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सकल वसुधा निज कुटुंब की
भावना संस्कृति सनातन
आधुनिक शिक्षा पुरातन
ज्ञान धाराओं का संगम
देश की स्वाधीनता हित
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ADMISSION SCHEDULE

Registration Begins	Tuesday, October 6, 2026
Registration Closes	Sunday, October 18, 2026
Interviews to be conducted by Departments/ Centres	From Wednesday, October 21, 2026 till Saturday, October 31, 2026
Recommendation of DRC and BRS	Till Tuesday, November 10, 2026
Last Date for Payment of Fees	Till Sunday, November 15, 2026

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IMPORTANT POINTS

Ph.D. Programs are offered by the University of Delhi through its Departments/Centres under different Faculties, namely Arts, Applied Social Sciences & Humanities, Education, Interdisciplinary & Applied Sciences, Music, Commerce & Business Studies, Mathematical Sciences, Sciences, Law, Social Sciences, Medical Sciences and others.

1. Admission to Ph.D. Program of University of Delhi is governed by the Ordinance VI of the University, its Amendments, and other notifications issued by UoD from time to time in this regard.
2. Admission to all Ph.D. Programs are done on the basis of the eligibility criteria and procedures specified by the University on its admission website, Ph.D. Bulletin of Information - 2026. Before initiating the registration process, the candidates must read the contents of BOI(Ph.D)-2026 and consult the University of Delhi Act, 1922, its amendments and the Statutes. The Ordinances, Rules, Regulations, and Notifications of the UoD available on the University website, www.du.ac.in shall be final and binding.
3. Admissions to Ph.D. Program 2026-27 will be based on University of Delhi Notification; Sub: Amendments to Ordinances V, EC. Resolution 18-7/ dated 30.07.2026 (Annexure-I)
4. For the academic session 2026-27, the Ph.D. registration portal may be opened more than one time in an academic year.
5. For admission to Ph.D. program for the academic session 2026-27, the scores of NET Examination conducted in December 2025 and June 2026 will be considered.
6. Interview is mandatory for all Candidates. Interview will be done only in physical mode at the respective department. The candidate is advised to make necessary arrangement for travel well in advance. No TA/DA/Accommodation will be given for attending the Interview.
7. Admission to all Ph.D. Programs is done online through the University's portal <http://phd2026.uod.ac.in>.

8. Registration Fee

Registration fee (non-refundable) for Ph.D. program is

SC/ST/PwBD	Rs. 300.00 (Rupees Three Hundred Only) per program
UR/ EWS/ OBC-NCL	Rs. 750.00 (Rupees Seven Hundred Fifty Only) per program

9. Admission of the candidates for Ph.D. Program is based on the suitability to specific specializations and also subject to fulfilling all other conditions laid down in the respective Ordinances of the University of Delhi.
10. Candidates must read the BOI(Ph.D)-2026 to ascertain their eligibility criteria, major area of research and mandatory requirement of Research proposal at the time of registration. The information related to Areas of Research, Allied Subjects, Seat Matrix, Requirement of Research

Proposal and process for interviews has been provided by the Departments. This Bulletin of Information is compilation of the information received from the respective Departments. For details, candidates must visit the website of the respective Department.

11. Departments/Centres reserve the right not to fill up the vacant seats of the Ph.D. Programs in case of non-availability of suitable candidates.
12. At the time of admission, the candidate will be required to appear in person at the respective Department for verification of the original documents. The Departments/Centres will verify the certificates/ documents submitted by the candidates before granting the admission.
13. Candidates must check the eligibility criteria carefully. There are no additional eligibility criteria besides the ones stipulated by the University through its website and BOI(Ph.D)-2026, published on the admission website of the UoD, and/or any update subsequential to it.
14. Determination of eligibility and verification of documents for admission to Ph.D will be the sole purview of UoD.
15. Candidates are advised to check the admission website (www.admission.uod.ac.in) of the University and the website of the respective Department for all communications and updates related to admissions. UoD will not be responsible for a candidate's lack of awareness of the admission guidelines, schedule, eligibility criteria, and Ph.D. admission rules. It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to keep checking the dashboard, email and admission websites of UoD regularly. Grievances resulting from lack of reading/consulting this Bulletin and information published/uploaded on the website of the University and/or Departments time to time will not be entertained.
16. Grievances related to PhD admissions will be dealt by the DRC/BRS of the respective Department/ Faculty.
17. Non-compliance with the requirements for admission, including non-submission of relevant documents and/or non-payment of fee/s within the stipulated date and time, the candidate will lose his/her right to admission.
18. If at any stage, documents submitted by the candidate relating to the admission are found to be fake/non-genuine and/or fabricated or in any other manner defective, the said candidate will not be given admission and if already admitted, admission will be cancelled without any prior notice in this regard. If the same is found after completing the Program, his/her degree will be revoked, and appropriate legal action will be taken against him/ her.
19. A candidate's participation in the admission process will be provisional. If, at any stage, it is found that eligibility requirements are not fulfilled, the admission, if granted, shall be cancelled *ipso facto* and appropriate legal action will be taken against such candidate.
20. Seats mentioned in the BOI (Ph.D)-2026 may vary.
21. Supernumerary seats shall be available as per the University rules.
22. Permanent serving teaching and non-teaching staff of the University of Delhi shall be eligible to appear directly for the interview. These will be supernumerary seats.

23. University will not refund Admission Fee (if paid) in case any candidate is found ineligible at any stage.
24. The University reserves the right to cancel the admission of any candidate who violates the rules and regulations laid down by the UoD.
25. No Candidate shall be eligible to register for the Ph. D. program if s/he is already registered for any full-time program of study in any University/Institution and shall not be permitted to undertake any full-time course during the pendency of the program.
26. The merit list for the UR seats will comprise all candidates in order of merit. No one will be excluded from the same. In other words, the merit list for the Unreserved (UR) category will also include SC/ST/OBC-NCL/ EWS/PwBD candidates, irrespective of category, if they meet the criterion of merit for the UR category. No candidate can be excluded from the UR category merit list just because the Candidate belongs to or has applied under SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/PwBD category. Discrimination on the basis of category/ caste is completely unlawful. The University of Delhi does not tolerate discrimination against any Candidate/student on this basis. Strict action will be taken against any violations.
27. If the total number of eligible ST category candidates who have applied for particular Ph.D. Program exhausts, then the remaining seats under this category will be allocated to eligible SC category candidates and vice-versa.
28. OBC - Non-Creamy Layer Certificate (in the name of the Candidate) issued by the competent authority, and wherein the caste is in the OBC Central List issued by <http://ncbc.nic.in>. Income certificate must be issued after March 31, 2026.
29. EWS Certificate (in the name of the candidate) from the competent issuing authority certifying the candidate can claim reservation under this category. Income certificate must be issued after March 31, 2026.
30. SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/PwBD Certificate (in the name of the Candidate) issued by the competent issuing authority. The name of candidate claiming reservation under SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/PwBD must match the name that appears on his/her qualifying certificates. Similarly, his/her parents' names must match in both sets of certificates.
31. If the original certificates are not in English/Hindi, the English/Hindi version/translation of such certificates, duly certified by the Principal/Director or other competent authority of the last Institute attended, will be required during the verification of documents.
32. For schedule and guidelines related to interviews, the candidates must check the website of the respective departments.
33. No TA/DA/Accommodation will be given for attending the Interview.
34. If a candidate who has paid the admission fees wishes to withdraw from PhD Programme, his/her application will be duly approved by the DRC and BRS.

35. The admission fee on account of withdrawal of the admission by the admitted candidate will be refunded as per the UoD notification dated 01.06.2026. (<https://www.du.ac.in/uploads/2026/01062026-notice-fee-refund.pdf>).
36. Refunds of Ph.D. registration fee will not be done under any circumstances.
37. Refund, if any, will be directed to the account/UPI/ Card from which it has been received. The University is not bound to entertain any requests made on Chargeback Registration /Mid Entry/Withdrawal Fee. Refund requests for unsuccessful payments, if applicable, will only be processed through offline mode after completion of the admission process.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

DEPARTMENT OF ARABIC

Major areas of Research in the Department of Arabic: Arabic Language and Literature

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	3	2	1	0	1	1	1
II	2	2	1	1	1	1	1

DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST STUDIES

Major areas of Research in the Department of Buddhist Studies: Theravada, Mahayan, Tantrayana, Pali Literature, Buddhist Sanskrit, Tibetan, Chinese, History, Engaged Buddhism, Buddhist Ethics, Environment
Allied Subjects, if any: Philosophy, Political Science, Chinese, Tibetan, Sanskrit, History, Hindi, English, Hindu Studies etc.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	9	7	4	2	2	1	
II	7	4	2	1	2	1	

DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Eligibility: M. A. in English

Major areas of Research in the Department of English: British Literature, Indian Writing in English, Indian Literature, World Literature, American Literature, European Literature, Gender Studies, Visual Studies, Women Studies, Queer Studies, Dalit Studies, Disability Studies, Diaspora Studies, Autobiographical Studies, Post-Colonial Studies, Translation Studies, Print Culture, South Asian Literature, Cultural Studies, Medical Humanities, Marginality Studies, Partition Literature, Refugees Narratives and Dystopian Literature, Conflict and Memory Studies, Indian Classical Literature, Indian Knowledge Systems, Media Studies, Orature/Oral Culture, Language and Linguistics, Religion and Literature, Film Studies, Performance Studies, Postmodern Literature, Narrative Studies, Digital Humanities and Theory of Emotions

The subject mentioned in the UGC NET/GATE is English Literature

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	7	5	3	1	2	1	2
II	5	3	2	1	1	1	0

All candidates are required to submit a research proposal of 1000 to 1200 words at the time of registration.

