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Call for applications by Dr. M R Gorbal Foundation for Physics 4th year PhD Scholarships

Dr. M R Gorbal Foundation PhD Scholarship was instituted to support the best and brightest research scholars, as they progress through their PhD program. This scholarship is awarded to applicants showing potential for the most impactful research in the area of Physics.

The foundation is offering scholarships to 4th year PhD students in the Department of Physics, Karnataka University, Dharwad who do not hold any other scholarships or funding for the 2025 academic year. The scholarship is awarded for one academic year or until submission of the thesis, whichever occurs earlier.

I. GENERAL GUIDELINES

Submission of application

Applications shall be submitted via a scanned copy which must be sent via email to gorbaltrust+phdscholarship@gmail.com and physicskud@gmail.com with the subject as "Full Name - 4th year PhD scholarship 2025 application"

Applications must be duly signed by the candidate, their guide and department chair.

The last date for submission of completed application along with required documents is **26th December 2025**.

Please read the below eligibility criteria, instructions and terms and conditions carefully before submitting the application.

Eligibility criteria

1. Applicants must have confirmed Ph.D. registration for Full Time under Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program in the Department of Physics, Karnataka University on or after 1st August 2022.



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2. Applicants must have successfully completed the Ph.D. course work for 3 preceding years.
3. Applicants should possess a master's degree or equivalent from a recognized university with at least 60% marks
4. Applications who have successfully completed at least one of the competitive exams such as as NET/SLET/GATE/GPAT with good scores are preferred.
5. Candidates should be a citizen of India.
6. There shall be **no bar on the field of research** within the Physics Department and is irrespective of the topic chosen by the student and/or sub branch within Physics
7. The selection principle of the deserving student shall be **purely based on merit**. There shall not be any consideration for the caste, creed, gender, economic/social status of the student.
8. Applicants should not have availed any other state or central government, university or other private agencies/institutions/trust scholarships/fellowships for the 4th year.
9. Applications must give an undertaking to **not apply for or avail any other scholarships** in the future for the duration of this scholarship.
10. If any other scholarships is availed by the applicant in future, the trust reserves the right to withdraw the scholarship provided to the student and seek the refund of the amount already paid.

Scholarship amount and duration

1. The scholarship provides a stipend of Rs. 10,000/- for every month of the year..
2. The scholarship will be for a period of only 1 year or till the submission of the thesis, whichever occurs earlier, from the date of one year scholarship award letter by the foundation.

Notification of result

1. The scholarship shall be awarded to one deserving student among the applicants.
2. Applicants will be notified of the outcome at the latest by 6th January 2026.

Selection procedure

The information provided on the application together with the information contained in the supporting documents will be used to assess and scrutinize the application.

Shortlisted candidates should expect to be invited to attend an interview which will take place in person at the Department of Physics,Karnatak University, Dharwad any date between 29th Dec 2025 to 5th January 2026, with prior intimation of the day.



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Instructions and required documents for submitting applications

Each candidate shall submit only one application.

The order of items to be written in the application is as given below:

A. Personal Details

1. Full name of applicant
2. Address for communication
3. Permanent address
4. Contact number
5. Email address
6. Date of birth

B. Education Qualifications

1. Bachelor's Degree: Name, university, year of passing
2. Bachelor's Degree: Subjects studied
3. Bachelor's Degree: % of marks or GPA (whichever is applicable)
4. Master's Degree: Name, university, year of passing
5. Master's Degree: Subjects studied
6. Master's Degree: % of marks or GPA (whichever is applicable)
7. Entrance Exams Cleared

C. Details of Ph.D. Registration - IMPORATANT

1. PhD registration number
2. Date of Registration
3. Type of registration - Part time / Full time
4. **Recommendation letter from research guide with summary of student performance and progress report for the past 3 years of his/her research.**
5. **Certificate from Department Chair certifying that the student does not have any funding for the 4th year of PhD**
6. **Last 3 year scholarship history along with a copy of the award letter of previous scholarship/fellowship.**



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D. Details of the Research Proposal

1. Title of the Research Proposal
2. Broad Subject Area
3. Specialization Area
4. Objectives of the Study: Mention the goals and scope of research in bullets
5. Abstract of the Proposal: Write the abstract of the proposed work in 500 words or lesser
6. Expected Outcome: Write the expected outcome of the proposed work in 500 words or lesser
7. Detailed Proposal: A short writeup of the details of the proposal consisting of Introduction, Study Design (data collection and analysis methods), Timeline of study (with milestones) in 2000 words or lesser

E. Signed declaration by the Candidate

Please write and sign the below declaration:

I hereby declare that:

1. The details furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge.
2. The research proposal and its contents are entirely original and my own
3. I have not obtained any other scholarship/fellowship from any other organization for the 4th year of research study and shall not apply or obtain any other scholarship for the 4th year of research.

Please read the below terms and conditions carefully before applying.

For further information or any clarifications, please email gorbaltust+phdscholarship@gmail.com

II. TERMS AND CONDITIONS

General

The award of the scholarship is for a fixed tenure of 1 year or until the submission of thesis, whichever is earlier.



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Award of scholarship and release of grants

1. The scholarship will be awarded to the selected applicant by a formal letter along with the conditions governing it, under intimation to the Department of Physics, Karnataka University, Dharwad
2. Upon selection, the candidate has to submit a hard copy of the undertaking letter, account details and declaration of guide.
3. The scholarship will be released directly to the candidate's bank account.

Termination of scholarship

1. The scholarship shall stand terminated from the following year of submission of the PhD thesis or from the date he/she resigns or on completion of tenure, whichever is earlier.
2. The scholarship may also be terminated on disciplinary grounds, if and when informed by the university to the foundation.
3. The Scholarship is non transferable. Any request for transfer of scholarship will not be entertained.

Publication

1. The results of Candidate's research work may be published in standard refereed journals and conferences at the discretion of the research guide.
2. It should be ensured that the assistance provided by "Dr. M R Gorbal Foundation" is acknowledged in all such publications. A copy of the publication should be sent to the foundation
3. The candidate shall mention in the final thesis that the research has been completed under the scholarship of Dr. M R Gorbal Foundation, in addition to the other prior scholarships.

Obligation of the scholarship awardee

1. He/ She has to be a full-time researcher and submit himself/herself to the disciplinary regulations of the University/ Laboratory where he/she is working. Regular attendance of the awardee may be ensured by the Department by keeping an attendance register.
2. The scholarship awardee shall not take-up any assignment other than related to his/her approved research programme, paid or unpaid. However, if required, the awardee may assist the host institute in its academic work/other activities, as per guidelines of its PhD programme, provided such assignments should not hamper the progress of research work of the awardee.
3. Once a candidate accepts the scholarship and joins, it is incumbent on him/her to continue the research for the normal tenure of the scholarship or for such lesser duration in which the original objectives of the research problem have been achieved.



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4. No awardee shall discontinue his/her scholarship without prior approval of the university. In case he/she wishes to discontinue the scholarship prior to completion of the tenure on attainment of the original objective of research, he/she must submit the resignation to the foundation through the Guide, indicating specific reasons for not continuing the scholarship.
5. The awardee shall keep the foundation informed about his/her getting the degree, submission of thesis for Ph.D. and submission/acceptance/publication of any research paper arising out of the research work done during the tenure of the scholarship or post submission of thesis to the university.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ramesh Gorbal".

Sincerely,
Mr. Ramesh Gorbal
President
Dr. M R Gorbal Foundation