through the regular admission process and within the timelines notified by the University for the relevant academic session.

The fellowship seats shall ordinarily be filled prior to counseling/allotment against regular seats.

Selection under the fellowship shall simultaneously determine:

- Admission under the fellowship category; and
- Award of fellowship.

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5. Eligibility Conditions:

A candidate shall be eligible for consideration under the fellowship only if he/she fulfils the following conditions:

5.1 Domicile Requirements:

The candidate must be a domicile of the Union Territory of Jammu & Kashmir.

5.2 Academic Requirement:

The candidate must have secured not less than 70% marks or equivalent CGPA at the graduation level.

The candidate must also fulfill all other eligibility conditions prescribed by the University for admission to the concerned programme for the relevant academic session.

5.3 Social and Economic Eligibility:

The candidate must belong to any of the following categories:

- Economically Weaker Section (EWS)
- Scheduled Caste (SC)
- Scheduled Tribe (ST)
- Other Backward Class (OBC)
- Resident of Backward Area (RBA)
- Persons with Disabilities (PwD) --- 40% benchmark disability.

The candidate shall furnish valid certificate(s) issued by the competent authority in support of the claimed category/status.

5.4 Age:

The upper age limit for consideration under the fellowship shall be 28 years as on 31st December of the year in which applications are invited.

5.5 Other Conditions:

The candidate must fulfill all other eligibility requirements prescribed by the University for admission to the programme.

6. Evaluation Criteria:

Eligible candidates shortlisted for Interview/Interaction shall be evaluated on the following parameters:

S.No	Component	Weightage
1.	Academic Merit	30 Points
2.	Financial Assessment	30 Points
3.	Diversity Component	10 Points
4.	Statement of Purpose (SoP)	10 Points
5.	Interview/Interaction	20 Points
	Total	100 Points

6.1 Academic Merit:

The Academic Merit component shall carry 30 points.

For programmes where admission is conducted through the University Entrance Test (UET), the merit secured by the candidate in the UET shall be considered for award of Academic Merit points on pro-rata basis out of the prescribed 30 points.

Provided that, where the University does not conduct the UET for the concerned programme in a particular academic session, the Academic

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Merit score shall be determined on pro-rata basis on the percentage marks/equivalent CGPA secured by the candidate at the graduation level. In case the University conducts the UET for one programme and not for the other, the aforesaid criteria shall apply separately to the respective programme(s).

Wherever required, the methodology for conversion and normalization of grades/CGPA shall be determined by the University and the decision of the University in this regard shall be final.

6.2 Financial Assessment:

The Financial Assessment component shall carry 30 points and shall be determined on the basis of annual family income reflected in the valid income certificate issued by the competent authority, ordinarily the concerned Tehsildar.

Marks under the Financial Assessment component shall be awarded as per the following matrix:

S.No	Annual Family Income (Rs in Lakhs)	Points
1.	4.00 Lakhs or below	30
2.	Above 4.00 Lakhs and upto 6.00 Lakhs	28
3.	Above 6.00 Lakhs and upto 8.00 Lakhs	26
4.	Above 8.00 Lakhs and upto 10.00 Lakhs	23
5.	Above 10.00 Lakhs and upto 12.00 Lakhs	20
6.	Above 12.00 Lakhs and upto 14.00 Lakhs	17
7.	Above 14.00 Lakhs and upto 16.00 Lakhs	14
8.	Above 16.00 Lakhs and upto 18.00 Lakhs	11
9.	Above 18.00 Lakhs and upto 20.00 Lakhs	08
10.	Above 20.00 Lakhs and upto 22.00 Lakhs	05
11.	Above 22.00 Lakhs	00

The income certificate submitted by the candidate shall pertain to the financial year immediately preceding the year of admission, unless otherwise notified by the University.

The decision of the University regarding interpretation and acceptance of income documents shall be final and binding.

6.3 Diversity Component:

The Diversity component shall carry a maximum of 10 points.

Candidates belonging to any of the following categories shall be awarded 05 points each:

- SC/ST/OBC/RBA ---- (*cumulative 05 points*)
- Person with Disabilities (PwD)
- Female
- Transgender

Provided that the total marks under the Diversity component shall not exceed 10 points in any case.