DEPARTMENT OF GERMANIC & ROMANCE STUDIES

Major areas of Research in the Department of Germanic & Romance Studies: Literature, Didactics, FLT, Translation

In case of Portuguese & Italian - Entrance test will be conducted by the department on the pattern of the UGC NET Exam.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	10	6	4	2	2	1	1
II	7	4	2	1	2	1	1

DEPARTMENT OF LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE

Major areas of Research in the Department of Library & Information Science: Artificial Intelligence, Matrix Study, Information Seeking Behaviour, Ontology, Design and Development, Marketing of LIS

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	2	1	0	0	1	0	0
II	1	1	1	0	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF LINGUISTICS

Eligibility: M. A. in Linguistics with 55% marks (or equivalent CGPA score) from a recognised university; relaxations for various categories as per Delhi University rules.

Major areas of Research in the Department of Modern Indian languages and Literary Studies Phonetics, Phonology, Morphology, Syntax, Semantics, Historical Linguistics, (Experimental) Psycholinguistics, Typology, Syntactic Variation, Sentence Processing, Cognitive Linguistics, Language Acquisition, Language Disorder, Sign Linguistics, Language Documentation.

Allied subjects: LANGUAGE SCIENCES

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	2	3	2	1	0	1	1

INTERVIEW PROCESS TO BE CONDUCTED BY THE DEPARTMENT

PART-I: 10 marks Candidates will be tested on their (i) subject knowledge and any previous research-based work in Linguistics; (ii) Ph.D. proposal submitted and/ or presentation skills; etc.

PART-II: 20 marks

Candidates will be Questioned on the technical and practical aspects of the proposal, among other things. Prospective candidates are required to send a detailed proposal containing essentials components like aim and justification of the study, previous research, methodology, theoretical and empirical issues, references, etc. to head@linguistics.du.ac.in well in advance. Candidates are advised to highlight core linguistic aspects of their research proposal.

DEPARTMENT OF INDIAN LANGUAGES AND LITERARY STUDIES

Eligibility: NET in Indian Languages/Comparative Literature/English or M.Phil in Indian Languages or Comparative Indian Literature or English.

Major areas of Research in the Department of Modern Indian languages and Literary Studies: Language and literature (Assamese, Bengali, Gujarati, Kannada, Malayalam, Marathi, Manipuri, Odia, Sindhi, Tamil, Telugu), Comparative Poetics, Dalit Literature, Folklore, Women and Literature, Cultural Studies and Allied Subjects.

Allied subjects: Sociology, Philosophy, Performing Arts , Folklore & Tribal Lore.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	10	6	3	2	3	1	2
II	10	6	3	2	3	1	2

DEPARTMENT OF HINDI

Major areas of Research in the Department of Hindi: Aadhunik, Madyakaleen, Rangmanch, Bhasha Vighan, Sanchar

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	63	42	23	12	16	8	16
II	42	28	16	08	10	5	10

DEPARTMENT OF PERSIAN

Major areas of Research in the Department of Persian: Indo-Persian Literature, Classical Persian Literature, Modern Persian Literature, Comparative Literature

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	5	3	2	1	1	1	1
II	3	2	1	1	1	1	1

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Eligibility: As per University of Delhi Rules: 55% in Masters in Philosophy or in any of the Allied Subjects Psychology, Physics, Linguistics, Sociology, Political Science, English, Management and Law, History, Sanskrit and Mathematics.

Major areas of Research : Advaita Vedanta and Yoga Philosophy, Indian and Western Metaphysics, Moral and Political Philosophy, Comparative and Applied Philosophy , Philosophy of Mind Philosophy of culture Feminism Ethics Phenomenology, Advaita Vedanta, German Idealism, Ethics, Buddhism, Feminism , Platão™s Philosophy, Gender, Aesthetics and Applied Ethics, , Moral philosophy, Indian Philosophy, Indian epics, Environmental ethics Ontology, Metaphysics, AI and related, Indian Philosophical Systems , Indian Philosophy Classical and Modern, Indian Philosophy, Indian Ethics, Contemporary Indian Philosophy, and Applied Ethics, Social Philosophy and Moral Philosophy (Applied Philosophy) Contemporary Indian Philosophy, especially Philosophy of Swami Vivekananda, Gandhian Philosophy, Philosophy of Jiddu Krishnamurti, B R Ambedkar's Social Philosophy, Existentialism (Sartre), Philosophy of Religion, Applied Ethics and Peace Studies. , Indian Philosophy, Philosophy of Mind, Counseling , Indian Philosophy, Contemporary of Indian Philosophy, Comparative philosophy Indian and western, Analytic Philosophy, Philosophy of Action, Indian philosophy, Continental Philosophy, Ethics , Analytic Philosophy and Logic , Bioethics, Philosophy of Technology, Continental Philosophy , Philosophy of Cognitive Science/Mind/Psychiatry, Philosophical Counseling, Phenomenology, Existentialism, Gender studies, social and political philosophy , Ethics/Applied Ethics/Feminism/Contemporary Philosophy y , Social and Political Philosophy, Indian Philosophy

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	4	2	1	1	1	1	1
II	2	1	1	1	1	1	1

DEPARTMENT OF PSYCHOLOGY

Major areas of Research in the Department of Psychology: Cognitive Psychology, Applied Developmental Psychology, Organizational Behavior, Clinical Psychology, Positive Psychology, Health Psychology, Environmental Psychology. Applied Psychology, Indian Psychology, Military Social Psychology, Neuropsychology, and Artificial Intelligence

Allied Disciplines: Psychology/ Applied Psychology/Behavioural & Cognitive Sciences/ Human Development and Family Studies

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	11	7	4	2	3	1	0
II	6	4	2	1	1	1	0

DEPARTMENT OF PUNJABI

Eligibility: MA Punjabi

Major areas of Research in the Department of Punjabi: Punjabi Language, Literature, Culture, Media and Translation Studies

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	5	4	2	1	1	1	0
II	4	2	1	1	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF SANSKRIT

Major areas of Research in the Department of Sanskrit: Sahitya, Grammer, Ved, Eppigraphy, Darshan, Jyotish, Linguistics, Dharma Shashtra etc

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	30	16	9	4	3	3	3
II	20	10	6	2	2	2	2

DEPARTMENT OF SLAVONIC AND FINNO-UGRIAN STUDIES

Eligibility: M.A. in Russian

Major areas of Research in the Department of Slavonic and Finno-Ugrian Studies: Russian Language, Literature, Culture and Translation

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	1	5	2	1	2	1	1

II	1	5	2	1	2	1	1
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DEPARTMENT OF URDU

Major areas of Research in the Department of Urdu: Urdu Literature, Criticism & Comparative Studies, Translated Literature, Film Cinema

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	6	3	2	1	1	0	0
II	4	2	1	0	1	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND BUSINESS ECONOMICS

Major areas of Research in the Department of Finance and Business Economics: Finance, Business Economics/Economics, Management

Allied subjects: Commerce, Economics, Management (Including Allied Areas Such As Hr Etc.)

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	4	3	1	1	1	1	1
II	3	1	1	0	1	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Major areas of Research in the Department of Commerce: Accounting, Finance, International Business, Marketing, Organisational Behaviour and Development

Allied subjects: Commerce and Management

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	11	7	4	2	3	1	
II	7	5	3	1	2	1	

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department

Minimum qualifying marks of overall merit score - 45% for UR and 40% for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-cremy layer)/Differently abled/EWS.

FACULTY OF EDUCATION

Eligibility: Master's degree programme in Education* / M.Phil. (Education)

Note: *The Programme which are equivalent to Master's degree programme in Education are: M.A. (Education), M.Ed., M.A. in Adult Education, M.Sc. (Education), M.Sc. (Science Education), M.A. (Lifelong Learning), M.Sc. (Mathematics Education) MA (Elementary Education), M.A./M.Sc. (Special Education) etc.

Major areas of Research in the Department of Education: Learning Disability, Science education, Mathematics Education, Human Development, Learning and cognition, Social theory of education, CPD, Diversity Pedagogy, Child Development, Psychology, Teacher Education & Professional Development, English Language Pedagogy, Language and Multilingual Education, Environmental

Education, Educational Policy & Reform, Inclusive Education, Indian Knowledge System (IKS), Assessment And Educational Evaluation, Education Policies, Issues and Concerns, Social Science, Teaching of History, Elementary Education, Childhood Studies, Gender and Education, Positive psychology, Mental Health and Well Being, School Leadership and Development, ICT in Education, ECE, Sociology of Education, Marginality and Education Studies, Language Education & Learning, Tribal Education, Ethnographic studies, marginalities, Schooling and state, violence, urban margins, Caste and Education, Citizenship Education

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	11	8	4	2	3	1	3
II	7	5	3	2	2	1	2

DEPARTMENT OF PLANT MOLECULAR BIOLOGY

Major areas of Research in the Plant Molecular Biology: Stress Molecular Biology, Reproductive Biology, Signal Transduction and Photobiology, Bioinformatics, Functional Genomics, Small Regulatory RNAs

Allied subjects: Life sciences, Biochemistry, Biotechnology

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	4	1	2	1	1	1	1
II	2	0	2	1	0	1	1

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Major areas of Research in the Biochemistry: Tuberculosis research, Novel diagnostics and therapeutics for tuberculosis, TB vaccine development, Understanding Host-pathogen interaction associated with TB pathogenesis, Bacteriophages and encoded endolysins targeting Mycobacterial and ESKAPE pathogens, Leishmaniasis, Cell death pathways, Molecular mechanisms of cancer. Enzyme technology, Enzyme purification and characterization, Structural studies of proteins and enzymes and toxicological studies, Glycotion reactions, Type 2-diabetes, nanomedicine, anti-cancer, Screening, synthesis and characterization of peptides that have anti-fungal and anti-microbial properties for treatment of infectious diseases especially in regard to skin diseases, Biosensor technology, nanotechnology, food safety and chemistry, Molecular basis of fatty liver disease and related hepatocellular cancer, Biochemical endocrinology and separation of biomolecules, Nitric oxide signalling in disease

CSIR UGC NET LIFE SCIENCE

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	6	3	2	1	0	0	0
II	3	2	1	0	0	0	0

