

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. What is CCRAS-PG STAR?

CCRAS has initiated “Scheme for Training in Ayurveda Research for PG Scholars” (CCRAS-PG STAR) for Ayurveda Post Graduate Scholars pursuing their MD/MS(Ayu) courses.

2. What is the objective of CCRAS-PG STAR?

CCRAS-PG STAR aims at promoting good quality research in Ayurveda students pursuing post-graduation courses as well as to improve visibility and accessibility of their research work to larger research audience.

3. What are the priority research areas for grant of CCRAS- PG STAR Scholarship?

The priority areas are Clinical research, Pharmacological research, Pharmaceutical research / Drug Standardization / Techno innovation, Literary Research and Fundamental Research.

4. What is the amount of fund after grant of CCRAS-PG STAR Scholarship?

It is up to Rs 1,00,000/- per scholar

5. How many Scholarships will be granted per year?

Per year 100 Scholarships to the eligible applicants will be granted.

6. What is eligibility criteria for applying for CCRAS-PG STAR?

Ayurveda medical graduates who are admitted to the Post-graduation course i.e. MD/MS (from any NCISM/GoI recognized College/Institute) and who wish to avail CCRAS’s financial assistance for pursuing their research project. PG-STAR is open to Indian nationals only. The applicant should be an Indian citizen.

7. What will be the timeline for applying and declaration of result.

Eligible Candidates are required to register on CCRAS PG-STAR Portal in the month of June and then submit the application form and proposal online till 30th June every year which will be evaluated by the Council. Results will be announced on 25th July of the registration year and list of selected students will be displayed on the Portal.

8. Where can I register for CCRAS-PG STAR?

The dedicated web portal, i.e. <http://pgstar.hopto.org:443/> may be visited for registration and detailed information regarding CCRAS PGSTAR program. The portal may be used to register as a guide or as a student.

9. How to add guide at the time of proposal submission through CCRAS-PG STAR portal?

The respective guide must be registered as guide on the portal. At the time of proposal submission, the candidate shall be prompted to choose guide from the list available as drop-down.

10. My college name is not shown in the portal. What should I do?

As the CCRAS PG STAR program is extended only to the NCISM recognized PG Ayurveda colleges, please confirm whether your college is recognized by NCISM. However, ITRA, Jamnagar is an Institute of National Importance under the Act of Parliament and it is also included in the list.

11. Can I have a co-guide out of the institution for project proposal?

Currently there is no provision for adopting co-guide.

12. Where may I get my CCRAS PG-STAR ID?

The CCRAS PG-STAR ID is generated after successful registration.

13. How to submit application form on the CCRAS PG-STAR Portal?

Kindly read the step-by-step submission guideline on the portal.

14. What is the file format for uploading document on the CCRAS PG-STAR Portal?

Only PDF files can be uploaded on CCRAS PG-STAR Portal.

15. What is Application Attestation Form (AAF)?

Application Attestation Form is mandatory document to be uploaded with the application. The form can be downloaded from CCRAS PG-STAR Portal. This form is required to be filled in offline and passport size photograph should be pasted by the student. Further, the

form is to be duly certified by the Guide and attested by Head of the Department and the Head of the institution/Principal/Dean of Ayurvedic Medical College. Once attestation form is signed by all the students must scan it and save it as a PDF file. Application will not be accepted unless accompanied with AAF.

16. Where should I get the Application Attestation Form (AAF)?

AAF can be downloaded from the Essential downloads on the portal.

17. Do I have to send hard copy of the application form to CCRAS?

This is a fully online application for the programme. Hard copies shall neither be accepted nor entertained.

18. When will the result be announced and where can I see the result?

Results will be announced in the month of December (or according to admission process of that admission year by NCISM) of the registration year and list of selected scholars will be displayed on the Portal.

19. What has to be done after result declaration?

Research plan / approved synopsis of MD/MS(Ayu) being recommended and nominated by head of the respective college/institute, after scrutinizing through internal screening mechanism should be submitted online as per the prescribed format.

20. Head of the Institute can recommend how many Research plan/approved synopsis?

The head of the institute may recommend and nominate maximum 10 percent or rounded up to near higher decimal of the total sanctioned PG strength of the institute of that admission batch for consideration.

21. What is the criteria for internal screening by head of institute?

In addition to the internal screening mechanism of the college/institute, Annexure VI may also be considered for this purpose while considering 10% of the total PG seats for recommendations.

22. Can I request CCRAS for reconsideration of the application after declaration of result?

The decision of the Council regarding selection of students will be final. Requests for reconsideration will not be entertained and reasons for rejection of applications for award of

scholarship will not be provided. The Council reserves the right to reject any application/nomination.

