

Maulana Azad Fellowship

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Recently, the Union Ministry of Minority Affairs announced that payments pending for seven months under Maulana Azad National Fellowship (MANF) have been released.

About Maulana Azad Fellowship

- It is a **five-year fellowship** provided by the Centre in the form of financial assistance to six notified minority communities – **Muslims, Buddhists, Christians, Jains, Parsis and Sikhs** — to pursue **M Phil and PhD**.
- The scheme covers all Universities/Institutions recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) as under:
 - **Central/State Universities** (including constituent and affiliated institutions) included under UGC Act, 1956 and having valid accreditation from NAAC.
 - **Deemed Universities under Section 3 of UGC Act** i.e. Institution for higher education notified by Central Government to be deemed University, in consultation with UGC and having valid accreditation from NAAC.

- **Institutions fully funded by the State / Central Government** and empowered to award degrees.
- **Institutions of National Importance** as notified by Ministry of Human Resource Development
- The fellowship holders under this Fellowship will be known as Ministry of Minority Affairs scholars.
- **Scope:** The Fellowship will cater to the minority community students pursuing regular and full time research studies leading to award of M.Phil/Ph.D degree within India only.
- This will enable them to be eligible for employment to the posts with M.Phil and Ph.D as pre- requisites, including the posts of Assistant Professors in various academic institutions.
- **Nodal Ministry: Ministry of Minority Affairs**
- **Implementing Agency:** University Grants Commission

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