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department	Interview is mandatory for all candidates and will be conducted as per University norms. All information concerning interviews and admissions will be displayed on the Department website. Unless otherwise indicated, the interviews will be in offline mode at the Department of Biochemistry, University of Delhi South Campus, Benito Juarez Road, New Delhi- 110021. In the interview, weightage will be given to the
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	candidates & research aptitude, academic background, theoretical and practical skills and knowledge, and match of their research interest with faculty specializations. Based on performance in the interview, the candidates will be shortlisted. A second round of interaction/interview may take place depending on the number of seats and number of shortlisted candidates. A list of the eligible candidates for interview will be published on the departmental website with the details of the interview. Following selection, Successful candidates will be asked to report to the department for document verification. After document verification and approval, the candidate will be required to pay the admission fees. In addition, all University directions/rules for conducting PhD admissions will apply. No grievance will be entertained if the candidate fails to comply with any of the instructions and/or if the candidate fails to report for interview on the designated day and time, given by the Department through its website. Department reserves the right not to fill up the vacant seats of Ph.D. program in case of the non-availability of suitable candidates.
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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRONIC SCIENCES

Major areas of Research in the Electronic Science: Thin Films, Nano-materials & Nanostructures (Electronic/semiconductor materials & Devices) for various applications, Material Science: Nano science/ Nano composites/ Nano technology, Modeling and Simulation Studies of Microelectronic Devices and Materials, VLSI, Microwave Passive Components and Circuits, Microwave Antennas for advanced Communications, Terahertz Sensor and Absorber, Plasmonic waveguides and devices, Robotics and Artificial Intelligence, Embedded Systems and Automation, Optical and Fiber Electronics, Cyber Physical Systems and Machine learning, Biophotovoltaics, Biomedical Signal Processing and its Application

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	17	11	7	3	4	2	4
II	11	8	4	2	3	2	3

DEPARTMENT OF GENETICS

Eligibility : Master's Degree/ M.Phil./ M. Tech./ MBBS/ M.D./ M.S. in any branch of life Sciences/ Medical Sciences/ Any branch of Biology from a recognised University/Institute.

Major areas of Research in the Genetics: **Molecular breeding, Agricultural genomics, Plant pathogen interaction, Neurodegenerative disorders, Millet genomics/Plant virus, Resistance to therapy** in breast cancer/ Resistance to therapy in lung cancer/ Computational cancer genomics, Mitochondrial protein synthesis, Transcription regulators

Allied subjects: Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Environmental Sciences

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	4	2	1	1	1	0	0
II	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

Eligibility: M.Sc. in Microbiology/Biotechnology/any other branch of Life Sciences from a recognized University.

Major areas of Research in the Microbiology: Extremophile Biotechnology; Industrial Microbiology and Production of Therapeutic proteins; Viral Pathogenesis; Mechanisms of epigenetic regulation; Molecular Mechanisms of Anti-Microbial Resistance; Host-microbe and RNA-Protein interaction biochemistry; Bacterial pathogenesis, stress and its response; Host microbe interaction; Molecular biology of DNA repair in Candida; RNA-Protein biochemistry; Bioinformatics; Integrated Environmental Metagenomics and One Health framework

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	4	2	1	0	1	0	0
II	4	1	0	1	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICAL EDUCATION & SPORTS SCIENCES

Eligibility: Master's degree/M.Phil. In Physical Education/Yoga/Sports Sciences from a recognized university. NET to be qualified in Physical Education/Yoga

Major areas of Research in the Physical Education & Sports Sciences: Sports psychology, Sports Biomechanics, Sports Sociology, Exercise physiology, Sports Training, Sports Management, Pedagogy etc. YOGA, Sports Science

Allied subjects: Physical Education, Yoga, Sports Science

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	8	5	3	1	2		
II	5	4	2	1	1		

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department

It is mandatory to secure 50% marks in the interview for Ph.D. Admission

DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS

Major areas of Research in the Department of Mathematics: Algebra, Functional Analysis, Operator Theory, Complex Analysis, Ergodic Theory, Topological Dynamics, Dynamical systems, Topology, Differential Equations, Fluid Mechanics, Optimization, Numerical Analysis, Celestial Mechanics

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	9	5	3	2	1	1	2
II	5	4	2	1	1	1	1

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department

The candidate is required to make a short presentation to the interview committee on an advanced topic in an area of his/her research interest at the start of the interview. Assessment will be based on the presentation and the candidate's interaction with the committee. For information related to additional

	requirements such as duration of presentation, Interviews and Admission Schedule, refer to the website of the Department.
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FACULTY OF MUSIC AND FINE ARTS

Major areas of Research in the Department of Music: Music/Classical Music - Hindustani Music, Percussion Music & Karnatak Music

Allied subjects: Vocal Music (Hindustani, Karnatak, or Classical), Instrumental Music (Sitar, Sarod, Violin, Guitar, Harmonium, etc.), Percussion Instruments (Tabla, Pakhawaj, Mridangam etc.), Musicology and Music Theory.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	12	8	5	2	2	2	2
II	10	6	3	1	1	1	1

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department	Interview/ Practical Entrance Examination will be conducted by Department of Music, University of Delhi. Both, NET and Interview/ Practical Entrance Test conducted by the Department is compulsory for admission in Ph.D. The candidate is required to give a brief presentation to the interview committee on a topic related to their area of research interest. Assessment will be based on the presentation and the candidate's interaction with the committee. Research proposal though not mandatory, yet is welcome if the candidate prepares one.
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DEPARTMENT OF FINE ARTS, FACULTY OF MUSIC & FINE ARTS

Eligibility: MFA in the relevant specialization

Major areas of Research in the Department of Fine Arts: APPLIED ART/PAINTING/SCULPTURE

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	10	6	2	1	2	0	3
II	10	6	2	1	2	0	3

DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONAL RESEARCH

Eligibility: Master's/ M.Phil. Degree in Operational Research of University of Delhi or any other recognized University. Master's/M.Phil. degree in the allied subject from a recognized University with 55% marks are also eligible for admission, provided the candidate has studied at least one paper in Operational Research with 60% and more marks in Operational Research paper.

The Department will recognize NET score in:

(i) CSIR-UGC (Mathematical Sciences)

(ii) UGC-NET (Management)

Major areas of Research in the Department of Operational Research: Inventory and Production Management; Logistics and Supply Chain Management; Optimization; Fuzzy Optimization; Multi-Criteria Optimization; Routing Optimization; Portfolio Optimization; Stochastic Modelling; Queuing Theory; Reliability and Maintenance Theory; Software Reliability; Marketing Management; Quantitative Marketing;

Data-Driven Modelling; Financial Management; Quality Management; Healthcare Management; Social Media Analytics; Decision Theory.

Allied subjects: Mathematics, Statistics, Computer Science, Management

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	4	3	2	1	1	1	
II	2	2	1	0	1	0	

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department	All candidates are required to appear in person for the interview. Each candidate shall make a 10–15 minutes presentation on the proposed area of research during the interview, followed by an interaction with the Interview Board.
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DEPARTMENT OF STATISTICS

Eligibility: M.A./M.Sc. (Statistics). The Department will accept the JRF/NET score in CSIR-UGC (Mathematical Sciences) and UGC NET (Statistics), GATE (Statistics) and other similar national level tests.

Major areas of Research in the Department of Statistics: Industrial Statistics, Order Statistics, Statistical inference, Bayesian Inference, Reliability and Survival Analysis, Competing Risk, Sampling Techniques, Distribution Theory, Demography, Ecological Modelling, Time Series Modelling, Lifetime Distributions, Biostatistics, Linear Models, Probability Theory, Applied Statistics, Design of Experiments, Stochastic Processes, Stochastic Modelling, Queuing Theory, Multivariate Analysis, Statistical Quality Control, Quantile based Statistical Modelling, Population Health, Fuzzy Sets, Operational Research, Forestry and Environmental Statistics, Psychological and Educational Statistics and other allied areas

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	12	7	4	2	1	1	0
II	8	4	2	1	1	1	0

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department	For information related to requirement of research proposal for admission, refer to the website of the Department. The candidate is required to give a brief presentation to the interview committee on a topic related to their area of research interest. Assessment will be based on the presentation and the candidate's interaction with the committee. For details regarding additional requirements, such as the duration of the presentation, interview process, and admission schedule, please refer to the Department website.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Major areas of Research in the Department of Computer Sciences: Approximation Algorithms, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning, Data Science and Analytics, Networks Security and Communication, Image Vision and Signal Processing, Bioinformatics and Healthcare, Natural Language Processing and Social

Media, Software Engineering and Quality, Quantum Computing and Quantum Machine Learning, Cryptography and Information Security, Blockchain Technology, Cloud Computing and Internet of Things, Social Network Analysis and Social Media Analytics, Operations Research and Optimization, Computational Biology and Genomics. Human–Computer Interaction and eLearning, Computer Graphics and Visualization. Visit department website for more information.

Allied subjects: Master's degree in Mathematics, Statistics, OR Operational Research, provided they have qualified for the UGC-NET in Computer Science/Applications or the CSIR NET in Mathematical Sciences.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	27	18	10	5	7	3	7
II	18	12	7	3	4	3	4

DEPARTMENT OF CONTINUING EDUCATION & EXTENSION

Major areas of Research in the Department of Continuing Education and Extension: The Department fosters interdisciplinary and socially relevant research in Lifelong Learning and Extension, Tourism Studies, and Sustainable Tourism, alongside Environment and Sustainable Development, Commerce and Entrepreneurship, Geography, History and Heritage Studies, and Political Science, Governance, and Public Policy, as well as other emerging areas of the Social Sciences.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	14	10	5	3	4	2	0
II	10	6	4	2	2	1	0

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Eligibility: Master's of M.Phil. degree in History with at least 55% or an equivalents grade from a recognize Indian/Foreign University. Candidates from other disciplines (Social Sciences, Humanities, Sciences, etc.) with at least 55% in their MA may also apply.

