

MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

Ph.D. Registration – 2021 Admission

Applications are invited for registration for research leading to the award of Ph.D. Degree of the university based on UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations 2016.

- The vacancy position as on 30/06/2021, under research supervising teachers is appended herewith.
- Those research supervising teachers who are not figured in the list, but have vacancies under them, can also give consent to research scholars.
- The vacancy position shown in the list, which is **provisional**, is as per the information furnished by each research centre.
- Submission of thesis, change of supervising teacher, de-registration of a scholar, relocation of women scholars and cancellation of registration will be treated as arising of vacancy.
- While submitting the application for registration, copies of the documents should be attached, as directed in the notification.

1. RESEARCH CENTRES

University Departments, Inter University/Inter School Centres, Approved Research Centres in Government and Aided Colleges affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University and institutions formed by an act of either the State or Central government for promotion of research shall only be the research centres of the university.

2. RESEARCH SUPERVISING TEACHERS

2.1 Only regular approved teachers of the University Departments/Colleges in Government & Aided stream affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University and Scientists in Approved Research Centres are allowed to supervise the research work. Teachers of Retired/Adjunct/Deputation/Transferred category are not eligible to act as research supervising teachers.

2.2 At any given point of time, the maximum number of research scholars under the guidance

of a supervising teacher, is as detailed below.

Professor : 8, Associate Professor : 6, Assistant Professor : 4

2.3 In addition to the stipulated number of research scholars as shown in Clause 2.2, a supervising teacher can guide, research scholars belonging to SC/ST category, provided they pursue research under RGNF / NFSC scheme.

2.4 Supervising teachers in Statutory Departments can, over and above the existing limit, guide one more foreign student, selected from research scholars of foreign universities with which Mahatma Gandhi University has signed an agreement and also from those scholars who are recommended by the UCIC through scholarship exchange.

2.5 Registration for research will be granted to scholars only if the research supervising teacher has service, at least upto 30th June 2022.

2.6 The vacancy position under a research supervising teacher shall be reckoned as on November 30th 2021, for registration of a candidate under his/her supervision.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

3.1 Candidates for admission to Ph.D. Programme shall have a Master's degree in the concerned or related discipline or a professional degree declared equivalent to Master's Degree of Mahatma Gandhi University or of other Universities, recognized as eligible for higher studies, thereto securing **not less than 55% marks in aggregate** 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, recognised or authorised 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.

3.2 In case, where a candidate with post graduation from other universities proposes to do research in a subject not offered by the university, the subject must have been made equivalent by the university to the corresponding subject in the university.

3.3 A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, is allowed to the following category:

- Candidates belonging to SC / ST / OBC (Non-creamy layer) / OEC.
- Differently-abled candidates.
- Candidates who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September 1991.
- Other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time.

3.4 The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale where grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible, only on the basis of qualifying marks **excluding Grace Marks**.

3.5 Candidates possessing degree equivalent to M.Phil. degree of an Indian institution or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognised or authorised 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, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. Programme, provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria. A candidate whose M.Phil. dissertation evaluation and Viva-Voce examination are over, and awaiting results can apply for the Ph.D. Programme, in the same area of research, without appearing for Entrance Test, provided they submit the mark list at the time of Doctoral Interview.

3.6 Candidates qualifying professional courses (MBBS, BAMS, BHMS, BDS, BVSc, B.Tech.) with a duration of minimum four years with 55% marks in aggregate.

3.7 CA / ICWA / ACS qualified candidates : A person whose name has been registered as a member in the register maintained by the Institute of Chartered Accountants / Cost Accountants / Company Secretaries of India with 55% of marks shall be eligible to apply for Ph.D. Programme in Management Studies and Commerce.

3.8 The candidates who have been exempted from Entrance Test may apply for Ph.D. registration.

3.9 Those awaiting results of the Qualifying Examination / those who wish to appear for Entrance Test - 2021, also may apply but shall submit the documents pertaining to the respective results, on or before 30th November 2021.

4. MODE OF ADMISSION

4.1 Admission to the Ph.D. Programmes will be made on the basis of the following:

- (a) Entrance Test (ET)
- (b) Doctoral Interview

4.2 For submitting application after qualifying the Entrance test, the validity period will be two years.

4.3 Those who have passed the Entrance Test with minimum 50% marks and have applied for registration for Ph.D. Programme will be called for a Doctoral Interview.

4.4 A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 50% to 45%, in the Entrance Test, is allowed to the following category:

- Candidates belonging to SC / ST / OBC (Non-creamy layer).
- Differently-abled candidates.

4.5 The selection will be on the basis of the marks obtained for the Doctoral Interview. Only candidates who score 50% marks will be recommended for registration for Ph.D. Programme. For SC/ST candidates, the minimum marks required is 45%.