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6.4 Statement of Purpose (SoP):

The Statement of Purpose component shall carry 10 points.
Each candidate shall submit a Statement of Purpose outlining:

- academic background and areas of interest;
- motivation for pursuing the concerned postgraduate programme;
- understanding of contemporary issues relevant to the discipline;
- future academic/professional aspirations; and
- reasons for seeking support under the fellowship.

The Statement of Purpose shall be evaluated by the Selection Committee on the basis of clarity of thought, academic orientation, originality, motivation, coherence, and relevance to the objectives of the fellowship.

6.5 Interview/Interaction:

The interview shall be conducted before the designated Selection Committee and shall broadly assess:

- academic orientation;
- aptitude for the concerned discipline;
- motivation for postgraduate studies;
- analytical aptitude and communication skills; and
- overall suitability for award of fellowship.

The Interview/Interaction component shall carry 20 points.

7 Selection Committee:

Selection of candidates under the fellowship shall be carried out by a Committee comprising the following:

S.No	Designation	Affiliation
1.	Director Education	Chairman
2.	Registrar	Member
3.	Dean of the concerned Faculty	Member
4.	Head of the concerned Division	Member
5.	Deputy Registrar (Academics)	Secretary

The Selection Committee shall regulate its proceedings in conformity with these guidelines and the applicable statutes/regulations of the University.

8 Preparation of Merit List:

The final selection shall be made strictly on the basis of combined merit secured by the candidates under the prescribed evaluation criteria.

In case of tie in merit, preference shall ordinarily be accorded to the candidate securing higher academic score at graduation level.

The recommendations of the Selection Committee shall be placed before the competent authority for approval.

9 Financial Estimate:

Based on the prevailing fee structure and associated academic and residential costs at SKUAST-Kashmir, the estimated expenditure is as follows:

Total estimated expenditure per student for the full programme duration:
Rs.3,02,200/- (approx.)

Total estimated expenditure for two fellows: Rs.6,04,400/- (approx.)


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The above estimate includes tuition fees, hostel and mess charges, and other essential academic expenses.

A detailed component-wise financial break-up shall form Annexure-1 to these guidelines.

The fellowship shall, however, be restricted to Rs.3.00 lakh each.

10 Fellowship Support:

The fellowship shall cover admissible academic and residential expenses including:

- tuition and University fees;
- hostel accommodation and mess charges;
- books and study material;
- research/thesis-related expenditure; and
- contingency support,

This shall be subject to University norms and availability of funds under the fellowship.

11 Nodal Officer and Disbursement Mechanism:

The Director Education, SKUAST-Kashmir shall function as the Nodal Officer for coordination and administration of the fellowship on behalf of the University.

The University shall communicate the recommendations of the Selection Committee and the final list of selected fellows to the Dr. Manmohan Singh Trust, along with all relevant documents, acceptance/consent of selected candidates, and such other records as may be required by the Trust.

The fellowship amount shall ordinarily be disbursed by the Trust directly into the bank account of the Fellow through online mode/electronic transfer in installments, as mutually agreed between the University and the Trust.

The first installment shall ordinarily be released after:

- completion of admission formalities;
- registration in the programme;
- submission of acceptance by the selected fellow; and
- Confirmation/recommendation by the University.

Subsequent installments shall ordinarily be released at the commencement of the succeeding semester(s), subject to:

- successful completion of the preceding semester;
- continuation in the programme;
- satisfactory academic performance and conduct; and
- recommendation of continuation by the University.

The concerned Fellow shall furnish all documents, bank details, utilization-related information, acknowledgements, and progress reports as may be required by the University and/or the Trust from time to time.

In the event of withdrawal, discontinuation, ineligibility, misconduct, suppression of material information or failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress, the fellowship may be withheld, discontinued, or withdrawn upon recommendation of the University and decision of the Trust.

Where a selected candidate declines the fellowship or fails to complete admission formalities within the stipulated timeframe, the fellowship may be offered to the

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next eligible candidate in order of merit, subject to approval of the competent authority.

The University shall maintain all relevant records pertaining to selection, continuation, monitoring, and correspondence relating to the fellowship in accordance with applicable rules and audit requirements.

12 Monitoring and Reporting:

The fellows shall submit semester-wise academic progress reports through the concerned Head of Division/Faculty to the Nodal officer.