23. What is Joining procedure and when will I get Scholarship amount?

The selected candidates will be issued the award letter. Based on the budgetary provision of the synopsis, the Council would provide a total financial support up to Rs.1,00,000/-, in two instalments, to the selected candidates through host institute on the condition that the candidate would provide required documents to the Council at the end of course work. The financial assistance, maximum up to Rs.1,00,000/- would be provided in two instalments. The 1st instalments of 70% of the total sanctioned amount will be released to the selected candidates after receiving a copy of the undertaking. After the completion of the project, the 2nd & final instalment of remaining 30% will be released on receipt and acceptance of final report. See details at point nos. 5 & 6 of the Scheme.

24. What all documents are required to be provided for receiving financial support at the beginning of Research work?

- a. A copy of the duly approved synopsis forwarded through the Head of the institute.
- b. Recommendation letter from head of the institute for nomination of candidate
- c. Brief CV of the scholar and the Mentor/Guide
- d. Certificate of approving authority as IEC/ or any other ethics committee
- e. Account details of the institute for transfer of money (Annexure- VIII)
- f. Year wise financial status of organization g. Duly signed undertaking form (Annexure-I)

25. What all documents are required to be provided for receiving financial support at the end of course work?

- a. An electronic copy of the thesis submitted to Institute /University.
- b. A short summary containing outline, the objectives, methodology, findings and conclusion of the research work.
- c. A soft copy of the research publications done out of thesis/dissertation.
- d. An undertaking to the effect that the funds received from the Council will be used strictly for the purpose for which it has been released. (Annexure VII)
- e. The Statement of Expenditure (Annexure-II) and Utilization Certificate (Annexure

III) as per GFR 2017 duly approved by the Guide and the Head of the Department/ University/Institution for the entire scholarship released for Scholar.

26. When will the Scholarship amount be released?

The Scholarship will be released after submission of the Undertaking as well as the Mandate form (form available at Portal of PG-STAR) within six weeks for receiving e-payment along with a photocopy of cancelled cheque for purpose of verification of the concerned bank account where money is to remitted.

27. What will be the appropriate mode of utilization of the Scholarship fund?

The amount will be used by the candidate for pursuance of research only and may use the funds for purchase of reagents, drug procurement, manuscript procurement/ technical editing charge in case of literary research, laboratory investigations, quality control and standardisation, or any other preclinical studies viz. in silico, in vitro and in vivo research activity, etc. The candidate shall submit the information to the Council regarding the manner in which the funds were utilized duly signed by the Supervisor and Head of the Institute/College as per format of statement of expenditure (SoE).

28. Is there any format for submission of Interim and Final Progress Report?

The interim progress report and Final report must be sent in the prescribed format (Annexure- IV and Annexure- V).

29. Can I apply funding from other agencies/sources for the research project for which CCRAS PG-STAR Scholarship has been granted?

No, selected candidates can not apply for funding from other agencies/sources for the research project for which CCRAS PG-STAR Scholarship has been granted. A declaration from the applicant will be taken stating that the research project has not been funded by other agencies or applied for funding from other sources.

30. Is the Scholarship Fund included in the total institutional financial support?

The Scholarship Fund is above the institutional financial support if any. (Annexure- VII)

31. Do I have to acknowledge CCRAS for the research project completed under CCRAS-PG STAR?

The selected candidate will acknowledge the financial assistance provided by CCRAS for any publication emerging out of the research work and during seminar presentation at National/International seminar.

32. Do I have to publish research paper on the research project under CCRAS-PG STAR?

During the course of the scholarship, the selected candidates are required to publish at least one research papers in peer reviewed journals, preferably in UGC care listed journals.

33. Can I opt for the mentorship from CCRAS including help of laboratory and CCRAS clinical units if required?

If the candidate is interested to opt for the mentorship from CCRAS including help of laboratory and CCRAS clinical units, it may be provided and they may be the part of publication emerging out of the research work.

34. When can my Awarded Scholarship be cancelled?

The candidate should submit all the required documents within one months of submission of thesis to the institution/organization failing which, the award will be treated cancelled and all financial assistance provided will be reimbursed to the DG, CCRAS.

35. Can Guide be changed?

Yes, Guide may be changed if required. Change of guide, in any case, must be intimated by email to CCRAS at: pgstar.ayu@ccras.nic.in within 10 days with the acceptance of new guide under approval of Head of Intuition/Principal and University.

36. What has to be done if a scholar leaves Scholarship?

If a MD/MS Scholar leaves the scholarship within one year, he/she has to submit a detailed progress report of the work done with publications, if any, duly forwarded by his/her Guide ensuring the final settlement of account up to the period of scholarship. However, if a scholar leaves the scholarship after one year, he/she must submit a detailed progress report along with an undertaking to complete the study and submit the final report on completion of the duration of scholarship along with one published research paper, duly forwarded by the Guide and the Head of the Institute.

37. What will happen in case of postal loss/delays in communication?

CCRAS will not be responsible for any postal loss/delays in communications.

38. Where to contact for any query?

Write to the Address: PG STAR, CCRAS, 61-65, Institutional Area, opp. 'D' Block, Janakpuri, New Delhi – 110058

For Email: pgstar.ayu@ccras.nic.in

Telephone: 91-011-28525862/28525897/28525852