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Ph.D Admission Guidelines

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Online applicationsfor Direct Admission in the Ph.D. programme, to the students who have**qualified fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests**, are invited for admission to Ph.D. Programme in the School of Education, Science & Technology, Commerce and Management, Humanities & Social Sciences and Continuing Education in regular mode for Session 2026.

Important dates for Ph.D. Admission:

Online Application	**10th January, 2026to 10thFebruary 2026**
Verification Document for Direct Admission on 13th February 2026 **Verification -Timing 11:30 am- 4:00 pm** Venue: Gandhi Bhawan VMOU, Kota	
13th February 2026 **Morning Session 11.30am 2:00pm**	**School of Continuing Education (Journalism)**
13th February 2026 **Morning Session 11.30am 2:00pm**	**School of Science & Technology (Botany and Physics)**
13th February 2026 **Afternoon Session 2:30pm to 4:00pm**	**School of Commerce and Management (Commerce)**
13th February 2026 **Afternoon Session 2:30pm to 4:00pm**	**School of Humanities & Social Science (English, and Economics)**
13th February 2026 **Afternoon Session 2:30pm to 4:00pm**	**School of Education (Education)**

Procedure for Admission

Admission in PhD is notified in advance on the institutional website and through advertisement in newspaper and university website, the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission etc.along with all other relevant information.

(A) Eligibility Criteria

A candidate shall be eligible for admission and pre-registration course work for Ph. D. programme provided he/she has:

1. Candidates for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding

statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC-7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

2. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

3. Qualified the **fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests as an Entrance Test for Direct Admission to Ph.D. Programme**

In accordance UGC public notice no. F.4-1(UGC-NET review Committee) 2024(NET)/140648 dated March 27, 2024 as given:

National Eligibility Test (NET) as an Entrance Test for Admission to Ph.D.

The University Grants Commission conducts the National Eligibility Test (NET) through the National Testing Agency (NTA). The NET is conducted twice a year. in June and December. To help the students with one national entrance test for Ph.D. admissions as a part of implementing the National Education Policy 2020, the UGC constituted an expert committee to review the provisions of the National Eligibility Test (NET).Based on the expert committee's recommendations, in its 578th Meeting held on 13 March 2024, the UGC has decided that from the academic session 2024-25, the NET score can be used for admission to Ph.D. programmes in place of entrance tests conducted by the different universities/Higher institutions.

From June 2024 onwards, therefore, the NET candidates will be declared eligible in three categories:

Professor. Category-1: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor

Category-2: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-3: Eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.

The determination of the eligibility of NET for different categories is summarized below:

Qualified for Direct Admission	Eligible for		
	JRF	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. Admission
Category-1: Award of JRF and	Yes	Yes	Yes

appointment as Assistant Professor			
Category-2: Appointment as Assistant Professor and Admission to Ph.D.	-	Yes	Yes
Category-3: Admission to Ph.D. Only	-	-	Yes

The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D.

(B) Admission Procedure:-

(1) The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the institution, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned, and considering the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.

(2) Direct Admission in the Ph.D. programmeto the students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview and document verification. The university shall decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

Qualifying Criteria for Interview

Applications (fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests) receivedshall have the following qualifying criteria:

S.No.	Particular	Criteria	Weightage
1.	**Interview by the Department Research Committee** (Max. 30)	Based on Performance in Domain Knowledge (Max. 15)	To be awarded by the DRC based on Interview (Max. 30)
		Based on Performance in Research Aptitude (Max. 10)	
		Based on General Performance in Interview (5)	
2.	**Academics Performance (Max. 70)**	**Criteria**	**Weightage**
2.(A)	Post Graduate Degree Performance in the Concerned Subject	80% and Above	25
		70% and Above but less than 80%	20
		60% and Above but less than 70%	15
		55% and Above but less than 60%	10
		Less than 55%	0
2.(B)	Graduate Degree Performance	80% and Above	20
		70% and Above but less than 80%	15
		60% and Above but less than 70%	10