5. EXEMPTION FROM ENTRANCE TEST

5.1 The following categories of candidates are exempted from passing Entrance Test :

- UGC / CSIR / KSCSTE / DST / INSPIRE / DBT / MANF / RGNF Fellowship Awardees.
- Candidates who have qualified in the NET / SLET / GATE / GPAT / JEST or other tests conducted by Government bodies such as UGC, CSIR, ICAR, ICSSR and ICMR.
- DST Women Scientist Awardees.
- Candidates under Visweswaraya Ph.D. Scheme.
- Scientists from accredited R&D Institutions.
- M.Phil. degree holders in the subject concerned.
- M.Phil. candidates awaiting results as per clause 3.5.
- M.Tech. / M.Arch. or equivalent degree holders in the concerned or related subjects.
- M.D. / M.S. /M.D.S. (Modern Medicine, Ayush disciplines and Dentistry) degree holders in the subject concerned or related subject, in the case of interdisciplinary research.
- Regular and permanent teachers from the University Departments, Inter-University Centres or Inter-School Centres.
- Regular and permanent teachers from the Government/Aided Colleges in the state.
- Foreign students duly selected by MoU or recommended by UCIC.
- Regular and permanent teachers of Self Financing colleges under the control of government, with at least 3 years of continuous service.
- Regular and permanent teachers of Self Financing colleges affiliated to MGU, with at least 3 years of continuous service.

5.2 Exemption from Entrance Test will be granted only to those who are eligible for the same on or before the last date for submission of applications.

6. REGISTRATION FOR RESEARCH

6.1 All candidates recommended for the Ph.D. Programme, except those who are eligible for initial part time registration, will be granted registration as full time research scholars.

6.2 Research scholars under the following category shall join the research centre immediately after obtaining the registration order :

- Any Time Registration

(For Foreign Students, scholars under Visweswaraya Ph.D. scheme and students having scholarships like JRF, MANF, RGNF, KSCSTE, INSPIRE etc.)

- In Statutory Departments and in Inter-University/Inter-School Centres

6.3 The research scholars, in Approved Research Centres, **irrespective of full time or part time**, shall join the research centre on the 1st of January 2022 (if not a holiday).

7. **DATE OF EFFECT OF REGISTRATION**

Any Time Registration

Date of joining the research centre after obtaining the registration order.

In Statutory Departments and Inter-University/Inter-School Centres

Date of joining the research centre after obtaining the registration order.

In Approved Research Centres

Date of commencement of Course Work in the centre.

8. **COURSE WORK**

8.1 Students admitted to Ph.D. Programme are required to undertake a Course Work comprising of four papers (Course I, Course II, Course III and Course IV) for a period of six months.

8.2 All the candidates are required to qualify the Course Work examination for confirmation of the registration.

9. **PLACE OF RESEARCH**

Research shall be carried out by a research scholar in University Departments, Inter-University/Inter-School Centres or in Approved Research Centres.

10. **PERIOD OF RESEARCH**

10.1 The minimum period of research will be three years including Course Work.

10.2 In the case of M.Phil, M.Ed, M.Sc.(by research), Master of Letters, M.Tech. and M.D.

degree holders, the minimum research period is two and a half years including the period of Course Work (six months), provided the research is in the same discipline in which the scholar has taken the above degree.

10.3 The maximum period of research will be six years for full time and eight years for part time research scholars.

10.4 A relaxation of two years in the maximum research period will be allowed in the case of

- Women candidates registered for full time.
- Persons with disability of more than 40%.

11. INTER-DISCIPLINARY RESEARCH

Inter-disciplinary research is allowed in Statutory Departments, Inter-University / Inter-School centres and in Approved Research Centres.

12. RESTRICTION ON EMPLOYMENT

A full time research scholar shall not engage himself/herself in any other employment except in imparting instruction in an honorary capacity on a topic which forms the subject matter of his research in the institution where he is working.

13. PART TIME RESEARCH

13.1 The following categories are granted initial part time registration for doing Course Work in two spells.

- Regular and permanent teachers of the Statutory Departments of all Universities in Kerala.
- Regular and permanent teachers of Government / Aided Colleges within the state.
- Permanent teachers of Government / Aided schools in the state.
- Permanent teachers of Central / Sainik / Navodaya Schools of the state.
- Permanent teachers of IHRD colleges within the state.
- Permanent teachers of Government / Aided Polytechnic institutions in the state.
- Teachers of unaided colleges and unaided wing of the aided colleges, affiliated to any of the universities in the state including Deemed universities, and have put in a continuous period of two years' service, at the time of registration.

