



MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the Ph.D Entrance Examination 2024 (Written Aptitude Test) for determining eligibility for admission to Full-time/Part-time research leading to Ph.D Degree.

1. Conditions of Eligibility

- Candidates applying for Ph.D Entrance Examination shall have passed a Post Graduate Degree examination in any discipline of Mahatma Gandhi University or of any other Universities recognised as eligible thereto, with not less than 55% marks or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed (without adding grace marks) and who has secured a Post Graduate Degree or an equivalent Professional Degree satisfying the condition detailed above from a foreign educational institution which is accredited by authorised agencies.
- However, a relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50% (without adding grace mark) or an equivalent relaxation of grade, shall be granted to those belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Differently Abled and for candidates who have obtained their Post Graduate Degree prior to 19th September, 1991.

2. Exemption from Entrance Test

All Candidates seeking admission for Ph.D Programme in a particular subject under this University shall pass the entrance test conducted by the University in the concerned subject except the following categories:

- JRF Awardees
- UGC Teacher Fellows
- M.Phil. & M.Tech. (all discipline), MD, MS, MDS (Modern Medicine, Homoeopathy and Ayurveda) Degree holders in the subject of research concerned
- Regular and permanent teachers from the University Departments and the Government/ Aided Colleges in Kerala
- Candidates who have qualified in the NET/ SLET/ GATE/ GPAT/ JEST/ RGNF or other tests conducted by such Government bodies as UGC, CSIR, ICAR/ ICMR
- DST Women Scientist Awardees
- KSCST/INSPIRE/MANF Fellowship Awardees
- Scientists from the Accredited R & D Institutions
- Teachers of Self-Financing Colleges under the control of Government, with at least three years of continuous service and are working at the time of doctoral committee.
- Teachers of Self-Financing Colleges affiliate to MGU, with at least three years of service and are working

at the time of doctoral committee.

3. Scheme of the Test

- The general aptitude test will be of three hours duration and will carry a maximum of 100 marks.
- Entrance test will be conducted at the Centre(s) as per the dates notified in the portal and changes of centers/dates, if any, shall also be notified through the portal.
- The test comprises of two papers – Part A - Subject chosen and Part B – Research Methodology.
- Pass requirement is minimum 50% marks for all categories except SC/ST/OBC/Differently Abled whose pass requirement is 45%.

4. Disciplines for the Entrance Test

The following table lists out the disciplines in which vacancies exists at present. However, there may be alterations in the number of vacancies during the validity period of the Entrance test results, which is two successive chances from the date of publication of the Entrance test results.

Sl. No.	Discipline	No. of Vacancy
1	Arabic	13
2	Behavioural Science	3
3	Biosciences (Biochemistry, Biophysics, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Life Science, Inter-disciplinary Sciences)	68
4	Botany	99
5	Chemistry	366
6	Commerce	41
7	Computer Science	12
8	Economics	58
9	Education	31
10	Electronics	20
11	English	61
12	Environmental Science	13
13	Fine Arts	1
14	Gandhian Studies & Development Studies	18
15	Geology	6
16	Hindi	66
17	History & Social Studies	34
18	Home Science	7
19	International Relations and Politics/ Political Science	25
20	Islamic History	2
21	Law	10
22	Malayalam	76
23	Management Studies	53

24	Mathematics	62
25	Music	6
26	Philosophy	7
27	Physical Education	9
28	Physics, Nanoscience and Nanotechnology	199
29	Psychology	3
30	Sanskrit	13
31	Social Work	4
32	Sociology	13
33	Statistics	41
34	Syriac	5
35	Tourism Studies	3
36	Zoology	96

5. Centres of Examination:

While filling out the application form, candidates can select any one of the below mentioned exam centre.

Sl. No.	Centre of Examination
1	University College, M.G Road, Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram
2	CMS College, Kottayam
3	Bharata Mata College, Thrikkakara
4	Government Vocational HSS for Girls, Nadakkavu, Kozhikkode
5	Sree Narayana College, Thottada, Kannur

The centres will be allotted to candidates on a first-come-first-serve basis. Once a centre has reached its capacity, candidates may be allotted any other centre from the above list. University will not accept the request to make changes in the allotted exam centres.

6. Fee for Application:

Candidates have to remit ₹ 1,225/- (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Five only) as application fee. For SC/ST candidates, the fee for application is ₹610/- (Rupees Six Hundred and Ten only). Fee shall be remitted through **Online Mode** only.

7. How to apply

- Candidates are requested to visit the Research Portal of the official website of Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam. <https://researchonline.mgu.ac.in>.
- Candidates belonging to the SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layers)/Differently Abled category shall upload copies of the documents in proof of the same, as detailed below, along with the application.

- * Caste Certificate for SC/ST candidates, from the Tahasildar
- * Non-creamy layer Certificate in original for OBC candidates, issued by the Village Officer
- * Certificate of disability issued by a Government Medical Board in case of differently abled candidates

8. Schedule for Online Application and Conduct of the Ph.D Entrance/Aptitude Test -2024

Sl. No.	Schedule for Ph.D Entrance Test - 2023	Date
1	Date of Opening the Portal for Online Submission of Application	08.04.2024
2	Date of Closing the Portal (Last date of submission of Application)	30.04.2024
3	Date of Entrance Examination	17.05.2024 & 18.05.2024
4	Date of Issuance of Hall Tickets	Will be notified through the portal

9. General Instructions

- Offline applications will not be accepted.
- The University reserves the right to reject any application for proper reasons adduced therewith without prior notice.
- Candidates awaiting results of their Post Graduate Examination are permitted to appear in the Entrance Test for the Ph.D Programme. However, such candidates shall submit the Provisional / Original Certificate obtained at the time of the Doctoral Interview.
- The validity of the results of the candidates of the Ph.D Entrance Test will be two successive chances from the date of publication of the Test results.
- Admission of Written Aptitude Test is only provisional. Qualifying in the Ph.D Entrance Examination alone does not imply that the candidates become eligible for Ph.D registration in the University which will be subject to verification of the original certificates, fulfilling other eligibility criteria at the time of Doctoral Interview and the vacancies existing under each subject. This is only an Aptitude Test and eligible candidates have to apply separately at the time of registration to the Programmes.

Visit <https://researchonline.mgu.ac.in> for more details.

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