



Notification No.02/2023

Date. 16.10.2023

TEACHERS RECRUITMENT BOARD

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NOTIFICATION

CHIEF MINISTER RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP (CMRF) ELIGIBILITY TEST

Applications are invited from Eligible Candidates of Tamil Nadu for the Chief Minister Research Fellowship (CMRF) Eligibility Test for the year 2023 – 2024 to provide financial assistance to the candidates for doing Full Time Ph.D Programme in Government Arts and Science Colleges of Tamil Nadu, through Online mode only up to 15.11.2023, 5.00 p.m.

Candidates applying for the Chief Minister Research Fellowship (CMRF) Eligibility Test should satisfy the eligibility conditions as laid down in the **G.O. (Ms.) No.53, Higher Education (G1) Department, dated 27.02.2023.**

G.O : [https://trb.tn.gov.in/admin/pdf/9291829130CMRF G.O-53 Hr.Edun dated 27.2.2023.pdf](https://trb.tn.gov.in/admin/pdf/9291829130CMRF%20G.O-53%20Hr.Edun%20dated%2027.2.2023.pdf) (Note - Open the G.O. Link in New Tab)

- **Number of candidates to be selected - 120**
[(Arts, Humanities and Social Science – 60), (Science - 60)]
- **No Application Fee / Examination Fee / Registration Fee for CMRF Eligibility Test.**

WARNING

- The Teachers Recruitment Board hereby cautions the candidates against touts and agents who may cheat, by making false promises through unfair means. The Qualifying Examination for CMRF to be conducted by the Teachers Recruitment Board is purely merit based.

- The Teachers Recruitment Board shall not be responsible or liable for any loss that may be caused to any applicant on account of indulging in any sort of dealings with such unscrupulous elements. Candidates are solely responsible for their claims in the Online application. They cannot blame service providers like internet cafes / browsing centres / common service centres for the mistakes made while applying Online for CMRF Eligibility Test. Hence, Candidates are advised to fill up the Online application by themselves or in their presence in order to check the filled in Online application along with required documents and ensure its correctness before finally submitting the same. TRB will not take any responsibility for such mistakes. Any representation from the candidates regarding the above will not be entertained at later stage after submission of Online application.
- **The candidates shall mandatorily upload the Certificates / Documents in support of all the claims made / details furnished in the Online application at the time of submission of Online application, failing which the Online application will be summarily rejected. It shall be ensured by the candidates that the Online application shall not be submitted without uploading the required Certificates / Documents.**
- Candidates are directed to read all the information & instructions given in the notification and the guidelines given in the G.O. (Ms.) No.53, Higher Education (G1) Department, dated 27.02.2023 before applying for this CMRF Eligibility Test. Queries, if any, shall be clarified by an e-mail well ahead of the last date for submission of Online application. Candidates should follow the instructions given in the Online application also.

➤ **IMPORTANT DATES:**



A.	Date of Notification	:	16.10.2023
B.	Date of Commencement of receiving application through Online mode	:	20.10.2023
C.	Last date for submission of filled in application through Online mode	:	15.11.2023
D.	Date of CMRF Eligibility Test	:	10.12.2023



INTRODUCTION

The Chief Minister Research Fellowship (CMRF) Scheme is to provide Research Platform for meritorious Post Graduates to develop the Research Career in the progressive trajectory of Professional / Academic front.

This CMRF Scheme is open to candidates who qualify in the Eligibility Test for Chief Minister Research Fellowship. This Eligibility Test is a qualifying test to provide financial assistance to the eligible candidates for doing Full time Ph.D programme.

2. CMRF ELIGIBILITY TEST WILL BE CONDUCTED IN THE FOLLOWING

DISCIPLINES:

Arts, Humanities & Social Science Stream:

Code	Broad Discipline
A01	Tamil
A02	English
A03	History
A04	Geography
A05	Public Administration
A06	Political Science
A07	Tourism & Travel Management
A08	Social Work
A09	Business Administration & Business Management
A10	Economics
A11	Commerce
A12	Library & Information Science
A13	Psychology
A14	Journalism & Mass Communication
A15	Visual Communication
A16	Physical Education
A17	Music
A18	Costume Design and Fashion

Science Stream:

Code	Broad Discipline
S01	Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics, Statistics)
S02	Physical Sciences (Physics, Electronics)
S03	Chemical Sciences (Chemistry, Biochemistry)
S04	Life Sciences (Biology, Zoology, Botany / Plant Biology & Plant Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biotechnology)
S05	Computer Science (Computer Science / Information Technology)
S06	Earth Science (Geology)
S07	Environmental Science
S08	Home Science

IMPORTANT NOTE:

Other than the subjects listed above, candidates with PG degrees in equivalent disciplines can opt for suitable choice in the broad disciplines.

