FAQ on Research Fellowship Award (RFA)

Ques 1. What is RFA?

Ans 1. RFA is focused at Human Resource Development in Science and Technology in the State of West Bengal. West Bengal State Council of Science & Technology (WBSCST) has a scheme of Research Fellowship Awards to bring young men and women for training in methods of research in various fields of Science & Technology under the expert guidance of faculty members working in the State/ Central Govt. university departments /Post Graduate Colleges located at West Bengal.

Ques 2. Who can apply for RFA?

Ans 2. Only bonafide Indian citizen residing in West Bengal are eligible for the Research Fellowships Award. The RFAs are awarded by WBSCST/DSTBT to those holding the required degree, with a minimum of 60% marks in all qualifying examinations and GATE qualified in relevant discipline.

Ques 3. Is there a provision of stipend for those who qualify for RFAs?

Ans 3. The stipend of a RFA will be Rs 18700/- p.m. for the first two years. On successful completion of two years as JRF, the fellowship will be upgraded to SRF and the stipend will be increased to Rs. 21000/- p.m. for next 3 years.

Ques 4. What is the maximum term for RFA?

Ans 4. The total tenure of RFA as JRF and SRF will be maximum five years.

Ques 5. What is the maximum age for appearing in RFA?

Ans 5. The upper age limit for applying the award is 28 years.

Ques 6. What are the subjects for which RFA is offered?

Ans 6. The RFA is awarded for following subjects:

1. Chemical Science 2. Health Science 3. Life Sciences/ Tele communication 4. River Science 5. Theoretical Physics

Ques 7. What are the modes to apply for RFA?

Ans 7. Candidates can apply online for RFA through DSTBT website/online platform.

Ques 8. Do I need to submit fee before applying online?

Ans 8. There is no application fee for RFA till now.

Ques 9. Can I edit my information after submitting?

Ans 9. Data once entered cannot be edited. Care should therefore be taken that only correct information is entered in the application form.

A PREVIEW button is given at the end of the page. Click on it to check that the data is correct. In case you find that anything needs to be changed, click on the EDIT button given at the end of the preview page to go back and make the necessary changes. Once you are sure that the information is in order, Click on SAVE AND SUBMIT to save the changes. Thereafter no further changes can be made in the application form.

Please note that once the data is saved any requests for change of mailing address, examination centre / category / discipline etc as declared in the online application will not be entertained.