		55% and Above but less than 60%	5
		Less than 55%	0
2.(C)	Higher Secondary Board Examination/Senior Secondary Examination Performance	80% and Above	15
		70% and Above but less than 80%	12
		60% and Above but less than 70%	8
		55% and Above but less than 60%	5
		Less than 55%	0
2.(D)	Secondary Examination Performance	80% and Above	10
		70% and Above but less than 80%	7
		60% and Above but less than 70%	5
		55% and Above but less than 60%	3
		Less than 55%	0
3 (a)	Additional Marks (max.20) UGC category A		20
(b)	UGC category B		10
(c)	UGC category C		5

(C) Interview

The successful scholarships candidate(s) shall be called for interview based onAcademic merit and UGC NET score. The interview Board shall consist of the Research Advisory Committee and the concerned School members.

In interview/*viva-voce* the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through **a ppt presentation**.

The interview/*viva voce* shall consider the following aspects, viz. whether:

(i) the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;

(ii) the research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution/College;

(iii) the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

The merit shall be prepared for final admission as per the above qualifying criteria. The qualified candidates who are employed in any institution/ agency/ college/university shall have to submit their NoC before the Document Verification Committee and shall be considered as part time students.

****The University reserves the right to increase & decrease in the no. of seats in any of the subject.***

(D) Course Work:

1. All candidates admitted to the Ph.D. shall be required to complete the course work prescribed by the Research Department during the one or two semesters.
2. The candidate(s) shall undertake the course work of 16 Credits which consists of:

S.No.	Curriculum	Module	Duration	Credit

1	Research Methodology, Publication Ethics, Computer application	I	15 hours Theory classes 30 hours Practical (120 hours)	4
2	Review of Literature, Recent Trends & Techniques, Writing Skills	II	15 hours Theory classes 30 hours Practical (120 hours)	4
3	Subject Advanced Level knowledge	III	15 hours Theory classes 30 hours Practical (240 hours)	8

3. Students will undergo a common course work for 8 credits.75% attendance of the student in the Pre-Ph.D. Course Work both in Module 1&2. Evaluative Assessment examination is mandatory to pass of Modules I&II after completion of a common course work.

4. After six months the candidate(s) shall be examined through Continuous Assessmentassignments and Term End examination.

5. Successful candidate(s) then shall submit a synopsis and make a presentation before the Research Board.

6. In case the candidate(s) does not clear course work examination, he/she shall be eligible to take such an examination along with the candidate(s) of the immediately next batch whenever conducted by the University. No further chance will be given.

7. Credits& Grades in the course work, including research methodology courses shall be finalized after synopsis presentation before the Research Boardand the final Credits& Grades shall be communicated to the Examination Department through Research Department.

8. A Pre-Ph.D. course work scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade/CGPA in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) in the course work (separately in both Continuous Assessment (CA) and Term-End-Examination) to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the thesis.

9. The candidate(s) shall abide by the decisions of the Research Board Committee and Research Advisory Committee.

10. The duration of Full Time (UGC scholarships students / unemployed students) shall be minimum 3years and maximum 6 years, whereas the duration of part time students shall be minimum 4 years and maximum 7 years.

11. The registration of a student may be cancelled due to any of the following reasons:

1. Non-payment of fees. **2.** Unsatisfactory progress. **3.** Non-compliance with the provision of the ordinance on research. **4.** Failure to submit the thesis within the prescribed time limit. **5.** Any act of indiscipline by the candidate.

12. No re-registration is allowed.

13. The Date of registration(Fee Deposition) shall be the date of admission, but the letter of registration shall be issued after the successful completion of Course Work.Candidates should frequently visit the website for updated information.

(F) Fee Distribution:

1.	Tuition Fee	Rs. 25,000/- per year
2.	Registration Fee	Rs. 5,000/-
3.	Library Caution Money	Rs. 1,000/-
4.	Library Fee	Rs. 3,000/-
5.	Laboratory fee for Research	Rs. 3,000/-
6.	Thesis Submission & Evaluation Fee	Rs. 10,000/-