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Savitribai Phule Pune University

Ganeshkhind, Pune - 411007



Circular No. 154/2024

Notification

Ph.D. Entrance Examination

Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to Ph.D. program in University Departments & Recognized Research Centres as per Circular No. 152/2024 Dated: 09/07/2024 published by the University.

Candidate shall be admitted to Ph.D. program by a two stage process through: -

- Entrance Examination, which shall be a qualifying test. The Entrance Examination will be of 100 marks with multiple choice type questions.
- Personal Interview of candidates qualifying the Entrance Examination/ Candidates exempted from Entrance Examination to be conducted as per procedure prescribed.

Entrance Test Paper will have 2 Parts

	Number of Questions	Marks
Research Methodology	25	50
Subject Specific	25	50
Total	50	100

All questions shall be with multiple options & each correct answer carries 2 Marks. No negative marking system.

- Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the Entrance Examination conducted by the University, a weightage of 70 % for the Entrance Examination and 30 % for the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given.

1. Schedule of Entrance Examination

- Commencement of filling online applications : 10th July, 2024
 - Last date of filling online applications : 10th August, 2024
 - Date of online Ph.D. Entrance Examination : 24th August, 2024
 - Tentative date of display of result on the University website : 05th September, 2024
- No separate certificate of result will be issued by the University.
 - The Entrance Examination for Ph. D. program will be conducted through centre-based online mode at Ahmednagar, Nashik & Pune.
 - Duration & Timing of Entrance Exam : 1 Hours 30 Minutes (90 Minutes), after logging in between 10.00 am to 06.00 pm in three batches.
 - Standard of minimum passing : General Category : 50% marks
Reserved Category : 45 % marks

2. Eligibility for admission to Ph. D. Program :

Candidates who have completed:

- a) A 1-year/2-semester master's degree program after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree program with Research/Honors or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree program after a 3-year bachelor's degree program 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.

OR

equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/DT-A/NT-B/NT-C/NT-D/SEBC* & OBC (non-creamy layer if applicable)/ Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree program as per NEP 2020 should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/DT-A/NT-B/NT-C/NT-D/SEBC* & OBC (non-creamy layer if applicable)/Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

- b) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. program with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification 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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for PET. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/DT-A/NT-B/NT-C/NT-D/ SEBC* & OBC (non-creamy layer if applicable) /Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

**SEBC Reservation is subject to the final outcome at Writ Petition No. 3468/2024 filed in the Hon'ble Mumbai High Court.*

- c) Candidates with M.D./M.S. qualification will be considered eligible to Ph.D. Program in the subject equivalent to medical science under the faculty of Science & Technology

- d) Qualification of CA/CS/ICWA shall be treated as Post-Graduate qualifications in the faculty of Commerce & Management.

3. Exemption from appearing in Entrance Examination:

A candidate fulfilling at least one of the following conditions will be exempted from Entrance Examination:

University shall admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/NET-LS/UGC- CSIR NET/SET/GATE (Valid Score)/ JRF/ SRF/ ICAR/ ICMR/DET/DST/CEED and similar National level tests.

4. FEES :

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| 1. For appearing in PET Entrance Examination | : | For General Category | -Rs. 1500/- |
| | | For Reservation Category | -Rs. 1000/- |
| 2. Exempted from appearing Entrance Examination as per Notification clause - 3 (i) | : | For General Category | - Rs. 1000/- |
| | | For Reservation Category | - Rs. 800/- |

Mode of payment:- Payment made through online only, i.e, using Debit/Credit Card/Net Banking.

5. INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING UP ONLINE APPLICATION FORM

- Application form is available online on the University website: www.unipune.ac.in on following link
http://bcud.unipune.ac.in/phd_entrance/applicant/login.aspx
- Before filling the online application form please check the vacant positions for admission displayed on the University website.
- Candidates need not choose their Research Centre at the time of filling up of application form. Link for choosing research centre will be notified after result of PET.
- **Required documents:** Candidate shall upload following documents along with Online Application form:
 - a) Scanned copy of Marks Statement of Master's Degree. (if not acquired, Mark sheet should be submitted at the time of personal interview).
 - b) Scanned copy of the Caste Certificate in case of Reserved Category Candidates (if applicable).
 - c) Scanned copy of the Non - Creamy Layer Certificate (Valid till March, 2025) in case of Reserved Category Candidates (if applicable).
 - d) Scanned copy of the Medical Certificate issued by Civil Surgeon in case of Specially/Differently Abled candidates (if applicable).
 - e) Scanned copy of certificate issued by Divisional Deputy Commissioner, Women & Child Development Department, Government of Maharashtra for orphan candidates (if applicable)

Documents required for exemption candidate:

Photocopy of certificates in case of candidates exempted as per the University Notification clause- 3 (i).

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General Instructions:

- Candidates who are in the final year of the qualifying examination of the course are allowed to apply for the PET. However, the admission of such candidates is subject to their passing of the qualifying examination, with minimum percentage of marks
- Result will be declared as Qualified/Disqualified only. No marks will be displayed.
- A student can submit PET Examination applications for maximum three subjects/specializations, only maximum three latest applications of different subjects/specializations will be considered, in such case Entrance Examination Fees shall have to be paid separate for each form. Though a candidate is qualified in the PET for more than one subject, he/she can be considered for Ph.D. Admission in one subject only.
- In case of any grievance or disputes, the decision of the University shall be final and binding on all.
- Admission to any program does not guarantee hostel facility or any kind of financial support in any form like scholarship, fellowship, Earn & Learn etc. The University has independent procedure for offering such benefits, if applicable.
- It is the responsibility of the applicant to fulfil the eligibility conditions and comply with the admission requirements. If at any stage it is noticed that a false claim has been made by the candidate or important material facts have been concealed and / or the candidate is not eligible, his candidature shall be liable for cancellation.
- Candidates are **NOT** required to submit printout of application or any documents to the University after online submission of application. However, these original documents are to be submitted at the time of personal interview at the chosen research centre.
- Incomplete applications/applications without uploading required documents/applications submitted after the due date will be rejected without assigning any reason and no correspondence will be entertained by the University in this regard.
- No request for change in any information submitted in the online form will be entertained by the University (Mobile, email, centre etc.).
- The entrance examination will be conducted in English language for all faculties, except for subjects Marathi, Hindi, Urdu, Sanskrit, Pali, French, German, Economics, History, Politics, Philosophy, Psychology, Sociology, Adult Education, Education & Physical Education.
- Changes in reservation due to policy decisions of the government from time to time will be applicable.
- If a candidate found not eligible at any stage will be disqualified and in such case fees paid will not be refunded.
- **Candidates from reserved category other than Maharashtra state shall be treated as Open.**
- Admission is provisional subject to conditions on fulfilling eligibility criteria and R.R. Committee approval.
- Eligibility criteria – For more clarity regarding eligibility of a particular subject, students have to confirm it from the selected Research Centre.
- Students are advised to visit website frequently for details.
- Vacancy positions for Ph.D. are likely to be changed.

- Student admissions are dependent on availability of Research Centre and Research Guide.
- The documents provided by the students along with the PET examination application should be submitted by the students at the time of interview. If the said document is not submitted, the admission will be considered as cancelled.
- Admission will be confirmed after verification of original documents by the Research Centres concerned.
- Eligible students will be called for the interview in the ratio of 1:3, based on the category wise number of Ph.D. seats available.
- After the examination admission process will take place only if Research Centres & Research Guide are available.

Online registration process will be treated as completed only after the required documents and application are uploaded on http://bcud.unipune.ac.in/phd_entrance/applicant/login.aspx on or before the last day as the application.

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