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**OFFICE MEMORANDUM**

**Subject : Revision in the guidelines for Sr. Research Fellowsh  
and Research Associates working in the ICAR  
schemes-reg.**

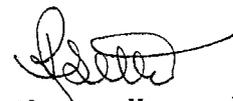
In continuation of this office OM of even number dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 on the subject cited above, the following clarifications are made :

- i. The candidates having degrees in the relevant subject only need to be considered as per the prescribed qualifications as enumerated in the ICAR letter No. 2-9/2012-HRD and OMs dated 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2015 & 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 for the positions of RA/SRF.
- ii. The Ph.D. degree holders are eligible for both RAs/SRFs.
- iii. The Master's degree holders with the integrated degrees like B.Tech. & M.Tech. (5 years) are eligible for revised emoluments of RAs/SRF.
- iv. Graduates with three years Bachelor's degree, who have acquired professional Master's degree (3 years) like M.Sc.(Ag.), Masters in Computer Applications, M.Tech., etc., are eligible for revised emoluments of RA/SRF.
- v. Candidates having Master's degree in Basic Sciences and have qualified NET and have 02 years research experience are eligible to apply for RA/SRF at revised rates of emoluments.
- vi. As regards, NET examination, any national level examination conducted by the Central Govt. Departments/agencies for admission to Ph.D. programme are considered as NET for the purpose of RA/SRF. The following are some of the NET examinations:
  - o CSIR-CSIR-UGC National Eligibility Test
  - o MHRD-Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering admission.
  - o DBT-Biotechnology Eligibility Test & Test conducted in Bioinformatics by Bioinformatics National Consortium.
  - o DAE-JEST & JGEEBILS, NBHM
  - o ICMR-JRF Entrance Examination
  - o ICAR-Test conducted by ICAR for admission to Ph.D. programme.
  - o DoP-GPAT

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- vii. The OM is applicable to researchers (JRF, SRF and RA) working in all types of institutions-academic (colleges, universities including Deemed universities both public funded and private funded, institutes of National importance), national laboratories and NGOs, etc.
- viii. The fellows working in DST (including SERB) and DBT projects can be paid the enhanced fellowship from the available project grants from October, 2014 onwards by the implementing institutions, provided the fellows satisfy the requirements.
- ix. The existing RA/SRF who do not qualify for the revised emoluments as per the revised eligibility criteria shall continue to get old rates (pre-revised) till the end of the project/expiry of their tenure, whichever is earlier.
- x. Eligibility conditions as stipulated in OM dated 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015 need to be adhered to for recruitment of RA/SRF made to the ICAR funded projects on or after 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015. However, for posts advertised before 13<sup>th</sup> July, 2015, old guidelines and pre-revised emoluments may apply till the end of the projects/expiry of the tenure whichever is earlier.
- xi. The tenure of RA/SRF is co-terminus with the duration of the project/scheme or for a fixed tenure as prescribed by the Competent Authority of the project or scheme.

All are requested to take appropriate action accordingly.



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