Major areas of Research in the Department of History: Social History, Economic History, cultural History, Visual Culture, History of Religion, Gender History, Intellectual History, Archaeological Foundation of History, History of Emotion; Paleography/Epigraphy and historical analysis of Inscriptions, The interface between landscape, archaeology and anthropology, Medieval Stated and ecclesiastical Institutions, Asian interaction and Transculturality, The Nationalist movement in India, Peasant and tribal societies Studies-culture, Caste and Gender: Identity formation and Articulations in India, Memory history-community, Oral and performative narratives and their Relationships to Constructions of particularistic Pasts, Rural and Urban Landscapes and Environmental History; History of Disease, History of Science and Medicine. The Interaction between Institutions of Governance and Newer Forms of Knowledge, with particular reference to the development of Humanistic Disciplines and of Archaeology and Museumology.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	12	8	5	3	3	2	2
II	8	5	3	1	2	1	2

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMICS

Allied subjects: Mathematics, Statistics, Quantitative Economics

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	4	2	1	1	1	1	1
II	2	2	1	0	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIOLOGY

Major areas of Research in the Department of Sociology: The faculty specializations will be available on Department Website the Department website.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	2	1	1	1	1	1	1
II	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department	The submission of a research proposal is mandatory at the time of application and the same will also be required to be submitted to the Department prior to the interview (students would be required to check the website for details). Candidates whose proposals are found to be plagiarized or show significant dependence upon AI tools will be disqualified.						
	In the interview, the candidate will be assessed for their sociological understanding, relevance and viability of their research proposal, preparedness for research, and match with faculty specializations.						

DEPARTMENT OF GEOGRAPHY

Major areas of Research in the Department of Geography: Human and Physical Geography

Allied subjects: Environmental Sciences, All Social Sciences, Gender Studies, Area Studies

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	14	10	5	3	4	2	2
II	10	6	4	2	2	1	2

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL WORK

Major areas of Research in the Department of Social Work: Families, Children, Elderly, Marginalization, Spirituality, Mental Health/Illness, Tribal Mental Health, Indigenous Social Work, Social Work Education, Field Work in Social Work, Indian Social Work, Gender and Mental Health, Social Work Theory and Practice, Health, Elderly, Cancer Care, Psychometric scaling, Public Health, North East Issues, Gender, Social Work Theory and Practice

Allied subjects: MA (Social Work) or Master in Social Work (MSW) and NET/JRF/ in Social Work

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	2	2	1	0	0	0	2
II	1	1	0	1	1	0	2

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department	The candidate is supposed to demonstrate their understanding of Social Work theory, research, and practice and the major areas of research as mentioned.
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DEPARTMENT OF AFRICAN STUDIES

Eligibility: M.A. in Social Sciences / Humanities

Major areas of Research in the Department of African Studies: African History, Political Science, Economics, Geography, Sociology, Language

Allied subjects: All Social Sciences Subjects

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	13	8	5	2	3	2	2
II	8	6	3	2	2	1	2

Interview Process to be conducted by the Department	Area Studies and Interdisciplinary Department. Students are to submit six copies of their proposals to the Department on the day of interview. Interviews will be taken based on the proposed topics and African societies in general. Students are expected to have basic knowledge about Africa and have clarity of understanding on the topic they are going to research.
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DEPARTMENT OF EAST ASIAN STUDIES

Eligibility: Postgraduate degree in any subject, preferably in East Asian Studies/ Chinese/ Japanese/ Korean from the University of Delhi or any other recognised university

Major areas of Research in the Department of East Asian Studies: Fields of Social Sciences of China, Japan, Korea

Allied subjects: Chinese/Japanese/Korean Language

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	9	2	1	1	0	1	0
II	2	1	1	0	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

Major areas of Research in the Department of Political Science: Check website of the department

	UR	SC	ST	OBC(NCL)	EWS	SN pwd	foreign
JRF Phase-I	15	6	3	10	4	2	As per FSR
JRF Phase-II	11	4	2	7	2	1	As per FSR
Non-JRF Phase-I	4	1	1	3	1	1	As per FSR
Non-JRF Phase-II	2	1	0	2	1	0	As per FSR

DEPARTMENT OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Eligibility: M.A./ MSc. in Anthropology/ Forensic Science.

Major areas of Research in the Department of Anthropology: Tribal Studies, Rural and Urban anthropology, Human Population Genetics, Human Growth and Development studies, Forensic, Pre-historic Archaeology, Environmental Anthropology, Gender studies Medical Anthropology, Development Studies and other allied branches of anthropology such as Forensic Science, Development studies and Public Policy.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	3	2	1	1	1	1	6
II	3	2	1	0	1	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF BOTANY

Eligibility: M.Sc. Botany or M.Sc. in any allied subject.

Allied subject: All science subjects with Botany/Plant Sciences as integral components. Depending on specialization requirement, candidates from stream such as Biotechnology (both M.Sc. and M. Tech.), Biochemistry, Plant Molecular Biology, Genetics, Microbiology, Physiology, Environmental Sciences, Conservation biology, Natural Resource Management, etc. Could be considered against specific positions if the faculty members so desires/specifically mentioned in the advertisement.

Major areas of Research in the Department of Botany: Algae, Archegoniate, Plant Development Biology, Plant Biotic Interaction, Genetics and Genomics, Plant-Fungus Interaction, CRISPR-Cas, Plant Molecular Biology, Molecular Physiology of Abiotic Stress Conditions, Plant Systematic, Medicinal Botany And Nanotechnology, Microbial Ecology, Microbiology and Mycology, Plant Ecology, Reproductive Ecology of Angiosperms and Environmental Monitoring and Assessment

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	7	4	2	1	1	1	1
II	3	1	1	0	0	1	1

DEPARTMENT OF CHEMISTRY

Eligibility: M.Sc. Chemistry

Major areas of Research in the Department of Chemistry: Bio-inorganic Chemistry, Inorganic Chemistry, Materials Chemistry, Organic Chemistry, Organometallic Chemistry, Physical Chemistry, Analytical Chemistry, Biological Chemistry, Chemical Biology

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	81	54	30	15	20	10	10
II	81	54	30	15	20	10	10

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSICS & ASTROPHYSICS

Eligibility: M.Sc. Physics

Major areas of Research in the Department of Physics & Astrophysics: All major research area of Physics. For specialized research areas of various faculty, please visit the Departmental Website.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	17	13	6	4	5	1	0
II	12	8	5	2	3	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF ZOOLOGY

Eligibility: M. Sc. Zoology

Major areas of Research in the Department of Zoology: Immune Modulation, Evolution of life history traits, Molecular Oncology, Fish Microbiome, Bioinformatics, ARG, Genomic & Metagenomics, Immunometabolism and host-disseated therapeutics, Environmental Toxicology, Use of modern Milonic Techniques to decipher rare and novel microbial interactions in extreme Environments. Immunopathogenes of tubercular's, Immuno-Endocrinology Entomology, Nematology, Bioinformatics, Fungal Biology- Exploration of Novel Antimicrobial Compounds, Nanomaterials, and Their Mechanisms of Action Against Fungal Pathogens, Computational Biology, Microbiology and Parasitology, Synthesis, Characterization and Applications of Nanoparticles in Biological Systems, Microbiome Analysis, Molecular Immunology and Translational Therapeutics: Exploring Viral Immune Evasion Mechanisms and Engineering CAR-Based Cell Therapies for Cancer, Factors affecting biopolymer production pathway from microalgae, Nanoparticle production from PHA and its application, Translational Oncology, Aquaculture and Fish Nutrition, Drug delivery to the tumor microenvironment, Cancer-associated small extracellular vesicles lipidomics, Environmental Genomics Bioinformatics, Microbiology, Cell Biology

Allied Subject: M. Sc. in any discipline of science

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	12	7	4	2	2	0	0
II	9	4	3	1	1	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES

Major areas of Research in the Department of Environmental Studies: Ecology, Evolution, Systematics, Biodiversity, Wildlife and Conservation, Plant Invasion Ecology, Microbial Ecology and Evolution, Molecular Phylogeny, Systematics and Reproductive Biology, Bioacoustics, Biodiversity Conservation and Plant-Insect Interactions, Climate Change, Himalayan Systems, Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Livelihoods, Climate Change in Himalayan Systems, Climate Change and Human Health, Climate Change, Indigenous Knowledge and Sustainable Livelihoods, Himalayan Systems and Sustainable Livelihoods, Atmospheric Science, Air Pollution, Biomonitoring and Environmental Health, Atmospheric Science and Air Pollution, Air Pollution and Environmental Biomonitoring, Air Pollution and Environmental Health, Atmospheric Pollution, Biomonitoring and Health, Environmental Pollution, Emerging Contaminants, Ecotoxicology and Human Health, Emerging Contaminants and Ecotoxicology, Environmental Pollutants and Human Health, Ecotoxicology and Environmental Health, Environmental Pollution and Metallomics, Water, Wastewater, Biogeochemistry, Hydrogeochemistry and Environmental Remediation, Water and Wastewater Pollution Mitigation, Biogeochemistry and Hydrogeochemistry, Bioremediation and Environmental Remediation, Separation Science and Environmental Technology for Pollution Mitigation, Environmental Biotechnology, Microbial Ecology, Bioprospecting and Bioinformatics, Microbial Ecology and Evolution, Environmental Biotechnology and Bioremediation, Environmental Biotechnology and Bioprospecting, Environmental Bioinformatics and Biotechnology, Waste Management, Resource Recovery and Circular Economy, Waste Management and Resource Recovery, Resource Recovery and Circular Economy, Waste Management and Circular Economy, Renewable Energy, Bioenergy, Biofuels and Biogas o Renewable Energy and Bioenergy, Bioenergy, Biofuels and Biogas, Renewable Energy, Biofuels and Biogas, Sustainability Science, Nature-Based Solutions, Environmental Management and Assessment, Sustainability Science and Nature-Based Solutions, Nature-Based Solutions and Environmental Management, Environmental Management and Assessment, Sustainability Science and Environmental Assessment

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	3	3	2	1	1	1	1

II	1	2	1	1	1	1	1
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DEPARTMENT OF GEOLOGY

Major areas of Research in the Department of Geology : Petrology, Hydrology, Neotectonics, Paleontology, Engineering Geology

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	3	2	1	1	1	0	3
II	2	1	1	0	1	0	0

DR. B. R. AMBEDKAR CENTRE FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH

Eligibility: Master's degree in the appropriate field/ subject (Biomedical Sciences/ Zoology/ Chemistry/ Botany/ Life Sciences/ Biotechnology/ Microbiology/ Biochemistry/ Genetics/ Bioinformatics/ Pharmacy or related disciplines)

Major areas of Research in Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Centre for Biomedical Research:

- Immunopathogenesis and neurological manifestation in cerebral malaria, cerebral ischemia and cerebral hypoxia;
- Medicinal chemistry relating to Neurodegenerative disorders;
- Design and development of target-based therapeutic agents to address human diseases such as cancer and infection. Computational identification of targets through omics, designing lead molecules and validating them in laboratory-based experimental techniques.
- Molecular Oncology, Tumor development and apoptosis assessment;
- Molecular Biology & Health Informatics (Drug Discovery, Design and validation against Cancer, Rare Genetic Disorders [FOP], and Glaucoma; Designing AI/ML based tools & Database);
- Cardiometabolic Diseases;
- Neurobiology of diseases, drug resistant epilepsy;
- Proteins (expression, purification), Biochemistry, and Biophysics;
- Mucosal and Innate Immunology, Neutrophil plasticity, Inflammatory Bowel Disease (IBD), Host-microbe interactions;
- Nanomaterials for Biomedical Applications and Computational Drug Discovery;
- Cancer Molecular Diagnostics, Thalassemia Screening, and Mutational Analysis;
- Tuberculosis: pathogenesis and diagnosis, Hydrogels for chronic wound healing.

