

Research Fellowships on Zubeen Garg

University of Science and Technology Meghalaya

Brochure

Research Fellowship on Zubeen Garg, a prestigious fellowship programme introduced by the University of Science and Technology Meghalaya, supports innovative research and projects inspired by the legacy of legendary artist Zubeen Garg, emphasising his cultural, social, and artistic exploration. The fellowship aims to encourage individuals to contribute to fields aligned with Zubeen Garg's values of creativity, harmony, and community service, to preserve his cultural treasures and inspire future generations to cherish and continue his impactful work and legacy.

Zubeen Garg, a legendary Indian artist and cultural icon from Assam, exemplifies a harmonious blend of musical talent, cultural influence, and social activism. His life, marked by simplicity and deep emotional connection to his community, reflects compassion, dedication, and a genuine desire to foster unity and harmony across communities. As a beacon of inspiration, his unwavering commitment to promoting universal brotherhood, integrity, and community service serves as a guiding light for future generations and youth, demonstrating the transformative power of humility, love, and cultural pride in creating a positive societal impact.

Through his versatile roles as a singer, composer, lyricist, music director, actor, and filmmaker, Zubeen Garg has significantly enriched Assamese and Indian culture, while his philanthropic efforts and activism promote peace, environmental awareness, and social integrity. Guided by a philosophy rooted in creativity and humanity, his work fosters cultural harmony and transcends social boundaries, establishing him not only as a celebrated global artist but also as a powerful advocate for social change and peace, inspiring hope and unity across society.

Interested and eligible candidates are requested to submit the filled (typed) application for research fellowship on Zubeen Garg. Candidate can mention a brief proposal in the application form, showcasing how his/her work can further promote cultural understanding, social harmony, and positive societal impact, in honour of Zubeen Garg's inspiring legacy. Selected candidates shall avail the fellowship to undertake the research work, which will lead to the award of Ph. D. degree upon successful completion of the work and fulfilment of the PhD rules and regulations of USTM and UGC.

Proposed Research Domains

- a) Zubeen Garg and his cultural treasures as symbols of unity, integrity & harmony
- b) Zubeen Garg as the people's voice against discrimination, corruption, injustice & degradation of nature.
- c) Zubeen Garg's life and philosophy as a beacon of peace, compassion and harmony.
- d) Inspiring legacy of Zubeen Garg towards universal brotherhood and humanism.

- e) Zubeen's principle of creativity, humanism & coexistence.

Expected Outcome of the Research

- a) Creation of an archival repository of Zubeen Garg's works and artistry.
- b) Impact analysis of music & songs of Zubeen Garg on social harmony and coexistence.

Number of Fellowships: Two

Amount of the fellowship: Rs 45,000/- per month, amounting to Rs 5.04 Lakhs in a year

Tenure of fellowship: Three years from the date of PhD admission

Eligibility:

- a) Candidate must have good uniform academic credentials with a Master's degree from a recognised university. UGC norms will be applicable to marks and relaxations.
- b) Candidate should have a good command of Assamese and English.
- c) Preference will be given to candidates having NET/SET and familiarity with the Assamese literature and culture.

Rules and regulations

Selected candidates have to register for PhD programme of January 2026 batch. UGC Guidelines will be strictly followed in the PhD programme in a Centre for Interdisciplinary Research at the University. The candidate should go through the latest PhD manual of the University (Available in the University website). Apart from that, the salient points pertaining to PhD on Zubeen Garg with research fellowship are mentioned below:

- 1) The University is in the process of forming an Advisory Council with the inclusion of established academicians/researchers/artists and core family members of Zubeen Garg for suggestions and monitoring on the research project.
- 2) The selected candidates will have to do research as full-time researcher. Only interested and dedicated researchers are advised to apply for the fellowship. Candidate will not be allowed to leave the research work after availing the fellowship.
- 3) A Doctoral Committee consisting of 4/5 members including the Guide, Co-Guide (in need), the Director of the Centre, invited external expert, & member from the Advisory Council will monitor the research work.
- 4) Apart from regular fellowship, logistic support & conveyance will be provided for field survey & interview related to PhD work.
- 5) The candidate has to attend and pass coursework of PhD programme of the University. However, coursework is not mandatory for a candidate with M. Phil. degree.
- 6) The candidate has to submit monthly report on activities related to the research work.

Note: The publications and thesis produced from the research will serve as a valuable resource and foundation for future studies.

After successful completion of the PhD programme, the candidate may be engaged in the University for further research.

Mode of application: Interested and dedicated candidates should submit the filled (to be typed in English) application form (in pdf) by email **zubeenustm@gmail.com**

Mode of selection: Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a written test followed by a personal interview.

Last date of application: 15th November'2025

Contact person for any query related to application:

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