

TABLE 1: DIFFERENCES IN STIPENDS ACROSS FUNDING SOURCES

Funding Agency	Stipends (in Indian Rupees per month)							
	JRF (PhD)		SRF (PhD)			RA (Post-doc)*		
	Year 1 of PhD	Year 2 of PhD	Year 3 of PhD	Year 4 of PhD	Year 5 of PhD	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR)	31,000	31,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	47,000	49,000	54,000
Department of Biotechnology (DBT)	31,000	31,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	47,000	49,000	54,000
Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)	31,000	31,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	47,000	49,000	54,000
Department of Science and Technology (DST)	31,000	31,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	47,000	49,000	54,000
Institute funding – IISc, IITs, IISERs	31,000	31,000	35,000	35,000	35,000	47,000	49,000	54,000
Prime Minister’s Research Fellowship (PMRF)	70,000	70,000	75,000	80,000	80,000			
Private Universities [§]	~20,000			-	-	25,000	28,000	-

[§]Typically for three years; *Stipend of private university is an average amount of a few representative ones (Table 3)*

*The Institute/organization concerned can decide the level of the candidate based on the experience. *Most private universities rely on public funding agencies for post-doctoral fellowships. [Very few](#) have an in-house funding for post-doctoral fellows.*

Note: In many publicly-funded institutes, hostel accommodation is provided and the fees are directly deducted from time to time with a couple of weeks’ notice. In most cases of institutional funding, no additional house rent allowance (HRA) is provided and hostel and mess fees are

deducted from the basic stipend amount. In some other institutes, these fees are to be paid by a particular due date after which a fine may be levied. In cases where the institution cannot provide a hostel, and the student produces rental agreement, the HRA is provided. The HRA is a percentage of the stipend, determined based on the location of the institute, at 8%, 16% and 24%.

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TABLE 2: A TIMELINE OF STIPEND INCREMENTS

Position - Year	Stipend (in Indian Rupees per month)		
	2010-2014	2014-2019	2019 onwards
JRF (PhD - 1, 2)	16,000 + HRA	25,000 + HRA	31,000 + HRA
SRF (PhD - 3, 4, 5)	18,000 + HRA	28,000 + HRA	35,000 + HRA
RA-1 (Post-doctoral research)	22,000 + HRA	36,000 + HRA	47,000 + HRA
RA-2 (Post-doctoral research)	23,000 + HRA	38,000 + HRA	49,000 + HRA
RA-3 (Post-doctoral research)	24,000 + HRA	40,000 + HRA	54,000 + HRA

HRA (2010 – 2014): 10%, 20% or 30% depending on the [location of the institute](#)

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Source: [The Hindu](#)

TABLE 3: FUNDING IN SOME PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS/UNIVERSITIES

University	Year of PhD	Stipend (in Indian Rupees per month)
CHRIST	Year 1 and 2 (First 1.5 years)	20,000 (+20% HRA*)
	Year 2 and 3 (Next 1.5 years)	25,000 (+20% HRA*)
Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)	Probationary period (up to 6 months)	18,000
	Year 1	20,000
	Year 2	21,000
	Year 3	22,000
SRM Institute of Science and Technology (SRMIST)	Year 1, 2, 3	25,000
Shiv Nadar University (SNU) [#]	Year 1 and 2	50,000
	Year 3 and 4	55,000
AMITY University	Year 1, 2, 3	10,000-14,000 (+30% HRA)

*If hostel is not provided

[#]The stipend at SNU has been an exception in private funding. This is not included in calculating the average stipend amount in Table 1.

Note: The above numbers are current as of 7 March 2021. The numbers might change with time as scholarship structures are updated.

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