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	6	4	2	1	1	0	0
II	4	2	1	1	1	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF HOME SCIENCE

Eligibility: NET in Home Science + M.Sc. in Home Science in any of the following areas of specialization: Food and Nutrition, Human Development and Childhood Studies, Development Communication & Extension, Resource Management and Design Application, Fabric and Apparel Science, Dietetics and Public Health Nutrition, Food Technology.

Major areas of Research in the Department of Home Science: Food and Nutrition, Human Development and Childhood Studies, Development Communication and Extension, Resource Management and Design Application, Fabric and Apparel Science, Dietetics and Public Health Nutrition, Food Technology

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	12	6	3	2	2	1	1
II	9	6	3	1	1	1	1

INSTITUTE OF INFORMATICS & COMMUNICATION

For Major areas of Research, Seat Matrix and other details in the Institute of Informatics & Communication check website of the Department and Seat Matrix

CLUSTER INNOVATION CENTER

Major areas of Research in the Cluster Innovation Centre: Interdisciplinary Sciences: Mathematics (Applied Mathematics, Computational Fluid Dynamics, Medical Imaging); Computer Sciences (Information Technology, Machine Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Quantum Computing); Electronics (Applied Electronics, Automation, Renewable and Sustainable Engineering and Electric Vehicles); Biological Sciences (Nanobiotechnology, Biophysical Chemistry, Epigenetics and Chromatin Biology, Eukaryotic Gene Regulation, Computational Biology, Ethnobotany, Medicinal Botany, Public Health) 2. Humanities and Social Sciences: Geography; Tourism; Hindi Language and Literature; Urban Sustainability; GIS and Remote Sensing

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	10	7	3	2	3	1	3
II	4	3	2	1	1	1	1

CENTER FOR HINDU STUDIES

Eligibility: Master's degree in Hindu Studies or allied subjects with NET/PhD Eligibility Test in Hindu Studies

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
II	2	1	0	0	0	0	0

FACULTY OF LAW

Major areas of Research in the Faculty of Law: Emerging areas in Law excluding the ongoing research that would be made available in due course on the Faculty of Law website

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	24	14	8	4	5	2	0
II	16	9	5	2	3	2	0

DEPARTMENT OF BIOPHYSICS

Eligibility: Master's Degree in any area of Life or Biological Sciences (including but not limited to Biochemistry/ Biophysics/ Microbiology /Bioinformatics/ Biotechnology/Genetics/ Plant Molecular Biology & Biotechnology/ Environmental Sciences/ Botany/ Zoology/ Biomedical Sciences) /Chemistry/ Computer Science from a UGC recognized University/Institute.

Major areas of Research in the Department of Biophysics: Protein engineering and structural biology, Computational Biology, Translational Bioinformatics, Analysis of genomic, transcriptomic and proteomic data, Development of AI/ML tools for Biomedical Data Analysis. Evolution of antimicrobial resistance. Molecular biophysics and dynamics of macromolecular assembly, neurodegenerative disorder and protein aggregation, interaction of biomolecules (protein-protein, protein- DNA/RNA, protein/DNA- ligands) Biochemical and molecular insights into GPCR signalling and Pharmacology, Molecular parasitology, Drug discovery. Subunit Vaccine development against Chickungunya, Dengue and Herpes in E.coli and Pichia Pastoris; Development of molecular adjuvants and biochemical and immunological characterization; Protein and enzyme engineering; Drug Discovery

Allied subjects: Life Sciences

Phase	UR	OBC(NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	SUPERNUMERARY SEATS	
						PwBD	Foreign Nationals
I	2	1	1	1	0	0	0
II	2	1	0	0	1	0	0

FACULTY OF MEDICAL SCIENCE

DEPARTMENT OF ANATOMY

Eligibility:	Master's Degree in Anatomy: - MD/MS/DNB/MSc Medical Anatomy* from a recognized University. *Note: MSc Medical Anatomy with minimum 60% Marks.
Major areas of Research in the Department of Anatomy	Developmental Anatomy, Neuro-Anatomy, Micro-Anatomy, Gross – Anatomy, Recent Advances in Anatomy, Medical Bio-statistics, Waste Management, National Health Programmes, Laboratory Techniques, Organ donation/body donation, Genetics & Molecular Biology, Immunology, Cell Biology, Microscopy, Forensic, Radiological & Comparative Anatomy, Reproductive

	Biology.
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Seat Matrix

Phase I

Seat Matrix = MAMC – 01 , UCMS – 02 Total - 03

Colleges	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
MAMC	0	0	0	1	0
UCMS	0	0	1	0	1

DEPARTMENT OF BIOCHEMISTRY

Eligibility :	Master's Degree or a Professional Degree: Master's Degree or a Professional Degree (M.D. Degree in Biochemistry) main subject, M.Sc. Biochemistry/Medical Biochemistry, M.Sc. Life Sciences, M.Sc. Chemistry, M.Sc. Biosciences, M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Genetics, M.Sc. Toxicology, M.Sc. Zoology, M. Tech Biotechnology, M.Sc. Biomedical Sciences, M.Sc. Environmental Sciences M.Sc. Molecular Biology, M.Sc. Microbiology/Medical Microbiology, M.Sc. Nutrition, M.Sc. Immunology, M.Sc. Virology, M.Sc. Pathology, M.Sc. Cell Biology, M.Sc. in Laboratory technology with specialisation in Biochemistry, M.Sc. Physiology, M.Sc. Medical Anatomy, M.Sc. Bioinformatics, M.Sc. Clinical Research, MD/MS/DNB (Biochemistry and other subjects), Master in Dental Surgery (MDS)
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Major areas of Research in the Department of Biochemistry	Biomolecules and Physical Chemistry, Bioenergetics, Enzymes, Biological Oxidation, Extracellular and Intracellular Messengers, Intermediary Metabolism & Inborn Errors of Metabolism, Oxygen Transporters, Heme Metabolism, Nucleic Acid Metabolism, Gene Expression and Recombinant DNA Technology, Basic Immunology, Free Radical & Antioxidants in Health & Disease, Nutrition and Xenobiotics
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Seat Matrix

Phase I

Seat Matrix = GIPMER – 02, UCMS – 01, VPCI- 02, Total – 05

Colleges	UR	EWS	OBC	OBC (PwBD)	SC	ST
GIPMER	01	01	0	0	0	0

UCMS	00	0	01	0	0	0
VPCI	01	0	0	0	01	0

DEPARTMENT OF DENTAL SCIENCE

Eligibility :	Master's Degree in Dental Surgery (MDS): Prosthodontics, Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics, Orthodontics, Periodontics & Implantology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Public Health Dentistry, Oral Medicine and Radiology, Oral Pathology, Pedodontics Doctor of Medicine (MD) in Basic Science subjects: Biochemistry, Pathology, Forensic Medicine, Microbiology, Pharmacology
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Major Areas of Research in Department of Dental Science	Oral Medicine and Radiology, Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery, Prosthodontist Crown & Bridge, Orthodontics, Paediatric Dentistry, Periodontology, Public Health Dentistry, Oral Pathology, Conservative Dentistry and Endodontics
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Seat Matrix

Phase I

Seat Matrix = MAIDS – 09, UCMS – 02, Total = 11

Colleges	UR	EWS	OBC	OBC (PwBD)	SC	ST
MAIDS	04	01	01	01	01	01
UCMS	01	0	01	0	0	0

DEPARTMENT OF FORENSIC MEDICINE

Eligibility :	MBBS and MD/DNB/DFM (Forensic Medicine)
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Seat Matrix

Phase I

Seat Matrix = MAMC – 02, Total – 02

UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
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DEPARTMENT OF MICROBIOLOGY

Eligibility :	Master's Degree or a Professional Degree (M.D. Degree) in the same or allied subject: MD Microbiology, M.Sc. Medical
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	Microbiology, M.Sc. Immunology. M.Sc. Genetics, M.Sc. Cell Biology, M.Sc. Biotechnology M.Sc. Molecular Biology, M.Sc. Microbiology, M.Sc. Biomedical science, M.Sc. Applied Microbiology, M. Tech. Biotechnology, M.Sc. (Microbial Biotechnology), M.Sc. (Biochemistry)
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Major Areas of Research in Department of Microbiology	General Medical Microbiology, Methods in Microbiology & Biotechnology, Immunology, Cellular Fundamental processes, Organization of structure and functions of prokaryotic and eukaryotic Genetic Engineering, Biosafety and Bioethics, Biostatistics a Computational Biology, Bioinformatics
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Phase I

