

# **Scholarship Alert Service & Earn While Learn**

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## Best Practice

**1. Title of the Practice:** 'Scholarship Alert Service' & 'Earn While Learn'

**2. Objectives of the Practice:** **Geographically,** Visva-Bharati is located in the rural area of Santiniketan under Birbhum district and students are from mostly economically weaker section as well as a lion share of them first generation learners. To address their financial need, library has introduced this service which is being updated fortnightly. With this library is trying to extend its hands of co-operation to encourage the needy students to continue their study safely.

**3. The Context:** Many times, it is seen that, the students from poor family is not able to continue his/her study because of financial crisis. They becoming in the library and state the fact with a request for private tuition, etc. or any earnings. As alternatives, library has provision of 'Earn while Learn Scheme' and also 'Scholarship Alert Service' to assist the students to complete their course.

**4. The Practice:** for 'Scholarship Alert Service' (SAS), library officers are assigned to find out the different National and International scholarship available and list up the URLs of the concerned scholarship in the library portal to enable the students to apply. For application, if any students, need any type of assistance library is ready to guide and help. In this way some students are getting the scholarship and continue their study. Another alternative is 'Earn While Learn' (EWL) under this scheme fifteen students of UG/PG and scholars have been engaged in the library works for two

hours in a day; and four days in a week for four months in a year with minimum monthly remuneration and sometimes, piece-rate basis. For this through website notification is being circulated for application. A committee is there to scrutinize the papers and prepare the list based on merit cum means as criteria. After taking approval from the competent authority, students have been asked to cater service in a library as informed by the library authority. This is to be noted, last few years the same was discontinued due to shortage of fund and for this year the same has not yet been started due to ongoing pandemic, though the process has been initiated.

**5. Evidence of Success:** The Link is available in our Library website, where they only hit a single click and the link is open. Just fill the needed information and send it to the proper way. Orientation programme also done in this regard.

From the above services, many students have been benefited with the scholarship as well as earn while learn.

**6. Problems Encountered and Resources Required:** There are some problems to continue the said services;

The monthly remuneration is so minimum that the students are not getting much interested to apply for earn while learn. Also, number of applications is decreasing gradually, because of the semester system teaching-learning system.

Lack of computer knowledge and habit of browsing internet in proper way, students are not able to apply

for different scholarship within the timeframe and also in right manner.

**7. Notes (Optional):** The above noted practices may be followed by any institute as primary duty to assist students to encourage them for continuing their study.

The screenshot shows the website interface for the Visva-Bharati Library Network. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for 'About', 'Services', 'Resources', 'Library OPAC', 'Publications', 'Important Links', 'Announcements', and 'Photo Gallery'. The main content area is titled 'Scholarship / Fellowship' and features a filter for 'Indian' and 'Foreign' scholarships. Under the 'Indian Scholarship / Fellowship' section, there is a list of various schemes with their respective last dates, such as 'DBDO Scholarship Scheme for Girls 2019' and 'West Bengal Talent Support Stipend Programme 2019-20'.

Last date of Submission is 31 January 2020

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**VISVA-BHARATI CENTRAL LIBRARY**  
 (Visva-Bharati Library Network)

**APPLICATION FORM FOR STUDENT ASSISTANT**

- Name in full (Block Letter): .....
- Father's / Guardian's name in full: .....
- Date of Birth : ..... 4. Gender : ..... 5. Nationality: .....
- Bhavana : ..... Course : ..... Subject: ..... Year: .....
- Languages Known : .....
- Mother tongue : ..... 9. Library card No. ....
- Mobile No. : .....
- Present Address of the Applicant : .....
- Permanent Address of the Applicant: .....
- Academic Details :  
 (Mark sheet of latest Examination is to be enclosed)
 

Name of the Examination	M.S.	Under Graduate	Post Graduate
Year of exam.			
Marks Obtained			
% of Marks			
- Whether enjoying any other scholarship / free studentship / Financial assistance: Yes  / No   
 If Yes, Name of the Scholarship & Organization : .....
- Resident or Day Scholar : .....
- Occupation & Income of father / Guardian (Income certificate from competent authority should be attached) : .....
- Whether belongs to SC/ST : .....
- (Copy is to be enclosed)
- Preferred time of work (two hours on working days) without break: From ..... To .....
- Whether Previously selected as Student Assistant: Yes / No (If Yes, Please mention the year) .....

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Signature in full \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks of the Head of the Department, V.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks of the Dean of the Student Welfare, V.B. \_\_\_\_\_

Remarks of the Librarian of the Bhavana, V.B. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Remarks of the Proctor, V.B. \_\_\_\_\_