ARTS, HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCE AND SCIENCE STREAM

Name of the Examination	Stream	Number of Candidates to be selected
Hon'ble Chief Minister Research Fellowship (CMRF) Eligibility Test for Research Fellowship for the year 2023 - 2024	1. Arts, Humanities and Social Science	60
	2. Science	60
Total		120

3. DISCIPLINE WISE SLOTS:

Arts, Humanities & Social Science Stream		
Sl. No.	Subject	Number of Candidates to be selected
1	Tamil, English Literature	10
2	History, Tourism and Travel Management, Geography	10
3	Political Science, Public Administration	10
4	Commerce, Management Studies, Social Work	10
5	Economics	10
6	Visual Communication, Journalism and Mass Communication, Music, Costume Design and Fashion, Library and Information Science, Physical Education, Psychology	10
Total		60

Science Stream		
Sl. No.	Subject	Number of Candidates to be selected
1.	Mathematical Sciences (Mathematics / Statistics)	10
2.	Physical Sciences (Physics / Electronics)	10
3.	Chemical Sciences (Chemistry / Biochemistry)	10
4.	Life Sciences (Biology, Zoology, Botany / Plant Biology & Plant Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biotechnology)	10
5.	Computer Science / Information Technology	10
6.	Environmental Science / Geology / Home Science	10
Total		60

Note: Slots given here are subject to modification from time to time.

4. QUALIFICATIONS:

a. Eligibility for CMRF Scheme:

- (i) Native of Tamil Nadu.
- (ii) Any Post Graduate degree from a recognized Institution, located in the State of Tamil Nadu.
- (iii) P.G. students in the final semester can also appear for the CMRF Eligibility Test, but the selection will be subject to passing the P.G. programme, as per the required norms.
- (iv) A Minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the Post Graduate degree for SC / SCA / ST / Differently Abled / Women candidates and a minimum of 60% marks for Others.
- (v) The Candidates must have obtained the Post Graduate degree after completion of Under Graduation, Higher Secondary / Diploma, S.S.L.C., or equivalent following [10+2+3+2 or 10+3+3+2 or 10+2+5 pattern (in case of 5 year integrated course)] from any University or Institution, recognized by the University Grants Commission.

b. Selection Procedure:

Minimum Pass mark for SC / SCA / ST / Differently Abled / Women is 45% and for Others 50%. Merit List will be prepared based on the Ranking in CMRF Eligibility Test and the Norms and Regulations for CMRF Scheme.

5. WRITTEN EXAMINATION:

A Written Examination with the following Pattern shall be followed:

Maximum marks 100 [Part A – 40 and Part B – 60].

Total duration is 3 hours.

For Differently Abled Candidates, the maximum duration for completing the examination will be 4 hours.

Part A - Objective Questions - Maximum 40 marks (40x1=40) - One hour duration (OMR based).

There will be Negative marks for wrong answers (One mark shall be deducted for every wrong answer) for Part A-Objective Questions.

Part B- Descriptive Questions-Maximum 60 marks (6x10=60) – Two hours duration.

The Syllabi for disciplines listed in Sl. No.2 for the CMRF 2023 Eligibility Test can be referred from the TRB's website.

Sl. No	Subject	No. of Questions	Time Duration	Maximum Marks	Minimum Pass Mark	
					SC/SCA/ST/PWD/Women	Other candidates
1	Part A Objective Questions	40	1 Hour	40 x1 = 40	45 out of 100	50 out of 100
2	Part B Descriptive Questions	6	2 Hours	6 x 10 = 60		

- The Date, Time and Centre for the CMRF Eligibility Test 2023 (MCQ and descriptive type written examination) will be mentioned in the Hall Ticket. The Hall Ticket for eligible candidates will be uploaded by Teachers Recruitment Board in its website. The candidates are advised to refer to the Teachers Recruitment Board's website i.e. <http://www.trb.tn.gov.in> for details and download the Hall Ticket. Change of examination centre is not permitted under any circumstances.
- The Hall ticket will not be sent to the candidates separately.
- No written communication will be sent to the candidates individually.
- Mere participation of the candidates in the Written Examination does not confer any acceptance of their claim in the selection.
- Differently Abled candidates will be allocated Examination Centre within the District, based on their communication address. For all other candidates the venue of examination will be allocated in any of the Centres.