Seat Matrix = UCMS =04, VPCI=12, Total= 16

Colleges	UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST (PwBD)
UCMS	02	01	01	00	00
VPCI	05	01	03	02	01

DEPARTMENT OF PATHOLOGY

Eligibility :	Master's Degree or a Professional Degree (M.D. Degree) in the same or allied subject : M.Sc Biotechnology, M.Sc. Zoology, M.Sc. Toxicology, M.Sc. Pharmacology, Masters in Pharmacy (M. Pharma), M.Sc. in Nutrition, M.Sc. Sports medicine, M.Sc. Medical Biochemistry/Biochemistry, M.Sc. Medical Physiology/ Physiology, M.Sc. Toxicology/Environmental Science, M.Sc. Nano Science
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Major areas of Research in Department of Pathology	Inflammation, Mediators of Inflammation, Cellular Adaptation and Types, Cell Senescence, Aging, Carcinoma and Carcinogenesis, Congenital Disease, Vascular Thrombosis, Embolism, Shock, Oncogenes, Tumour Suppressor Genes, Cell Death – Apoptosis/Necrosis' Myocardial Infarction, Hypersensitivity Disease, Autoimmune ds Metastasis- Route and Mechanisms
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Seat Matrix

Phase I

Seat Matrix = GIPMER = 02, VPCI=04, Total = 06

Colleges	UR	UR (PwBD)	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
GIPMER	01	00	00	01	00	00
VPCI	01	00	00	01	01	01

DEPARTMENT OF PHARMACOLOGY

Eligibility :	Master's Degree or a Professional Degree in the same or allied subject: MD (Pharmacology), DNB Pharmacology, M.Sc. Pharmacology/Medical Pharmacology, M.Sc. Toxicology, M. Pharma (Pharmacology), M.VSc. (Pharmacology), MD/MS (other than Pharmacology), M.Sc. Biomedical Science, M.Tech/M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Microbiology, M.Sc. Biochemistry, M.Sc. Genetics, M.Sc. Immunology, M.Sc. Physiology, M.Sc. Drug Assay. *MBBS/BDS (with Minimum 55%), MDS (* As per Ph.D. ordinance 2023 a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale. The DRC (pharmacology) held on 26.07.2024, was of the opinion that as a few of the Medical students secure more than 75% of the aggregate marks, the DRC recommended that to give opportunity to a larger proportion of the medical graduates to pursue Ph.D., the minimum marks eligibility criteria for MBBS/BDS candidates be reduced to minimum 55% of aggregate marks.) M. Pharma in all subjects and M.Sc (Environmental Sciences)
Major areas of Research in the Department of Pharmacology	General Pharmacology, Basics of Autonomic Pharmacology, Central Nervous system, Pharmacology, Cardiovascular Pharmacology, Drugs acting on blood and blood forming organs, Renal Pharmacology, Autacoids, Reproductive Pharmacology, Endocrine Pharmacology, Autacoids, Reproductive Pharmacology, Endocrine Pharmacology, Chemotherapy, Drugs affecting Gastrointestinal system, Drugs affecting Respiratory system, Immunomodulators, Clinical Pharmacology, Toxicology & Pharmacovigilance Miscellaneous topics

Seat Matrix

Seat Matrix = MAMC=03, Total = 03

UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
01	01	01	00	00

DEPARTMENT OF PHYSIOLOGY

Eligibility :	Master's Degree or a Professional Degree (M.D. Degree) in the same or allied subjects: Post graduate degree in any medical speciality/life sciences & allied subjects including
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	following streams: M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Zoology, M.Sc Toxicology, M.Sc Pharmacology, Masters in Pharmacy (M. Pharm), M.Sc. in Nutrition, M.Sc./MS sports medicine, M.Sc. Drug Assay, ,M.Sc. Medical/Human Physiology, M.Sc. Toxicology/ Environmental Science, M.Sc. Physiotherapy
Major areas of Research Department of Physiology	General Physiology, Blood, Nerve and Muscle Physiology, Digestive System, Cardiovascular System (CVS), Respiratory System, Excretory System, Endocrinology, Reproductive System and Developmental Biology, Nervous System, Special - Senses, Exercise, Yoga and Meditation Physiology, Physiology of Aging, Free Radical Antioxidants

Seat Matrix

Phase I

Seat Matrix = VPCI=01, Total = 01

UR	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
01	00	00	00	00

DEPARTMENT OF RADIOLOGY

Eligibility :	Master's Degree or a Professional Degree (M.D./DNB Degree) in the same or allied subjects: MD Radio diagnosis, MD Radiology, M.Sc. Medical imaging Technology or equivalent, M.Sc. Zoology, MD/MS/DNB in Medicine & allied sciences (other than Radio diagnosis), M.Sc. /MS Sports Medicine, M.Sc. Genetics, M.Sc. Immunology, M.Sc. Clinical Research, M.Sc. Biomedical Science, M.Sc/M.Tech. Biomedical Engineering, M.Sc/M.Tech Biotechnology, M.Sc. Medical/Human Physiology, M.Sc./M.Tech in Computer Science, Master of Physiotherapy, M.Sc. Information technology, M.Sc. Nuclear Medicine and Technology, M.Sc. Medical Biochemistry, M.Sc. Physics, M.Sc. Imagology, M.Sc. Biophysics, M.Sc. Data Science and Artificial Intelligence, M.Sc. Radiography, M.Sc. NM & Molecular Imaging Technology.
Major areas of Research in Department of Radiology	Advance Body Imaging, Cardiovascular and Thoracic Imaging, Musculoskeletal Imaging, Molecular Imaging, Neuroimaging, Oncologic Imaging, Gastrointestinal Imaging, Women's Imaging, Quantitative Image Analysis, Artificial Intelligence.

Seat Matrix

Phase I

Seat Matrix = UCMS =04, Total = 04

UR	UR (PwBD)	EWS	OBC	SC	ST
01	01	00	01	01	00

DEPARTMENT OF SURGERY

Eligibility :	1. Medical : MS/DNB in General Surgery and or MCh/DNB GI Surgery from a recognized institute/ University. 2. Non-Medical: Master's Degree in Allied subjects, M.Sc. Life Sciences, M.Sc. Biosciences, M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Bioinformatics, M.Sc. Zoology, M.Sc. Biomedical Sciences, M.Sc. Genetics, M.Sc. Immunology, M.Sc. Medical Biochemistry/ Biochemistry from a recognized Institute/ University
Major areas of Research in Department of Surgery	For Medical and Non-Medical Ph.D. Scholars: A. Medical : Physiological & Pathological changes and flow dynamics in Benign and Malignant GI Disorders: i. Luminal (Oesophageal, Gastric and Colorectal conditions, etc.) ii. HPB (Gall Bladder, Liver, Pancreatic etc.) and iii. Diagnostic, Prognostic and Therapeutics markers in Benign (Luminal & HPB) and Malignant (Luminal & HPB). B. Non-Medical : i. Molecular biology, Computational Biology, Genomics, Proteomics, Metabolomics, Gene Expression, Nanoparticle, Cell Culture in Benign and Malignant GI Disorders Luminal (Oesophageal, Gastric and Colorectal, etc.) and HPB (Gall Bladder, Liver, Pancreatic etc) ii. Complexities of Tumour Heterogeneity, the Tumour Microenvironment, Immune Cell Infiltration, and the Key Pathways in Cancer Initiation and Metastasis. iii. Studies on Chemo Resistance Mechanism, Response to Targeted Therapies, and the Identification of Biomarkers for Early Detection and Management by Utilizing MultiOmics (Exome, Transcriptome, Methylome, Metabolome, etc.) for Personalized Treatment Approaches.

Seat Matrix

Phase I

Seat Matrix = GIPMER =02, Total = 02

UR	UR (PwBD)	OBC	SC	ST
02	00	00	00	00

HELP DESK

For any general queries related to admissions, the Candidate may contact:

1. Admission Branch, Gate no 4, University of Delhi, Phone: +91-11-27666073 (between 10.00 am to 5.30 p.m.) on all working days except Saturday, Sunday and Government Holidays).
2. For department-specific queries, contact the respective Department.

For Foreign National Students	For PwBD Candidates Only
Room No. 03, Conference Centre, Near Gate No. 4, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi - 110007 Phone No. +91-11-27666756	Equal Opportunity Cell, Tutorial Building, Faculty of Arts, Near Central Library, North Campus, University of Delhi, Delhi-110007. Phone: +91-11-27662602



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Dated: 20.08.2026

NOTIFICATION

Sub: Amendment to Ordinance V

(Annexure-II-A to the Ordinance V (2-A))

(ECR 18-7/ dated 30.07.2026)

In terms of the Executive Council Resolution No. 18-7 dated 30.07.2026, the existing Ordinance VI- *Procedure for award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) Degree*, has been revised and the same is notified for the information of all concerned as per **Annexure-1**.

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Sub: Amendments to Ordinance VI

Amendment to Ordinance VI, Procedure for Award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree

Ordinance VI. Procedure for Award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Degree

1. The Ordinance conforms with University Grants Commission (Minimum Standard and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2022 with effect from the academic session 2026-27.
2. Award of degrees to candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme on or after July 11, 2009 till the date of Notification of these Regulations shall be governed by the provisions of the UGC (Minimum Standards and procedure for Awards of Ph.D. Degree) Regulation 2009 and its amendments or the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2016 or the UGC Regulations 2022 read with relevant UGC Notifications, and as adopted by the University of Delhi from time to time.
3. The University of Delhi shall not conduct the Ph.D. programmes through distance education mode. Ph.D. in Part-time mode will be allowed provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Ph.D. regulations are met as provided in Clause N.
4. A Department of a Faculty or a Centre of the University can conduct research programmes for the award of Ph.D. degree.
5. The Board of Research Studies (BRS) of the respective Faculty/Centre shall organize the research studies leading to the degree of Doctor of Philosophy under the general guidance of the Academic Council.
6. The Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council (RIEC) will advise the Board of Research Studies.
7. The Departmental Research Committee (DRC) shall oversee all academic matters related to the Ph.D. programme.
8. General Guidelines

A. Composition and Functions of the Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council, Board of Research Studies and Departmental Research Committee

1. **Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council-** The Council shall ensure uniform implementation of the Ordinance and provide advice on procedural and related matters. The composition of the Council shall include a Chairperson and Deans of Research from Life Sciences, Physical and Mathematical Sciences and Humanities and Social Sciences.
2. **Board of Research Studies -** Each Faculty that offers Ph.D. programme shall

have a Board of Research Studies.

