



# POLICY FOR AWARD OF MERIT-CUM-MEANS SCHOLARSHIPS

### FOR ENHANCEMENT OF EXISTING SCHOLARSHIPS AND AWARD OF NEW SCHOLARSHIPS

(For existing students enrolled in JGLS in 2019 or before)

### 1. OBJECTIVE

- 1.1. Jindal Global Law School ("JGLS") offers 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarships in order to recognize and reward (1) meritorious academic achievement, in addition to (2) financial necessity. 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarships awarded at JGLS are to be construed in the nature of a privilege, awarded to outstanding students with limited financial means, and are subject to the resources available to O.P. Jindal Global University ("JGU"). Accordingly, 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarship should be distinguished from grants / fee concessions and cannot be requested by all students as a matter of right.
- 1.2. The JGLS 'Merit-cum-means' Scholarship Policy ("**Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Policy**") shall be applicable to all students enrolled in a full-time course at JGLS.

### NOTE:

- (a) 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarships are offered to students during the course of their study at JGU, which can be in addition to scholarships already awarded at the time of admission.
- (b) Presently, the maximum amount to which an existing scholarship may be enhanced in case of 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarship is INR 1.5 lacs/-. However, this amount is subject to revision from time to time by the JGLS Scholarship Committee ("Scholarship Committee") after giving due notice.
- (c) To clarify this point further, in case a student has been awarded a scholarship in excess of INR 1.5 lacs/-, then such student will not be eligible for enhancement of their scholarship amount under 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarship.

# 2. GENERAL OVERVIEW AND AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS

2.1. The overarching purpose of offering scholarships is to attract and retain talented students in JGLS by reducing or eliminating financial barriers to study.

**<u>NOTE</u>**: All scholarship amounts are adjusted against the tuition fee only. Accordingly, all students, including the scholarship recipients, are required to pay full accommodation and mess charges.

2.2. The scholarships will be awarded as per the rules laid down in the Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy (available <u>here</u>). The Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy and the Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Policy is subject to review and/or revision annually after giving intimation to students.





**<u>NOTE</u>**: The rules laid down in the Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy shall also govern the award of Haryana Domicile Scholarships.

- 2.3. A Scholarship Letter, including the criterion for continuation and renewal of the scholarship, shall be issued to all scholarship recipients by the JGU Admissions Department and/or the Scholarship Committee. However, in case of any conflict between the Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy and the Scholarship Letter, the Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy shall prevail.
- 2.4. In case of a conflict between the Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy, and the Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Policy, the Merit-cum-Means Scholarship Policy shall prevail.
- 2.5. To be awarded a scholarship, students must be enrolled as full-time candidates at JGLS.
- 2.6. The Scholarship Committee reserves the right to review, modify or cancel the award due to changes in financial standing, academic progress or general conduct of the student.

# 3. DURATION OF THE AWARD

- 3.1. 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarship shall be awarded for a duration of one academic year, and will be subject to an annual renewal, at the beginning of the new academic year, based on satisfactory performance of the criteria mentioned in Clause 4 of the Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy.
- 3.2. The members of the Scholarship Committee shall annually review the credentials of all students receiving 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarships. In case the renewal criteria are not met by any student, then the scholarship shall be revoked for such students.

# 4. CRITERIA FOR AWARD OF 'MERIT-CUM-MEANS' SCHOLARSHIPS

The following criteria shall be taken into account to calculate overall eligibility.

4.1. Only students with a minimum CGPA of 6.5 may apply for scholarships.

**<u>NOTE</u>**: For the purpose of this policy, CGPA is to be calculated cumulatively for all semesters for which results are available.

4.2. Only students with a combined parental income of up to INR 30 lakhs/- will be considered for the award of scholarships. Students with parental income greater than INR 30 lakhs/- may apply, but they will only be awarded a non-funded certificate of scholarship in case they are deemed sufficiently meritorious.

# NOTE:

(a) Students are required to upload IT returns of both parents / legal guardian(s) for the last





three financial years. For example, if a student is applying for the 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarship in FY 2020-21, then the IT Returns to be filed should be from FY 2019-20, FY 2018-19, and FY 2017-18, respectively.

(b) If any of the parents / legal guardian(s) of students have not filed their IT return for any / all of the past three financial years, then students are required to provide the PAN Card details for such parent(s) / legal guardian(s).

# 4.3. MOOTS

A total of 5 students, nominated by the MCS faculty in-charge, will be considered.

# 4.4. SPORTS

A total of 5 students, nominated by the sports convenor, will be considered.

4.5. RESEARCH (research centre activities, publications, working on Jindal Law Journal, etc.)

A total of 5 names, nominated by the Assistant Deans (Research and Publications), will be considered.

### 4.6. CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE UNIVERSITY

Other contributions to the University may be taken into account for students nominated by the respective faculty head, for example, CDPD, etc., based on the discretion of the Scholarship Committee.

**<u>NOTE</u>**: With respect to 'Contribution(s) to the University', CDPD has been used as an example to illustrate the standard of student contribution. Accordingly, students are free to seek recommendations from faculty in-charge of other JGU departments as well.

4.7. OTHER EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES (debates, MUN, cultural activities, student societies, etc.)

Other extra-curricular activities may be considered based on the discretion of the scholarship committee.

**<u>NOTE</u>**: It is the concerned student's responsibility to approach the relevant faculty member / dean for nominations and ensure that the nominations are duly sent out from that faculty member / dean's official email ID. The Scholarship Committee will not be responsible for any failure to nominate.

# 5. ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

The Accounts Office will determine the precise amount available after the Scholarship Committee has withdrawn scholarships under the Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy. All Merit-





cum-Means scholarships shall be allocated from the available amount each year after revocation of scholarships.

# 6. LINK TO APPLICATION FORM AND DEADLINE

The application period is from **October 17** to **October 31, 2020**. Students are requested to make an electronic application using the web-link provided below:<sup>1</sup>

### Merit-Cum-Means Application Form

The last date for submitting the application is **October 31, 2020 at 11:59 hrs**. No requests for extension of this deadline will be entertained.

# 7. REVOCATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

All 'Merit-cum-Means' scholarships are governed by the criteria mentioned in the Scholarship (Renewal and Revocation) Policy (available <u>here</u>). All scholarship recipients are requested to read the conditions mentioned therein carefully.

### 8. APPEALS

- 8.1. Applicants unable to comply with the terms of renewal may write to the Scholarship Committee (scholarshipcommittee@jgu.edu.in) for special consideration stating clearly the grounds for appeal. This appeal should be made within a period of 30 days from the notice of revocation of the scholarship.
- 8.2. Unsuccessful applicants may further direct their appeals to the Office of Additional Registrar establishing the extenuating circumstances.
- 8.3. For emergency situations, the parents may approach the Additional Registrar: Dr. Mercy Deborah, Email: <u>smdeborah@jgu.edu.in</u> for consideration.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Please note that this weblink will be not be active until October 17, 2020. The Scholarship Committee will intimate the student body as soon as it is activated.