CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF PUNJAB POLICY FOR TUITION FEES WAIVER/FREESHIP AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Prologue

As per the vision of NEP-2020, the education has to be affordable, accessible and equitable for all. In order to encourage the meritorious and deserving students from socially and economically weaker sections to pursue their studies without any financial strain, the Central University of Punjab strives to provide adequate number of tuition fees waiver and financial assistance from Student Aid Fund and internal resource generation. The tuition fee may be waived (or) refunded to all eligible awardees after the issuance of the fee waiver notification. However, the students are required to pay other applicable fees as and when notified by the University.

Objectives

- To encourage the increased access, equity, and inclusive education at the postgraduate level.
- To financially support the (a) students from economically weaker sections (EWS), (b) students from socially and educationally backward classes (OBC-NCL and SC/ST) and (c) any other disadvantaged students (Divyangjan etc.) as per reservation policy notified by Government of India from time to time.
- To reward meritorious students who excel in academics.

TUITION FEES WAIVER AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- 1. Students belonging to EWS, OBC-NCL, SC/ST ctc. shall produce relevant certificate issued by government (centre and state).
- 2. Tuition fee waiver shall be considered with priority given to economically weaker/backward students based on valid certificate issued by government (centre and state).
- 3. Tuition fee waiver for meritorious students shall be considered based on grade point average (GPA)/ cumulative GPA in previous semester(s).
- 4. Tuition fee waiver shall be given based on the recommendation of a committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor subject to availability of funds.

Eligibility Criteria

- 1. Students belonging to reserved categories as notified by Government of India need to submit valid certificates.
- 2. Must not be receiving scholarship(s) / fellowship/ financial assistance from any other source. An undertaking for the same is required.
- 3. Must have successfully completed all the courses taken by him/her in the previous semester(s).

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- 4. Conduct must be satisfactory and should not be involved in any activity that vitiates the academic environment of the university.
- 5. Must have a minimum of 75% mandatory attendance in all the courses taken during previous semester.

General Guidelines

- 1. Students registered under Self-Finance courses are not entitled for availing any fees waiver and financial assistance.
- 2. All scholarships, fees waiver are liable to forfeiture/withdrawal partially or fully in case of misconduct or deliberate concealment of material facts by the awardee.
- 3. A student leaving the Institute on his/her own accord without completing the prescribed program of study may be required to refund the amount of scholarship received by him/her in that academic year.
- 4. A student shall receive only one scholarship/stipend. In case he/she is awarded more than one scholarship/stipend from any outside source, he/she shall be given the option to choose one scholarship or stipend from various alternatives and surrender the other.
- 5. All types of financial assistance and tuition fee waivers shall be administered at the University level by a Committee to be constituted by the Vice Chancellor.
- 6. The committee shall recommend/prioritise tuition fees waiver and financial assistance as per available funds. In a given financial year, fees waiver may not be recommended for all categories mentioned in this policy.
- 7. Any difficulty with reference to this policy may be removed by the competent authority.

Procedure

The University will invite applications from eligible students from all the departments for tuition fees waiver in the prescribed proforma. In the case of fee waiver based on merit, the list of students will be obtained from the examination section. The details will also be available on the University website under Students' Corner.

The applications received after the last date will not be entertained for grant of tuition fees waiver. The committee will screen the applications and finalise the list of the students eligible for the tuition fee waiver.

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