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Directorate of Collegiate  
Education, Vikas Bhavan,  
Thiruvananthapuram  
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**NOTIFICATION**

Applications in the prescribed performa are invited from regular PG/M.Phil/Ph.D students of Govt./Aided Colleges affiliated to the Universities of Kannur, Calicut, M.G. and Kerala for selection to 'Aspire Scholarship Scheme'.

Copy of Performa and criteria can be downloaded from the website of [www.decscholarship.kerala.gov.in](http://www.decscholarship.kerala.gov.in). Applications that are not recommended and forwarded by the Principal & Head of the Department in which the candidate is studying/doing research will not be entertained.

The Principals & Head of Departments are requested to forward the proposals incorporating details of eligible candidates after screening at the department and college level, so as to reach the Directorate of Collegiate Education, Trivandrum on before 15/02/2016.

Late and incomplete application will be summarily rejected.

  
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**Government of Kerala , Directorate of Collegiate Education,  
Vikas Bhavan, Thiruvananthapuram.**

**ASPIRE - Scholarship Scheme for Research**

**The Objective and Aims:-**\_\_ The Government of Kerala has introduced a scholarship Scheme “ ASPIRE” to give students exposure to National level Research institutions and to interact with eminent scholars, thereby enabling regular PG/M.Phil/Ph.D students to do short term research projects in reputed institutions other than their parent Colleges. If the selection committee at the college or DCE is of the opinion that the host institution is not up to a certain standard, the proposal will be rejected. This scheme intends to provide opportunities to pursue short-term research studies to graduate students and research scholars showing academic excellence, allowing them to undertake short-term research projects with reputed faculty and institutions within the country. The selection process will be completed during the academic year 2015-16 and the scholarships will be offered to the selected students in 2016-17.

**Who will benefit**

The scholarship programme is for short term research projects by regular postgraduate/M.Phil/Ph.D students.

**Amount of Scholarship**

The monthly rate of scholarships within the state will be Rs. 8,000/- and for those undertaken outside the state Rs. 10,000/-. Preference will be given to those undertaking the research outside the State.

**Guidelines for selection and award of ASPIRE scholarship**

1. Only PG/M.Phil/Ph.D students studying in Government /Aided colleges under the Universities of Kerala, Calicut, MG and Kannur can apply. Students in university departments are not eligible to apply.
2. The value of the scholarships is Rs. 8,000/ PM ( within the state ) and Rs. 10,000.- PM (outside the state) for a maximum period of one month. for P G students, for a maximum period of two months for M.Phil and up to four months for Ph.D students.
3. The distribution of scholarship funds shall be in the ratio of 3/2/5 for PG, M.Phil and Ph.D courses. Seats for M.Phil can be re-adjusted across universities. If seats remain unfilled even after such re-adjustment, they can be allotted to Ph.D students, limiting the period of research to 2 months.

4. The scholarship can be held concurrently with any other fellowship /scholarship/ grant of the state. Those with UGC/CSIR/JRF/SRF awards are ineligible to apply.
5. The institutions should ensure that the student has at least 85% attendance and consistently good academic record for the particular course ( not below B grade).
6. The scholarship shall be awarded to a candidate only once during the tenure of a particular course.
7. SC/ST candidates can be given 20% reservation. If there are no applicants, seats will be re-allotted to the general category.
8. The scholarship has to be undertaken under the supervision of a scholar (permanent faculty) in the host institution.
9. Students who apply for the programme shall attach the following along with their application:
  - i) A written proposal of the work planned.
  - ii) A letter of acceptance from the host institution and supervisor.
  - iii) Consent of the guide in the parent institution, and his/her recommendation of the student for the award.
  - iv) A brief bio-data of the student.
  - v) A brief bio-data of the scholar with whom the student is going to study.
10. In the Case of Post graduates and M.Phil students the selection committee has to ensure that their classes will not be affected by the scholarship. For Post graduate students it shall be restricted to their fourth semester/vacation when they do the seminar course.
11. On completion of the scholarship, the students must submit the attendance statement from the host institute along with their project report, for release of the eligible amount.
12. The proposal submitted by the PG students will be assessed by a committee constituted by the principal and a final list of names of two students should be forwarded to the Director of Collegiate Education along with the research proposals submitted. The proposal should have the written consent of the guide in the college and in the host institution. The list of names of M.Phil and Ph.D students may be submitted in the order of priority, with the research proposals and consent letters. There is no restriction on the number of applicants in these categories.

**The following time line has been put in place for the processing of the applications for the scholarships.**

Circular to principals of Govt.& aided colleges  
inviting proposals from students :- 15/12/2015.

Deadline for submission of proposal in the college:- 31/01/2016.

Submission of list of eligible applicants to DCE :- 15/02/2016.



 Director of Collegiate Education



**COLLEGIATE EDUCATION DEPARTMENT, KERALA**  
**APPLICATION FOR ASPIRE SCHOLARSHIP – 2015-16**

1. Name of the Candidate in Block Letters :
2. Address of the Candidate with Phone number :
3. Qualifying Degree (BA/BSc/B.Com) :
4. Percentage of marks in qualifying degree  
(attested copies of marklist to be attached) :
5. Caste/Community Certificate in the case  
of SC/ST Candidates :
6. Additional Qualifications :
7. Course of study/status of research :
8. Name of Research Institution (Host) :
9. Title of Research proposal :
10. Name of Supervising Teachers (Both centres) :
11. Name, Occupation & Annual income of Parents:
12. Details of Scholarship/stipend/financial  
assistance being received for the  
course by the candidates :

I ..... do hereby declare that no other financial assistance is being received for doing this Project work/Research.

Place :

Date :

Signature of Applicant & Parent/Guardian

The application is recommended and forwarded to the Director of Collegiate Education, Thiruvananthapuram.

Head of the Institution/Department  
(Signature with seal of the Head of the Institution)