

## 2016-17 RISHI SHUKLA MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP GRANT

Rishi Shukla Memorial Scholarship Grant (RSM Scholarship), instituted in MMMEC's (now MMMUT) Golden Jubilee Year in 2012, is the first scholarship to be awarded by MMM Alumni Scholarship Fund (MMMAS Fund; details below). This year is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation for this scholarship grant.

RSM scholarship is established in memory of Rishi Shukla, a 1989 batch pass out from the Electrical Engineering Department of then MMMEC. It aims to promote development of well rounded abilities and principles based value system early in life – two things that Rishi cherished a lot and exemplified for the rest of us.

For the year 2016-17, RSM Scholarship will pay **TWO** scholarship awards of **Rupees 50,000 and Rupees 30,000** respectively to two top scoring students per the process described below.

**Only Fourth Year students** of a 4 year degree course being run at MMM University of Technology, Gorakhpur – 273010, UP, India (MMMUT) are eligible for this scholarship grant. The student can be from any branch of engineering. However, this scholarship is currently not open for any other courses being conducted at MMMUT, e. g. M.B.A., M.C.A., M. Tech. or Ph. D.

### Eligibility Criteria

To qualify for RSM scholarship, the candidate needs to be –

1. A Full Time student of 4<sup>th</sup> Year of an Engineering course at MMMUT at the time of applying.
2. Has no back papers or grace marks during the first 3 years of college.
3. Has proven herself/himself as an All-Round achiever during the first 3 years of college.
4. Has a clearly articulated career vision for self and a good understanding of how to make it happen.

### Selection Process

The selection process consists of 3 steps –

1. Evaluation of Application (50 points)
2. Two Personal Statements on Career Vision, Ethics & Values (25 points)
3. Telephone Interview (25 points)

Only short-listed candidates from stages 1 and 2 will be invited to participate in the subsequent stages. MMMAS Fund reserves the right to determine the number of candidates progressing from one stage to the next.

1. **Evaluation of Application (total 50 points)**. Each application received will be scored against the following evaluation criteria and assigned a total score out of 50 points.
  - a. **Family Income (20 points)** – The points assigned will be determined based on the Annual Total Family Income of the candidate and the number of dependents in the family.
  - b. **Academic Performance during B. Tech. (10 points)** – Average marks obtained in first 6 semesters of college.
  - c. **Co-Curricular activities (20 points)** – The points for this category will be determined based on the performance in the following 2 categories **during the 3 years at MMMUT**:

- i. **Research / Publications / Project Work (max 10 points)**  
2 points for each contribution - publication to a national/international journal, paper presented at national/international conference, National competition won, etc.
  - ii. **Non Technical Co-curricular Activities (max 10 points)**  
1 point for participation OR 2 points for leading activities in cultural, literary, sports, clubs, committees, community service or any other fields.
2. **Personal Statements (25 points)**. ONLY a select number of top scoring candidates from Step 1 will be invited to participate in Step 2. Candidates selected for this round will need to write two personal statements (600 words maximum). The topics offered will vary from career goals, importance of Values & Ethics to topics of current interest. Each statement will be evaluated by more than one reviewer from an independent panel. The average of scores from all reviewers will be added to the total score from Step 1 to arrive at Step 2 Score for the short-listed candidates.
3. **Telephone Interview (25 points)**. A telephone interview will be conducted for **five** candidates with highest cumulative score from #1 and #2 above. This interview will be conducted via teleconference with a panel consisting of a mix of benefactors and patrons for RSM Scholarship.

**Two** winners will be decided based on the **cumulative score** from #1, #2 and #3 above. The benefactors reserve the right to grant or not grant any additional prizes based on the merit of individual cases.

## Application Process

The applications are invited in the attached MS Excel format only.

Scanned copies of all the following documents are required to be submitted with the application. **Only Income Certificate needs to be verified by the Dean of Student Affairs, MMMUT** before scanning.

1. **Income Certificate** duly signed by the parent/guardian including the number of dependents
2. **Marks-sheets** for all 6 semesters at MMMUT
3. **A list** of all co-curricular activities claimed against category 1.c.i and 1.c.ii above.

All Applications need to be sent via email only to [MMMAS.Fund@gmail.com](mailto:MMMAS.Fund@gmail.com). The email needs to contain **ONLY one .zip file** with the duly filled in application template and all supporting documents as listed above. Applications not following these guidelines or having incomplete information will be summarily rejected without an appeals process.

## Application Timeline

The following are the dates to be followed for the academic year 2016-2017. As we are on a tight schedule this year. I expect everyone to be respectful of due dates without reminders.

- 18 Jan Start of Application Process
- **27 Jan Completed Applications Due**
- 30 Jan Announcement of Step 1 results
- **07 Feb Personal Statements Due** from candidates selected for Step 2
- 09 Feb Intimation to candidates short-listed for Final Interview round
- **10 Feb – 14 Feb Telephone Interviews**
- 01 Mar Announcement and award of Scholarship

## **About MMM Alumni Scholarship Fund (MMMAS Fund)**

MMMAS Fund has been established with seed money provided by overseas alumni of MMMUT. The funds generated through MMMAS Fund will be used to award a variety of alumni funded scholarships in many fields to students of MMMUT over time. As the funding and outreach increases, more scholarships will be awarded by the fund. This year is the 5<sup>th</sup> year of operation for RSM Scholarship.

## **About Rishi Shukla**

Rishi was born in 1966 in Alambagh area of Lucknow, the City of Nawabs. He was fifth in a family of 8 siblings.

As a proud recipient of the National Talent Scholarship, Rishi did his schooling till Class 12<sup>th</sup> at the prestigious Yadavindra Public School, Patiala. There he also picked his first love, the Urdu language. He developed a deep interest and understanding of Urdu poetry, particularly by Mirza Ghalib and Sahir Ludhianvi. His command over Urdu spilled over naturally to those who spent even a small amount of time with him. A lot of his friends and family owe their appreciation of ghazals and Urdu to him.

Being an expert at cracking the toughest competitive exams from the very beginning, getting to MMMUT was a piece of cake for him. Here, he studied Electrical Engineering from 1985 to 1989. He was sought for by his class fellows for his uncanny ability to explain the most complex concepts and problems with certain simplicity. He was always there to help others, even if it meant his not being able to complete his own studies.

Continuing his success story after graduation, he got selected for the Indian Engineering Services in his first attempt. But he will not settle for anything less than the Indian Telecom Services and therefore he got enrolled at Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi for pursuing M. Tech. in Computer Science. By the end of 1992, he had completed his M. Tech. and also had secured himself a spot in the Indian Telecom Services through the IES examination.

He was serving as DGM (Networks) at BSNL, Lucknow when the cruel hands of fate snatched him away from all of us in 2008 after a protracted illness. His wife Sangeeta and son Uttkarsh carry his message forward.

## **RSM Scholarship Committee**

### **Benefactors**

1. Mukul Sharma, 1989 Computer Science, MMMEC
2. Sangeeta Shukla, wife of Rishi Shukla

### **Patrons**

1. Sunil Kumar Verma, 1989 Electronics Engineering, MMMEC
2. Anirban Chakraborty, 1989 Electronics Engineering, MMMEC
3. Nehaa Shukla, Assistant Vice President, Axis Bank  
(Niece of Rishi Shukla)

### **Custodians at MMMUT**

1. Vice Chancellor, MMMUT
2. Dean of Student Affairs, MMMUT
3. President, Malaviyan Alumni Association, MMMUT