13.2 The following categories are eligible to apply for conversion of their research to part time on completion of the Course Work Programme.

- Regular and permanent employees working in Government / Quasi-government institutions within the state.
- Scientists working in national / state level R&D institutions, medical doctors / nurses / special educators / clinical psychologists attached to Government / Quasi-government organizations.
- Contract faculty/research fellows appointed for a minimum period of one year, during the period of their contract, in any regular academic research institutions within the state.
- Teachers in Unaided colleges and Unaided wing of the Aided colleges, affiliated to all the universities in the state, including Deemed universities.
- Guest Lecturers working in Government and Aided colleges affiliated to the University.
- Teachers working on FDP leave vacancy, during the period of their service.
- Contract and guest faculty of Government/Aided higher secondary schools, in the state.
- Bank employees of Nationalized/ Co-operative banks, within the state.
- Permanent teachers of CBSE Schools, in the state.

14. FOREIGN APPLICANTS

Applicants of foreign nationality will be considered for registration, only if they are on visas issued for research scholars/students and with the necessary clearance from the Government of India.

15. REGISTRATION FEE

15.1 The prescribed fee for Ph.D. registration is **Rs. 1050/-** (One Thousand and Fifty Only) for candidates of general category and **Rs. 790/-** (Seven Hundred and Ninety Only) for SC/ST candidates.

15.2 The cost of the application is **Rs. 30/-** (Thirty Only).

15.3 The fee can only be remitted through the **e-payment system** and the receipt should be forwarded along with the application.

16. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION

16.1 The following formats can be downloaded from the link provided herewith or from the website **www.mgu.ac.in** from **1.07.2021 to 31.7.2021**.

- a) **Application**
- b) **Consent from the supervising teacher**
- c) **Agreement from the head of the research centre**

16.2 Candidates shall procure a letter of consent from the supervising teacher, whose name is suggested and letter of agreement from the head of the research centre and submit them along with the application form.

16.3 Application should be attached with three copies of the Research Proposal in A4 size paper in the following format :

a) Details to be included on the facing sheet

- Shall be superscribed as **RESEARCH PROPOSAL**
- Name and address of the candidate
- Discipline
- Name of the Research Centre
- Title of research work (in boldface)
- Area of research

b) Introduction including related studies

c) Importance / Rationale of the study

d) Objectives / Hypothesis

e) Methodology including methods, sample and design of work

f) Tentative work schedule (semesterwise)

g) Bibliography / Reference

16.4 **The number of pages of the research proposal shall not exceed five.**

17. **LIST OF DOCUMENTS :**

- Application Form
- e-payment receipt for Rs.1050/- (Rs. 790/- in the case of SC/ST students).
- Letter of consent from the research supervising teacher, in the prescribed format, including the vacancy position and details of research scholars under his/her guidance.
- Letter of agreement of the head of the research centre, in the prescribed format.
- Copy of photo identity card (Passport / PAN Card / Election Id).
- Copy of the relevant page of SSLC book to prove age.
- Copy of Transfer Certificate from the institution last studied.
- Copy of P.G. Degree Marklist.
- Copy of P.G. Degree Certificate.
- Copy of M.Phil. Degree Certificate (if an M.Phil. degree holder).
- Eligibility Certificate for those who have taken P.G./M.Phil. Degree from other universities.
- Equivalency Certificate for those who propose to do research in a particular discipline, with P.G. from other universities, in a discipline not offered by this university.

- Copy of the UGC/CSIR/KSCSTE/DST/INSPIRE/MANF/RGNF Fellowship Award Letter.
- Copies of the certificates of NET/SLET/GATE/GPAT/JEST or other tests conducted by Government bodies such as UGC, CSIR, ICAR, ICMR and ICSSR.
- Copy of the result of Entrance Test 2020 (Downloaded from university web site in the case of those who have passed ET).
- Caste Certificate in the case of SC/ST candidates or Non Creamy Layer Certificate in the case of OBC candidates.
- Copy of the Medical Certificate issued by the medical board, in the case of differently-abled candidates.
- No Objection Certificate from the employer.
- Three copies of the Research Proposal in the prescribed format.

18. RECEIPT OF APPLICATION

18.1 The filled in application with the related documents should be sent to the

**Deputy Registrar I (Academic),
Mahatma Gandhi University,
Priyadarshini Hills,
Kottayam - 686 560.**

18.2 Also, scanned copies of the application and related documents should be sent to the e-mail address **research@mgu.ac.in**

18.3 Subject of the mail should be shown as:

2021 ADMISSION - (DISCIPLINE) - (RESEARCH CENTRE)

NOTE :

- **Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected.**
- **The last date of receipt of application is 31.07.2021.**

**Dr. Prakash Kumar B.
Registrar**