

**MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA****Registration for Ph.D. Programme – 2026 (June Session)****NOTIFICATION**

Applications are invited from the UGC-NET qualified candidates and categories mentioned in Clause 8 of the "Regulations for the award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy by Mahatma Gandhi University, 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 University Order No. 11986/AC A10/2025/MGU dated 30.12.2025, for registration for research leading to the award of Ph.D. Degree of the University for the year 2026 (**June Session**).

Applications can be submitted only in online mode through the MG University Online Research Portal (<https://researchonline.mgu.ac.in/>)

**1. RESEARCH CENTRES**

University teaching 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 by the State or by the Central Government for the promotion of research, shall only be the research centres 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 MG University, and the Scientists who are approved as Research Guides by the University 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.

**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 departments/agencies as approved by the university, as the case may be.
- DST Women Scientist Awardees and candidates under Visvesvaraya Ph.D. Scheme.
- 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 research 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 are existing 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 relevant University Orders.
- 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 onwards. 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).

**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. Faculty members with less than three years of service before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new research scholars under their supervision.

**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. 1355/- (Rupees One Thousand Three Hundred and Fifty Five only)
- (2) SC/ST candidates - Rs. 1020/- (Rupees One Thousand and Twenty only)
- (3) Foreign National candidates - Rs. 5405/- ( Rupees Five Thousand Four Hundred and Five only)

**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 onwards)
- 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)

- Copy of the Research Proposal (research proposal shall not exceed five pages)

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

| Sl. No. | Discipline                                  |
|---------|---------------------------------------------|
| 1       | Tourism                                     |
| 2       | Physical Education                          |
| 3       | International Relations & Political Science |
| 4       | Education                                   |
| 5       | Islamic History                             |
| 6       | Law                                         |
| 7       | Music                                       |
| 8       | Physics                                     |
| 9       | Home Science                                |
| 10      | Geology                                     |
| 11      | Electronics                                 |
| 12      | Chemistry                                   |
| 13      | Zoology                                     |
| 14      | Statistics                                  |
| 15      | Sociology                                   |
| 16      | Social Work                                 |
| 17      | History                                     |
| 18      | Economics                                   |
| 19      | Commerce                                    |
| 20      | Malayalam                                   |
| 21      | English                                     |
| 22      | Arabic (SC-ST only)                         |
| 23      | Mathematics                                 |
| 24      | Computer Science                            |
| 25      | Botany                                      |
| 26      | Biosciences                                 |
| 27      | Management Studies                          |
| 28      | Hindi                                       |
| 29      | Psychology                                  |
| 30      | Philosophy                                  |
| 31      | Behavioural Science/ Medicine               |
| 32      | Sanskrit                                    |
| 33      | Climate Change Studies                      |
| 34      | Gandhian Studies                            |
| 35      | Environmental Science                       |

**NOTE:**

- Incomplete / Defective applications will be summarily rejected.
- The online application portal will be opened from **01.07.2026 to 31.07.2026**.
- Fees once remitted will not be refunded.
- Supporting documents in originals 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>**

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