

Certification Letter of PhD Synopsis and Title Confirmation by University/Institution where the research scholar is registered

To

The Deputy Director (Research)

RFD - Division

Indian Council of Social Science Research (ICSSR)

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Subject: Certification of approval of PhD Synopsis and Title by DRC/RAC/BRS for ICSSR Doctoral Fellowship 2026-27

I, _____ [Your Full Name], the PhD scholar, along with my supervisor, _____ [Supervisor's Full Name], hereby declare that the PhD title and its synopsis, as mentioned in the application form submitted to ICSSR, have been confirmed and duly approved by the competent statutory body (DRC/RAC/BRS) of _____ [Name of the University/Institute] before last date of the submission of the online application and it was notified by the University vide notification/letter no _____ dated _____ (copy attached). We affirm that the certified synopsis has been submitted after the completion of the course work and the same has been duly approved by DRC/RAC/BRS (*In case the DRC/RAC/BRS is constituted by the affiliating University for the research scholar before completion of course work, a separate letter certifying this process should also be attached*).

We further declare that there shall be no change in the PhD topic without prior approval from ICSSR in case the applicant qualifies for the award of Doctoral Fellowship.

This declaration is made in accordance with the established procedures and guidelines of the ICSSR, ensuring that the research title on which the Doctoral Fellowship is awarded remains same or does not differ during the course of the PhD programme without the approval of ICSSR.

I have attached the necessary supporting documents, forwarded by the competent authority and DRC/RAC/BRS notification indicating PhD topic confirmation, as part of this certification letter. It is also certified that the topic approval is not meant for admission/registration purpose only.

Scholar's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Supervisor's Signature: _____ Date: _____

Countersigned by: [Controller of Examination/Registrar/Director where the candidate is registered for the PhD programme]

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Name: _____

Seal:

Designation: _____

Official Address: _____