(i) The composition of **BRS in a Faculty having more than one Department** shall be as follows:

- a) Dean of the Faculty - Chairperson
- b) One Professor (a nominee of the Vice Chancellor)
- c) Heads of all Departments under the Faculty
- d) One Professor from each Department
- e) One Associate Professor from each Department
- f) One Assistant Professor from each Department
- g) One Professor and one Associate Professor from each subject amongst teachers from colleges, if applicable.

The selection under category (c), (d), (e), (f) and (g) above shall be by rotation as per seniority.

(ii) The composition of the **BRS for a single Department** based faculty shall be as follows:

- a) Dean of the Faculty - Chairperson
- b) One Professor (nominated by the Vice-Chancellor from an allied Department)
- c) Three Professors
- d) Two Associate Professors
- e) Two Assistant Professors
- f) One Professor and one Associate Professor amongst teachers from colleges, if applicable

The selection under category (c), (d), (e) and (f) above shall be by rotation as per seniority.

(iii) The composition of **BRS for the Faculty of Medical Sciences/Ayurvedic and Unani/ Homeopathy** shall be as follows: .

- a) Dean of the Faculty - Chairperson
- b) One Professor (nominee of the Vice Chancellor)
- c) All University appointed Heads of the Department under Faculty of Medical Sciences.
- d) All Heads of the Institutions/Colleges affiliated to the University for Ph.D. programme.
- e) One senior-most Associate Professor nominated from each of the teaching Institutions
- f) One Assistant Professor by rotation as per seniority.

(iv) The composition of **BRS for the Faculty of Technology** shall be as follows:

- a) Dean of the Faculty - Chairperson

- b) One Professor (nominee of the Vice Chancellor)
- c) All Heads of the Department/Director of the Centre under the Faculty of Technology
- d) One Professor from each Department and Centre to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor
- e) One Associate Professor from each Department and Centre to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor
- f) One Assistant Professor from each Department and Centre to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor

- (v) The registration of students by each Department of the Faculty shall require ratification by the respective BRS. The records of registration and the progress of research work done by the Ph.D. students shall be maintained by the BRS.
- (vi) All members of the BRS must be qualified to be Supervisors.

3. **Departmental Research Committee** - Each Department and Centre offering Ph.D. Programme shall have a Departmental Research Committee (DRC). All members of the DRC must be qualified to be Supervisors. The Dean of the respective faculty will approve the Committee.

(i) The DRC of Department/Centre shall comprise the following:

- a) Head of the Department/Director-Chairperson
- b) One Professor (nominee of the Vice-Chancellor)
- c) Four Professors in the Department
- d) Two Associate Professors
- e) Two Assistant Professors
- f) One Professor and one Associate/Assistant Professor from the colleges, except for those Departments that do not have an undergraduate programme in the respective discipline.
- g) Immediate past Head of the Department/Director, if not superannuated.

The members in category (c), (d), (e) and (f) above shall be chosen by rotation as per seniority.

(ii) The composition of **DRC for the Faculty of Medical Sciences/Ayurvedic and Unani/ Homeopathy** shall be as follows:

- a) Head of the Department-Chairperson
- b) One Professor (a nominee of the Vice-Chancellor)
- c) Four Professors from the Department
- d) Two Associate Professors
- e) Two Assistant Professors

The selection under category (c), (d) and (e) shall be by rotation as per seniority.

(iii) The composition of **DRC for the Faculty of Technology** shall be as follows:

- a) Head of the Department-Chairperson
- b) One Professor (a nominee of the Vice-Chancellor)
- c) Four Professors
- d) Two Associate Professors
- e) Two Assistant Professors

The selection under category c) to e) shall be by rotation as per seniority.

- (iv) Where Departments have strength of less than ten teachers, all members, who are eligible to be Supervisors, will be members of the Departmental Research Committee.
- (v) The term of membership of all members of BRS and DRC, other than ex-officio members will be for a period of two years. Unless otherwise provided, one-third of the members of the BRS and DRC, respectively shall form the quorum.
- (vi) The meetings of the DRC and the BRS may be held at least once every three months. It may be held earlier, depending on the urgency of individual cases.

B. Procedure for Admission

1. As per UGC Regulations 2022 read with relevant UGC Notifications, and as adopted by the University of Delhi from time to time, Ph.D. students will be admitted through a two-stage process involving: (i) Qualifying UGC/CSIR/NET JRF or similar National level tests and (ii) an interview.
2. Admission process may be conducted twice in an academic year (Phase I and Phase II) synchronizing with the declaration of the UGC/CSIR NET results.
3. As per UGC Regulations 2022, the University will notify a prospectus well in advance on its website specifying the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, the procedure for admission, and all other relevant information for the candidates.
4. The Head of the Department shall consult the faculty members and college teachers, who are recognized Supervisors, regarding the number of vacant seats available with each member in that academic year. Eligible supervisor will send their willingness to supervise Ph.D. students along with their Curriculum Vitae and list of publications to the Head. Each Supervisor may decide on the number of seats that he/she would like to fill in a particular year, within his/her maximum permissible strength and inform the Head of the Department accordingly.
5. The Department Research Council will decide on an annual basis a predetermined and manageable number of Ph.D. students to be admitted depending on the number of available Research Supervisors, other academic and physical facilities such as student-teacher ratio, laboratory, library and other facilities.
6. As per the recommendations of Executive Council vide resolution no 14-6 dated 09.06.2023 to look into the provisions for admission and other related matters including the minimum standard and procedure for award of Ph.D. degree, following Supernumerary seats are recommended for admission in Ph.D.

Programme:

- (i) For the in-service teacher and non-teaching, there shall be special provision of supernumerary Ph.D. seats not exceeding 10% of the total seats available in the Department.
- (ii) For PwBD candidates: 5% of total strength declared by the department.

Note: A supervisor can guide one scholar from category (i) or (ii) at a time.

- (iii) Undergraduate students who have completed four-year undergraduate programmes in the University of Delhi or its Colleges with at least 7.5 CGPA for UR/OBC/EWS and 7.0 CGPA for SC/ST/PwBD candidates and have at least one research publication in a Scopus-indexed journal as the First/Second/Corresponding author shall be considered for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The faculty member who has supervised the student for the UG research may continue to guide the same student, if the student wishes to continue under him/her, provided the faculty member has a Ph.D. degree and research laboratory, as applicable. This paper should be part of the student's research thesis. The validity of admission for such Ph.D student will remain open only for a period of one year from the date of declaration of the UG result. All other criteria from Ph.D programme such as approval of DRC, BRS, RAC, completion of course work as mentioned in D-N will be applicable in this case whenever necessary. However, such Faculty member shall supervise other fresh scholars only if he/she fulfills the eligibility criteria stated in Clause G.

- 7. The Departments will declare the vacant seats on an annual basis. However, the admissions will be done in two Phases - Phase I and II. A department may hold the interviews twice or more times in a year. However, they should notify their vacant seats at least 30 days before the schedule of interviews.
- 8. No research scholar registered for the Ph.D. programme shall be permitted to undertake any other regular full-time programme of study during the duration of the Ph.D. programme.
- 9. The admission to Ph.D. programme will be according to the Reservation Policy of the Government of India, as applicable from time to time, based on intake in a given academic session.

C. Eligibility Criteria

- 1. As per UGC Regulations 2022 read with relevant UGC Notifications, and as adopted by the University of Delhi, from time to time, the following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:
 - 1.1 Candidates who have completed:
 - a. 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 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/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.

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme 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/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.

OR

- b. Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme 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 admission to the Ph.D. programme. 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 Commission from time to time.

OR

- c. Master's degree or a professional degree (M.Tech./LL.M./M.D./M.S.) in the same or allied subjects, 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 an equivalent degree 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of the educational institutions.
- 1.2 Candidates with a 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 must qualify UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED or similar National level test.

2. The Departments/ University will decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats declared in a respective Phase.
3. Teachers and non-teaching staff, who are in the permanent service of the University of Delhi, may directly appear for an interview subject to fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria.
4. Candidates holding Junior Research Fellowships in research projects, satisfying the minimum eligibility conditions (subject to selection by the duly constituted committee as per the University norms for research projects) may also appear directly for the interview. Merit will be determined by giving 70% weightage to the scores obtained in the National Level Test and 30% to interview.
5. Scientists/ professionals working with R & D institutes of the Government of India/ State Government with whom the University has signed a Memorandum of Understanding, or is sponsored by the parent institution may directly appear for interview subject to fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria. These will be considered as supernumerary seats.
6. The allied subjects for admission to Ph.D. Programme in a particular Department shall be decided by the DRC of the respective Department in consultation with the faculty members who have advertised for vacancies, based on their specific requirements. The list of allied subjects duly approved by the DRC may be submitted to the respective BRS for approval, after which it may be displayed on the website of the Department.
7. No candidate shall be eligible to register for the Ph.D. programme if he/she is already registered for any full-time programme of study in any University/Institution.
8. Foreign nationals fulfilling the eligibility criteria may be registered for Ph.D. over and above the maximum admissible strength. Each supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars. Foreign nationals must provide evidence of language competence suited to the Department they wish to join. Foreign nationals are exempted from entrance test and interview. They may be admitted based on their research proposal, subject to fulfilling the minimum eligibility criteria. The decision regarding the same rests with the DRC subject to approval from BRS for the Ph.D. Programme.
9. Candidates possessing a degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution with 55% marks or 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme.

10. Faculty of Management Studies may shortlist candidates for appearing directly in interview for Ph.D. admission on the basis of CAT score.

Important Note: All candidates appearing directly for interview will also have to register on the online admission portal.

