

**GUIDELINES FOR STUDENT READY (RURAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP  
AWARENESS AND DEVELOPMENT YOJANA)**

*(As approved in XII Plan)*

The Student READY (Rural Entrepreneurship Awareness and Development Yojana) programme aims to provide rural entrepreneurship awareness, practical experience in real-life situation in rural agriculture and creating awareness among undergraduate (UG) students about practical knowledge in agriculture and allied sciences. The programme will help in building confidence, skill and acquire Indigenous Technical Knowledge (ITK) of the locality and thereby, preparing the pass-out for self-employment.

This programme is specially designed for students pursuing Bachelor's degree in agriculture and allied disciplines in the Agricultural Universities of National Agricultural Research and Education System (NARES). The duration programme is for one year which includes Experiential Learning for six months and remaining period is for Rural Awareness Work Experience (RAWE)/Internship/In Plant Training/Industrial attachment etc. outside the university campus.

1. The Student READY programme shall commence from academic session 2016-17.

**2. Eligibility**

- i. A student, who is pursuing UG programme in SAUs/DUs/CAU/CUs of NARES in courses duly accredited by the National Agricultural Education Accreditation Board (NAEAB) of ICAR, New Delhi.
- ii. The student must maintain merit and good conduct as certified by the Head of College/University/Institution. He/ She should not remain absent during the programme without prior permission of the Competent Authority.
- iii. The candidate should not participate in any agitation/ strike and should not take up any job even on part time basis or any other financial assistance for the same activities during the period.

**3. Value of Stipend**

The stipend payable to the Student shall be Rs 3000/- (Rs. 2500/- as ICAR Share + Rs 500/- as State Share) per student per month for maximum of six months. An amount of Rs. 500/- per student/per month will also be provided as ICAR Share towards operational expenses (meeting faculty expenses, contingency, POL, medicines, etc.) during the programme.

**4. Mode of Payment**

- i. The stipend shall commence from the month a student joins the RAWE/In Plant training/ Internship/ Industrial attachment etc. for maximum period of six months only.

- ii. The University will be paid the money in lump-sum in advance. For this university will have to submit demand to ICAR as per rule well in advance. The University shall transfer the stipend into the student's bank account and ensure the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) which will be linked to AADHAR (UID) of the student beneficiary. The university will provide a copy of compiled bank statement to ICAR, New Delhi every year.
- iii. The University must provide the **State Share** (Rs 500/-per student per month) failing which ICAR may stop grants to the University.
- iv. The student may be paid the stipend on a monthly basis at the end of each month.
- v. In no case, ICAR will make any payment directly to the student.

**5. Termination of Stipend**

The stipend will be terminated, if a student will leave the course before its completion. No stipend will be paid if the student changes discipline or the University without any valid reasons and prior permission of the Competent Authority.

6. The expenditure **involved** will be met from the plan funds of ICAR under the scheme "**Strengthening & Development of Higher Agricultural Education in India**", Sub component: Student READY.

  
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