

**GOVERNMENT OF MEGHALAYA
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS & CULTURE**

Dated Shillong the 11th March, 2024

Chief Minister's Research Grant (CMRG), 2024

Research is fundamental to our existence, as the outcome of proper research tangibly contributes towards advancing and refining our knowledge about various aspects of our community. Meaningful research and inquiry opens new vistas, avenues and fresh approaches, which paves the way for solutions, strategies and road maps to meet the various societal challenges, faced and confronted by our communities in particular and our State in general. Suitable research is aimed at defining the emerging narratives of our State, that is rooted in nature and connected to culture and the collaborative efforts and outputs are aimed at steering and navigating us collectively and individually, towards having a definitive say and a perceptible control over the world around us, in the midst of various complexities, dynamic changes & unfolding challenges.

In furtherance of these objectives, the Department of Arts & Culture, Government of Meghalaya is hereby introducing the Chief Minister's Research Grant (CMRG). **The CMRG has also been initiated with the objective of developing high quality research studies, to meet the progressive trajectory, in line with the State's current developmental initiatives.** This special grant, an initiative of the Chief Minister, aims to engage and encourage the citizens and scholars of the State of Meghalaya to undertake quality research and documentation in various areas of interest, that concern the State of Meghalaya, with a particular focus on Arts & Culture, heritage studies, and aspects that seek to study, document and further illuminate on all matters and aspects relating to the land, language and lineage of the indigenous communities of Meghalaya and to suggest meaningful and doable solutions to the various issues and emerging challenges confronted by the State, as it seeks to take its rightful place amongst the comity of States within India and also at the international level.

Who can apply?

Applications are invited for the Chief Minister's Research Grant.

1. Individuals who have an interest in undertaking research, and have a minimum Bachelor's degree in any Social Science discipline from a UGC recognized Central University or a State University of Meghalaya.
2. Registered institutes and organizations under 2(F) and 12(B) of the UGC Act as well as registered societies are also eligible to apply. However, they must clearly specify who (Project Director) will undertake the research project.

How to apply?

1. Applications will be invited through advertisements in the Government of Meghalaya portal/Department of Arts & Culture website/Social Media handle of Department/Directorate of Arts & Culture.
2. Applications only in English will be submitted online in the prescribed format.
3. Only one research proposal per applicant will be accepted.

Selection criteria

1. Applications will be scrutinized by a duly constituted CMRG Committee.
2. After the scrutiny of the applications, by a duly constituted CMRG Committee, selected candidates will be called for a personal interview to be held at Shillong. Selected candidates will travel at their own expenses. No T.A/D.A. will be provided.
3. Selected candidates called for the personal interview must be familiar with the basic requirements/methodology of undertaking research.
4. After the conduct of the personal interview, applications recommended by the CMRG Committee will be forwarded to the Department of Arts and Culture, Government of Meghalaya for approval.
5. The list of final selected candidates, who are eligible for the research grant, post the personal interview, will be placed/circulated online for information of all concerned.

Award of Research Grant

1. The duration of the research project shall be for 10 (Ten) months.
2. The grant awarded for each research project shall be for ₹ 3 (Three) Lakhs Only.
3. Once selected, the concerned applicants will be required to sign an undertaking to complete and to submit the research project within the stipulated time frame.
4. The research grant shall be released in three instalments:
 - a. The first installment of 50% of the total research grant (that is, One Lakh Fifty Thousand Only) shall be released after the selected candidate completes the necessary formalities.
 - b. The second installment of the grant of 25% of the total research grant shall be released on submission of a detailed progress report and Statement of accounts on utilization of the first installment, after a period of 7 (seven) months by the candidate.
 - c. The third & final installment of 25% of the total research grant (That is, Seventy Five Thousand Only) shall be released after all due formalities have been completed by the candidate. (submission of Executive Summary, Final Report, Final Statement of Accounts in both hard copy as well as soft copy).

- d. If the selected candidate fails to submit the Executive Summary, Final Report and Final Statement of Accounts within the stipulated period of ten months, he/she will be required to refund the entire research grant that has been duly sanctioned.
5. The selected candidate must adequately acknowledge and sufficiently reflect the support received under CMRG, Department of Arts & Culture in both the research project and in the research papers.
6. The selected candidate may also publish research papers in reputed approved UGC Care List journals and must acknowledge the grant duly received under CMRG, Department of Arts & Culture.
7. The final Research Project (Executive Summary and Final Report) shall be the property of the Government of Meghalaya to be used in any way deemed fit for the enhancement of further investigation, research and publication, and may be utilized to preserve, protect and promote the domain of Arts & Culture
8. If the awardee desires to publish his/her research project he/she must obtain written approval from the Government Department concerned. If permission is granted, due acknowledgement must be given that the research grant for the project was given under CMRG.

Submission of Final Report

On completion of the research project, the awardee shall:

1. Submit the Executive Summary, the Final Report and the Final Statement of Accounts in triplicate (hard copy) and also one soft copy (both MS Word and PDF Format).
2. The Executive Summary must be about 4000 words and the Final Report must be not less than 40000 words.
3. The awardee must also include a non-Plagiarism Report, not exceeding 10%. The awardee will use a plagiarism tool duly approved by the CMRG Committee.
4. The Final Report submitted by the concerned scholar will be considered/accepted only after the final recommendation of acceptance by the duly notified CMRG Committee.

Chief Minister's Research Grant (CMRG) Committee

This Committee will be duly entrusted with operationalizing the CMRG, and will perform the following tasks:

- a. Inviting applications
- b. Scrutiny of applications
- c. Selection of eligible candidates
- d. Monitoring progress of the research undertaken by the awardees
- e. Approval of release of funds to awardees

f. Review of and approval of the final submissions of the Research projects.

The CMRG Committee shall comprise of the following members:

Chairperson – Commissioner and Secretary, Arts and Culture

Advisers – Prof. David R. Syiemlieh (Research), Dr. Charles Reuben Lyngdoh (Academic) and Prof. Milton S. Sangma (Research)

Member Secretary – Director, Arts and Culture

Members –

Professor, NEHU (with suitable seniority and expertise)

Associate Professor, NEHU (with suitable seniority and expertise)

Associate Professor, NEHU Tura Campus (with suitable seniority and expertise)

Principal/Vice Principal of reputed college (with suitable seniority and expertise)

The CMRG Committee is also at liberty to also co-op Members with specialized/domain knowledge in various disciplines as and when required. An approved Honorarium/Sitting Fees may be suggested for such Co-opted Members.



*Commissioner & Secretary to the Government of Meghalaya
Department of Arts and Culture*

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Dated Shillong the 11th March, 2024

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