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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Registration for Ph.D. Programme – 2025 (December Session)

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from the UGC-NET qualified candidates, those who qualified Entrance Examination conducted by University in the year 2024 (Second chance) & 2025 (Non-NET subjects) & categories mentioned in the clause 8 of MGU Ph.D Regulations 2025 for the registration for research leading to the award of Ph. D. Degree of the University for the year 2025 (**December Session**), as per the Regulations for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Mahatma Gandhi University, Kottayam, 2025 (https://research.mgu.ac.in/regulations/), prepared based on the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree), Regulations 2022 and U.O No. 11986/AC A10/2025/MGU dated 30.12.2025.

Application can be submitted in online mode through the M.G. University Online Research Portal (https://researchonline.mgu.ac.in/)

1. RESEARCH CENTRES

University teaching Departments, Inter University / Inter School Centers, Approved Research Centers in Government and Aided Colleges affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University and institutions formed by an Act of either by the State or by the Central Government for the promotion of research, shall only be the research centers of the University. (As per Clause 3 of the 'Regulation')

2. RESEARCH SUPERVISING TEACHERS

2.1 Only regular and approved teachers of the University Departments / Colleges in Government and Aided stream affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University having guideship under M. G. University, and the Scientists in Approved Research Centers are allowed to supervise the research work. Teachers having the period of regular service below three years and those coming under the Retired/ Adjunct/ Deputation/ Transferred category are not eligible to act as research supervising teachers.

2.2 The vacancy position under a research supervising teacher shall be reckoned as on the date of Doctoral Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

The following candidates are eligible to seek admission to Ph.D Programme:
Candidates who have completed:

- 1-year/2-semester Master's degree programme, after a 4-year/8-semester Bachelor’s degree programme, or a 2-year/4-semester Master’s degree programme, after a 3-year Bachelor’s degree programme, or qualifications declared equivalent to the Master’s degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.
- Equivalent qualification from a foreign educational Institution/University under the 1500 QS global ranking/The Times Higher Education ranking.
- 4 year/8 semester Bachelor’s Degree (honours with research) having a minimum of 75 % marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

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All Candidates seeking admission for Ph.D Programme in a particular subject under this University shall satisfy any of the following requirements:

- Candidates with fellowships from CSIR-UGC/KSCSTE/DST-INSPIRE/RGNF/DBT/ICMR/CEED/AICTE or any similar agencies of Government of India or Government of Kerala in the relevant discipline as approved by the university from time to time. They can join research at any time, provided they satisfy other academic requirements.
- Candidates who have qualified NET/GATE/GPAT/JEST/SLET recognized by UGC or other tests conducted by Government bodies such as UGC, CSIR, ICAR, ICSSR and ICMR or Research Fellowships of Central or State Government departemnts/agencies as approved by the university, as the case may be.
- DST Women Scientist Awardees and candidates under Visvesvaraya Ph.D. Scheme.
- Students who have qualified the entrance test conducted by the University in the year 2024 (Second Chance) & 2025 (Non-NET subjects).
- Foreign students duly selected by MoU, UCIC under relevant national bodies.
- Students holding Master's degree from foreign universities under 1500 QS global ranking/Times Higher Education ranking (latest or at the time of awarding degree)
- Candidates who are working in resaerch projects funded by Central/State Govt./Govt. agencies in the Schools/Departments/Inter University Centers/ Approved Research Centers with assured fellowship for at least two years.

Note: A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled/Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time. This relaxation to the categories mentioned above are permissible based on the qualifying marks without including the grace marks. **Eligibility / qualification for application must be attained on or before the date of Notification.**

3.1 The following categories of candidates can apply for the Ph.D. registration at any time, if there exists vacancies under the supervising teachers:

- CSIRUGC-JRF/KSCSTE-JRF/DBT-JRF/DST-INSPIRE/ICSSR/ MANF/ RGNF/CSIR-SRF Fellowship Awardees
- Candidates under Viswesvarayya Ph.D. scheme
- DST Women Scientist Awardees
- International students

4. MODE OF SELECTION / ADMISSION

4.1 Admissions to the Ph.D. Programme will be made on the basis of the following:

- Doctoral Interviews of each subjects will be conducted as per the directions in the U.O. Nos. 126/Ac A13/2023/MGU dated 06/01/2023, 1862/AC A10/2025/ MGU dated 27.02.2025 & 11986/ AC A10/2025/MGU dated 30.12.2025.
- For calculating the total marks for selection, 70% of weightage will be given for NET Score and 30% weightage for the interview to the candidates qualified through the UGC-NET examination 2024 & 2025. But the total marks will be in 100 for interview only, for those who have qualified the NET examinations before the year 2024 (NET qualified without any grade classification).
- The minimum marks for qualifying the Doctoral Interview is 50% for all candidates (all categories). The final selection by the Doctoral Interview will be decided on the ratio

70:30 for Entrance/NET Score and Interview/Viva-Voce marks. But for those who haven't a grade /point/mark available for UGC-NET etc. / entrance examination score the total marks for the interview is 100.