The University shall furnish an annual report to the Trust indicating:

- academic progress of fellows;
 - continuation/status of fellowship; and
 - utilization of funds.
- Utilization Certificates and financial statements relating to the fellowship shall be maintained and submitted in accordance with standard financial and audit procedures of the University.

SKUAST - Kashmir will communicate the decision of the Fellowship Committee to the Trust in the format shown in **Annexure-2** & also enclose a letter of acceptance from each Fellow in the format shown in **Annexure- 3**.

13 Withdrawal of Fellowship:

The fellowship may be withdrawn at any stage if:

- the candidate is found to have furnished false information or suppressed material facts;
- the candidate ceases to satisfy the eligibility conditions;
- academic performance or conduct is found unsatisfactory;
- the candidate discontinues studies; or
- the candidate violates University statutes, rules, regulations, or disciplinary norms.

The decision of the University in this regard shall be final and binding.

14 Residual Powers:

Any matter not specifically covered under these guidelines shall be decided by the University, and the decision of the competent authority shall be final and binding.

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Fellowship Amount (INR)

Head	1st Sem	2nd Sem	3rd Sem	4th Sem
(A) Academic	5000	0	0	0
Admission Fee	3500	0	0	0
University Registration Fee	3000	0	0	0
Library Security (refundable)	150	0	0	0
Identity Card	150	0	0	0
Library Card	3000	3000	3000	3000
Semester Registration Fee	6000	6000	6000	6000
Tuition Fee	3000	3000	3000	3000
Examination Fee	200	200	200	200
Student Magazine Fee	500	500	500	500
Student Welfare fund	500	500	500	500
Extra-Curricular/Sports/NSS	700	700	700	700
Medical Fee	1000	1000	1000	1000
Computer/Internet Fee	5000	0	5000	0
Uniform	0	0	10000	20000
Research Expenses (Books, Stationary, Survey, Thesis etc.)	3000	3000	3000	3000
Misc./Contingency	0	0	0	4000
Thesis Evaluation/Viva Voce	34700	17900	32900	41900
Total	1,27,400			
Academics Expenditure				
(B) Hostel	3000	0	0	0
Hostel Security (Refundable)	5000	0	0	0
Mess Security (Refundable)	32400	32400	32400	32400
Mess Charges (Diet Rate @ 180 per day)	6000	6000	6000	6000
Hostel Charges Shared (Electricity +Room Rent)	1000	1000	1000	1000
Hostel Maintenance	300	300	300	300
water Charges	1000	1000	1000	1000
Mess Service Charges	500	500	500	500
Common Room Fund	500	500	500	500
Utensils, Crockery and Breakage Fund	49700	41700	41700	41700
Total	1,74,800			
Hostel Fees (B)	84400	59600	74600	83600
Total (A+B)	3,02,200			
Grand Total				

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Annexure 2

Selection of Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellows

In the month of August, SKUAST - Kashmir will inform the Trust of the Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellows selected for the academic year in the following format:

Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellows for 20__

S. no	Item	Particulars (i)	Particulars (ii)
1	Name		
2	Registration no.		
3	M.Sc. program		
4.	Points awarded		
	- Academic merit		
	- Financial need		
	- Diversity		
	- Interview		
	Total score		
5.	Mobile no.		
6.	Email address		

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Annexure 3

Acceptance of Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellowship

In addition to informing the Trust of the Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellows selected for the academic year, SKUAST - Kashmir will enclose a letter of acceptance from each Fellow in the following format:

Prof. Upinder Singh
Chairperson
Dr. Manmohan Singh Trust
D-2A/3 Vasant Vihar
New Delhi 110057

[Date]

Subject: Acceptance of the *Dr. Manmohan Singh Fellowship* for 20__

Dear Prof. Upinder Singh,

I accept the offer of the *Dr Manmohan Singh Fellowship* for 20__, and agree to its terms and conditions.

My personal details are given below:

S. no	Item	Particulars
1	Name	
2	Name of Mother/ Father	
3.	Date of birth	
4.	Mobile no.	

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5.	Email address	
6.	Permanent address	
7.	Temporary address (if different from above)	
8.	Aadhaar no.	
9.	PAN no.	
10.	Bank details:	
	- Bank name	
	- Bank branch	
	- IFSC code	
	- Account no.	

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

[Address]

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