6. HOW TO APPLY:

- (i) **There is No Application Fee or Registration Fee or Examination Fee for CMRF Eligibility Test, 2023-24.**
- (ii) Candidates should read carefully the "How to Apply" section given in the Notification / TRB's website.
- (iii) Candidates should apply only through Online mode in the Teachers Recruitment Board's website: <https://www.trb.tn.gov.in>. No other mode of application will be entertained. The application process is entirely Online.

- (iv) A Valid e-mail id and Mobile Number of candidates are mandatory for registration and e-mail id should be kept active for any future correspondence.
- (v) While applying through Online mode, the evidence for claims made by the candidates shall be uploaded. Originals will be verified at a later stage of selection process by the Director of Collegiate Education.
- (vi) All the particulars and documents mentioned in the Online application including name of the candidate, gender, subject applied for, community, date of birth, address and all other fields will be considered as final. **The Candidates can make any changes (addition / deletion) in the application, if necessary, before the last date of submission of Online application. No Modifications will be allowed after the final submission of Online application.** Since certain fields are mandatory and fixed which cannot be edited, candidates are requested to fill in the Online application form with utmost care and caution, **as no correspondence regarding change of those particulars will be entertained.**
- (vii) Incomplete or defective applications shall be summarily rejected. No representation or correspondence regarding such rejection shall be entertained under any circumstances.
- (viii) The candidates are advised to exercise due diligence at the time of filling the Online application. In case, if duplicate Online application of a candidate for the same subject is detected, TRB will consider the latest Online application only.

7. UPLOADING OF THE CERTIFICATES / DOCUMENTS:

Candidates should upload the required Certificates / Documents for proof in respect of all the claims made in the application with reference to this Notification at the time of submission of Online application itself. If the following Certificates / Documents are not uploaded by the candidates while applying, his/her Online application will be rejected after due process.

A. Qualification Certificates:

The following Original Certificates and Mark Statements are to be uploaded by the candidates in the portal along with the Online application:

- (i) 10th / SSLC.
- (ii) 12th / Higher Secondary or its equivalent.
- (iii) U.G. Degree
 - a) Consolidated Marksheet
(If not available, candidate should upload Mark Sheets for all semesters)
 - b) Degree Certificate or Provisional Certificate
- (iv) P.G. Degree
 - a) Consolidated Marksheet
(If not available, candidate should upload Mark Sheets for all semesters)
 - b) Degree Certificate or Provisional Certificate.
- (v) Community Certificate
- (vi) Disability Certificate, if applicable
- (vii) Ex-Servicemen Certificate, if applicable
- (viii) Conduct Certificate from the last studied Institution
- (ix) Character Certificate from a Gazetted Officer
(Format enclosed in Annexure-I of this Notification)

B. Community Certificate:

Community Certificate should be obtained from the following authorities of Government of Tamil Nadu by the candidates for claiming Communal reservation as the case may be:

- (i) ST - Revenue Divisional Officer (if the certificate is issued after 11.11.1989)
- (ii) SC/SCA – Tahsildar of native taluk of the candidate.
- (iii) BC, BCM and MBC / DNC – Headquarters Deputy Tahsildar or Special Deputy Tahsildar.
- (iv) Community certificates issued by any other State or Union Territory Authorities will not be considered against vacancies reserved for 69% communal reservation. They will be considered under General Turn (GT) only.

C. Disability Certificate:

A Differently abled candidate should submit an Identity Card and Passbook with Disability Certificate issued by the Competent Authority.

8. SCRIBES:

Eligible Differently Abled candidates will be allowed assistance of scribes based on the claims made in the Online application and uploading of Disability Certificate / Medical Board Certificate.

9. EXAMINATION RESULTS:

Publication of Written Examination Marks

The written examination marks of all candidates will be published in the TRB's Website and a Press release will be issued. Further selection process will be carried out by the Directorate of Collegiate Education as per G.O.(Ms.) No.53, Higher Education (G1) Department, Dated: 27.02.2023.

10. CERTIFICATE VERIFICATION (C.V.):

The Certificate Verification will be carried out by the Directorate of Collegiate Education after publication of CMRF Eligibility Test marks. The original certificates and documents will be verified during the Certificate Verification process.

11. ACTION AGAINST CANDIDATES FOUND GUILTY OF MISCONDUCT:

Candidates are warned that they should not furnish false particulars / false information or suppress any material / information while filling the Online application form. Candidates are also warned that they should in no case, attempt to alter or otherwise tamper with any entry in a document or submit details based on tampered / fabricated document. If there is any inaccuracy or any discrepancy in the Online application form, the application will be rejected.

Without prejudice to criminal action / debarment from writing TRB's examination wherever necessary, candidature will be summarily rejected at any stage, if found indulged in any of the following:

- (i) In possession of mobile phone & accessories, Bluetooth devices and other electronic gadgets within the premises of the Examination centres, whether in use or in switched off mode and in person or otherwise.