4.2 The selection will be on the basis of the marks obtained for the Doctoral Interview and as per the available vacancy in each subject. Qualifying the Doctoral Interview alone will not ensures admission for research, needs remarks as '**Recommended**' for admission by the Doctoral Committee.
4.3 Doctoral Committees for all Disciplines shall be completed within three months from the date of publication of notification.

5. PART-TIME REGISTRATION FOR RESEARCH

Ph.D programme through part-time mode will be permitted for eligible candidates on fulfilling the conditions prescribed in clause 11 of the '**Regulation**' .

6. REGISTRATION FEE

6.1 The prescribed fee for Ph.D. registration is as follows;
(1) General category - Rs. 1290/- (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety)
(2) SC/ST candidates - Rs. 970/- (Rupees Nine Hundred and Seventy)
(3) Foreign National candidates - Rs. 5145/- (Rupees Five Thousand One Hundred and Forty Five)

6 . 2 The candidates may select the appropriate category (General/SC-ST/Foreign) for fee payment, which is integrated with the online application portal and can paid only on completion of the online application procedure (Confirm the rates of updated fees in the MGU online Research Portal).

7. LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION

- Copy of photo identity card (Passport / PAN Card / Election Id)
- Copy of Transfer Certificate from the institution last studied
- Copy of Mark list & Certificate of the qualifying examination
- Eligibility Certificate for those who have taken qualifying Degree from other universities.
- Equivalency Certificate for those who propose to do research in a particular discipline, with qualifying Degree from other universities, in a discipline not offered by this university.
- Copy of the UGC / CSIR / KSCSTE / DST / INSPIRE / MANF /RGNF Fellowship Award Letter (if applicable)
- 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 (if applicable) and Copy of NET examination score card (Applicable to those qualified NET examination in 2024 & 2025)
- Caste Certificate, Non-Creamy Layer Certificate, EWS Certificate for the respective categories.
- Copy of the Medical Certificate issued by the medical board, in the case of differently-abled candidates
- Employment Certificate / No Objection Certificate / Undertaking from the employer (if working and applying for research in part time mode)
- Copies of the Research Proposal in the prescribed format (research proposal shall not exceed five pages)
- Copy of the result of the Entrance Test (Downloaded from university website in the case of those who have passed Entrance Test)

The lists of disciplines in which vacancies exists at present are given below: (Number of Vacancies available in the Research Portal)

Sl. No.	Discipline

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1	Arabic (SC-ST only)
2	Biosciences (Biochemistry, Biophysics, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Life Science, Inter-disciplinary Sciences)
3	Botany
4	Chemistry
5	Commerce
6	Computer Science
7	Economics
8	Education
9	Electronics
10	English
11	Behavioural Science
12	Gender Studies
13	Geology
14	Hindi
15	History & Social Studies
16	Home Science
17	International Relations and Politics/ Political Science
18	Islamic History
19	Malayalam
20	Management Studies
21	Mathematics
22	Philosophy
23	Physical Education
24	Physics
25	Psychology
26	Sanskrit
27	Social Work
28	Sociology
29	Statistics
30	Zoology
31	Fine Arts/Theatre Arts

NOTE:

- Incomplete / Defect applications will be summarily rejected.
- The online application portal will be opened from 01.01.2026 **(2 PM) to 31.01.2026 (4.45 PM)**
- Fees once remitted will not be refunded.
- Original supporting documents should be produced at the time of Doctoral Interview / at the time intimated by the University.

For more details visit: ***https://research.mgu.ac.in***
or call **0481 - 2733534, 2733585, 2733586, 2733588, 2733568, 2733336**
Email addresses - ***aca2@mgu.ac.in, aca6@mgu.ac.in, aca10@mgu.ac.in, aca11@mgu.ac.in, aca13@mgu.ac.in***

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