- (ii) Involving in malpractices.
- (iii) Using unfair means in the examination hall.
- (iv) Canvassing in any form.
- (v) Impersonation.
- (vi) Resorting to any other irregular or improper means in connection with his/her candidature for the examination.
- (vii) Misbehaving / Intimidating or causing bodily harm in any manner in the examination hall to the Supervisor, Invigilator or TRB's representatives.
- (viii) Candidature can also be cancelled at any stage of the examination for any other ground which the TRB considers to be sufficient cause for cancellation.

12. DECLARATION REGARDING CRIMINAL CASES (OR) DISCIPLINARY CASES:

- (i) Candidates who have declared pending criminal or disciplinary cases in their Online application, must upload the copy of First Information Report (FIR) or memorandum of charges / show cause notice, as the case may be. Failure to upload such papers along with Online application, shall result in rejection of candidature after due process.
- (ii) Candidates who have declared conviction in criminal cases or punishment in disciplinary cases, in their Online application, must upload the relevant Court orders and/or release orders or memorandum of proceedings, as the case may be, along with Online application. Failure to upload such papers, shall result in rejection of candidature after due process.
- (iii) In case of any criminal case filed / disciplinary action taken against or conviction / punishment imposed on a candidate after submission of the Online application at any stage before the completion of entire selection process, such candidate should report this fact to the Teachers Recruitment Board in the next immediate stage. Failure to comply with these instructions and suppression of the above information shall result in rejection of candidature after due process and debarment for a period of one year.
- (iv) The candidates listed by TRB / Other Recruitment agencies / Institutions, as debarred permanently or for a specific period, that

include the date of examination for CMRF eligibility test should not apply for CMRF Scheme. If applied, their candidature will be rejected.

- (v) Any violation of instruction therein will result in rejection of application and forfeiture of his/her candidature after due process.

13. GENERAL INFORMATION:

- (i) Candidates should upload recent colour passport size photograph with white background (JPG /JPEG / PNG format of size 20-60 KB) and signature (JPG / JPEG / PNG format of size 10-30 KB) separately while applying Online. The Online application uploaded without the candidate's photograph and candidate's signature will be summarily rejected. No correspondence in this regard will be entertained.
- (ii) Candidates should avoid uploading of password protected copy of documents in which case Online applications shall be summarily rejected.
- (iii) Candidates should avoid scanning the documents through mobiles as the documents uploaded may not be clearly visible.
- (iv) Online applications without the required uploaded documents will be rejected.
- (v) The onus is on the applicants to upload the softcopy of relevant documents. Any subsequent claim made thereafter on submission of Online application will not be entertained at any cost.
- (vi) The number of slots notified is provisional and it is liable for modification.
- (vii) Candidates should not bring any valuables to the Examination Centre and TRB will not be responsible for the custody of valuables.
- (viii) Candidates will have to bear their own expenses to attend the Examination and the Certificate Verification, if called for, No TA / DA will be paid.
- (ix) In the Process of examination, the decision of the Teachers Recruitment Board / Directorate of Collegiate Education is final.
- (x) The decision of Directorate of Collegiate Education is final in the selection of CMRF scholars.
- (xi) Online application can be submitted till the last date of submission after which the link will be disabled.

14. REPRESENTATIONS:

Any representation and any query relating to the Notification / Online application may be clarified by sending mail to the following e-mail id only: trbgrievances@tn.gov.in

Other mode of communication such as postal, in person, WhatsApp, etc., shall not be entertained by TRB.

15. INTIMATION TO THE CANDIDATES:

Information regarding the Date and Time of Certificate Verification (CV) will be intimated by the Directorate of Collegiate Education in their website i.e. www.tndce.tn.gov.in

Candidates are directed to visit the website regularly for all updates and intimations.

16. LAST DATE FOR SUBMISSION OF FILLED-IN ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS :

The last date for submission of filled-in Application Forms through Online mode is on or before 15.11.2023, 5.00 p.m. After that the Online link will be disabled. Incomplete Online applications will be summarily rejected.

SECRETARY

Annexure -I

FORMAT

CHARACTER CERTIFICATE

Certified that Mr. / Mrs. / Ms. _____
son/daughter/wife of Mr. _____, residing
at _____
is well known to me for _____ years and _____ months. His/her
Character is satisfactory / good to the best of my knowledge and belief.
This Character certificate is issued for the purpose of appearing for the
CMRF Eligibility Test.

Signature of the Gazetted Officer with Date:

Name of the Gazetted Officer:

Designation:

Office Seal