D. National Level Test and Interview

1. As per UGC Notification No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/ 2024(NET)/ 140648 dated 27.03.2024 and University of Delhi Notification dated 19.08.2025 there will be three Categories for admission to Ph.D. The interviews may be held twice a year or more, subject to the availability of seats as determined by the DRC.

Qualified for		Eligible for		
		JRF	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. Admission
Block A	Category-1: Award of JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Block B	Category-2: Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.	No	Yes	Yes
	Category-3: Admission to Ph.D. only	No	No	Yes

- The validity of UGC/CSIR NET scores will be as per UGC rule as decided by UGC from time to time.
 - The Departments must declare the availability of seats in advance on an annual basis.
 - 60% seats of the total available seats will be sanctioned for Phase I.
 - 40% seats of the total available seats will be sanctioned for Phase II.
 - If seats remain vacant in Phase I, these will also be filled in Phase II.
2. Merit list:
- For the purpose of drawing the Merit List, 70% weightage must be given to the scores obtained in the National Level Test and 30% weightage must be given to Interviews.
 - The above will be applicable for all candidates i.e. candidates from Block A (Category-1) and Block B (Category-2) and (Category-3).
 - In each Phase, seats will first be filled from candidates of Block A. If seats remain vacant, candidates from Block B may be considered as per merit.
3. In addition, the University offers fellowships to 16 + 1* "Non-JRF Seats" to candidates who qualified NET but do not have a fellowship/JRF vide its Notification Ref. No. R.O./ Non-NET/2021-22/300 dated 29.06.2021 as follows:

(a) Non-JRF Seats (To be filled from Block B only)

Category	Intake
UR	06

OBC (NCL)	04
SC	03
ST	01
EWS	02
*PwBD (Supernumerary Seat)	01

- (b) Every department where the annual intake of Ph.D. seats is more than 50 (Phase I and Phase II combined), must ensure to fill the above mentioned "Non-JRF Seats" through both the Phases. That is, the department must ensure to fill the 16+1* non-JRF seats on an annual basis.
 - (c) Every department will make a separate list for Non-JRF seats to be filled from eligible candidates from Block B only.
4. At the time of the interview, if required, experts/prospective Supervisors from allied/specialized areas may be invited.
5. At the time of the interview, the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Committee. The interview shall also consider the following aspects:
 - a. the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
 - b. the research work can be suitably undertaken at the University
 - c. the proposed area of research can contribute to new/existing knowledge
6. The merit list of the recommended candidates shall be displayed on the website after approval by the DRC. There will be a waiting list in the order of merit.
7. The DRC reserves the right not to select candidates for all the vacancies advertised.
8. The DRC shall ensure that all University rules including reservation rules are followed in the admission process.
9. The registration of candidates in the Ph.D. programme may be confirmed by the BRS based on the recommendation of the DRC after the successful completion of coursework within **18 months from the date of registration**. The date of registration to the Ph.D programme will be the date of joining in the department within the period stipulated by the department, but not later than forty-five days from the date of closing of Ph.D admission of that Phase.
10. As per UGC Regulations 2022, the Departments shall maintain a list of Ph.D. supervisors (specifying the name of the supervisor, his or her designation, **area of specialization** and the department/school/Centre/college), along with the details of Ph.D. scholars (specifying the name of the registered Ph.D. scholar, the topic of his/her research and the date of registration) admitted under them on the website of the university and update this list every academic year.

E. Coursework

1. The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a **minimum of 12 credits and maximum of 16 credits**, including a "Research and Publication Ethics" two credits course as notified by UGC and a research methodology course of four credits. A sufficient number of the optional courses shall be offered by the Departments. Other courses shall be advanced-level courses preparing the students for Ph.D. degree. Ph.D. scholars shall

also be permitted to take optional courses from allied departments.

2. All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars in the 4th year & 5th year may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work.
3. All courses prescribed for Ph.D. programme coursework shall be in conformity with the credit hour instructional requirement and shall specify content, instructional and assessment methods. These courses shall be duly approved by the DRC and the BRS. A copy of the same should be submitted to the RIEC for records.
4. The Department where the research scholar pursues his/her research shall prescribe the course(s) to him/her based on the recommendations of the Research Advisory Committee of the research scholar.
5. The Departments shall ensure that all research scholars, admitted to Ph.D. programme, complete the course work along with the declaration of the result within the initial one or two semesters (first year).
6. Marks/Grades in the course work shall be finalized after a combined assessment by the Research Advisory Committee and the Department, and the final marks/grades shall be communicated to the BRS & University before the end of the first year.
7. The DRC shall satisfy itself that each research scholar has completed the requirement of coursework. The Head of the Department shall provide to the scholar a certificate of completion of coursework and names of courses opted by each scholar. If a research scholar fails to qualify the coursework, he/she may be allowed to reappear **only once** in the immediate next examination of the declaration of result, in such a way that the whole process is completed within 18 months from the date of registration. If the result is still found unsatisfactory, the DRC shall recommend cancellation of his/her registration to the respective Board of Research Studies. Under special circumstances, a final decision may be taken by BRS on the recommendation of the DRC for Ph.D. scholars, subject to the satisfaction of the Vice Chancellor.
8. The credits of the coursework shall be transferable between the Departments of the University and inter-university, subject to their acceptance by the DRC.
9. The research scholars shall not be allowed to take up any assignment outside the University during the coursework.
10. Research scholars already holding M.Phil. Degree or equivalent M.Phil. Degree (equivalence to be determined by DRC) and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the coursework in M.Phil. of University of Delhi and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. programme, may be exempted by the DRC from the Ph.D. coursework. All other research scholars admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the Department.

11. A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the coursework to be eligible to continue in the programme.
12. Upon satisfactory completion of coursework, and obtaining the marks/grade prescribed as the case may be, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake research work. He/she shall submit a six-monthly progress report duly approved by the Research Advisory Committee to BRS through DRC. If two consecutive progress reports are not submitted to the BRS through the DRC, then a notice shall be issued to the scholar to provide the reasons for the non-submission of the progress reports duly supported with evidence(s). If the BRS is not satisfied with the reason so given, the Ph.D registration may be cancelled. The appeal against the cancellation of the registration shall lie with the Vice Chancellor.
13. After admission to Ph.D. programme, the research scholar in consultation with the Supervisor, may propose a tentative broad area/title for Ph.D. thesis within one year. However, the final title for the Ph.D. thesis must be decided at the time of the pre-Ph.D. presentation. The final title will be subject to approval of the DRC and the BRS.
14. **Ethics and its Compliance in Research:**
Wherever necessary, a clearance must be taken from the Delhi University Institutional Human Ethics Committee (DUIHEC), under the Research, Innovation and Entrepreneurship Council (RIEC) and Institutional Ethics Committee, Institutional Animal Ethics Committee and Institutional Biosafety Committee of South Campus before starting the research work. In case the research scholar is working on animals, he/she should take prior clearance from Institutional Animal Ethics Committee (IAEC) of the University. Research Scholars who are using hazardous chemicals and radioactive material should take a clearance from Radioactive Safety Officer(s) of the University; scholars using biotic/biological/bio-material should mandatorily take authorization/sanction/consent from the Delhi University Institutional Bio-safety Committee (DUIBSC) before the beginning of research. The research scholar would maintain integrity towards his/her work, data, results, ideas, resources and concerned tools. He/she would also make sure that he/she has respect for IPR, and would not use unpublished data or results, protect confidential communication, personal records, patent records, information related to national security such as troops deployment, infrastructure, technological knowhow or any other confidential information which can dent the national reputation or cause disharmony in society. The scholar would also ensure the safety of human and animal subjects, prevent misconduct, fabrication, falsification, Artificial Intelligence generated content and plagiarism etc. Any violation in this regard may attract punitive measures including cancellation, and may have legal repercussions.

F. Attendance

Research scholars shall be required to attend lectures (coursework) and participate in seminars arranged in the Department during the programme. The minimum percentage of lectures to be attended during the coursework will be two-thirds of the

lectures delivered in all courses, individually.

G. Eligibility Criteria for Supervisor and Co-supervisor

- 1a. Permanent faculty members of the Departments of the University of Delhi working as Professor/Associate Professor with a Ph.D., and at least five research publications in **UGC CARE (on or before 10th Feb, 2025)/ Scopus journals/ University of Delhi approved journals** and permanent faculty members working as Assistant Professors in the Departments of the University with a Ph.D., and at least three research publications in **UGC CARE (on or before 10th Feb, 2025)/Scopus journals/University of Delhi approved journals** shall be recognized as a Research Supervisor. This eligibility shall be applicable to the faculty members for fresh allotment of research scholars.
- 1b. Permanent faculty members of the Colleges of the University of Delhi working as Professor/Associate Professor with a Ph.D., and at least five research publications in **UGC CARE (on or before 10th Feb, 2025)/ Scopus journals/ University of Delhi approved journals** and permanent faculty members working as Assistant Professors in the Colleges of the University with a Ph.D., and at least two research publications in **UGC CARE (on or before 10th Feb, 2025)/Scopus journals/University of Delhi approved journals** shall be recognized as a Research Supervisor.

In addition, publications in quality peer reviewed journals will also be considered upto 31st December, 2028 which shall be approved by respective Departmental Research Committee (DRC) and Board of Research Studies (BRS). Such recognized research supervisors cannot supervise research scholars in other institutions, except as co-supervisors. This eligibility shall be applicable to the faculty members for fresh allotment of research scholars.

2. Co-Supervisors from within the same department/college or other departments/colleges of the University of Delhi or other institutions/industries/Scientists/social scientists with Ph.D degree, equivalent to Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor level, working in research institutions of Central government/ State government, may be permitted with the approval of the competent authority provided they fulfill all the eligibility requirements. A person of high academic credentials from any other recognized Universities/ National research organization/ institutes/ foreign Universities/ Industry with high academic/ Research credentials supported by high quality publications/ work can be considered as a co-supervisor subject to the approval by the DRC and BRS of the respective department and faculties.
3. In case of interdisciplinary/multidisciplinary research work, if required, a Co-Supervisor fulfilling the eligibility criteria stated above from outside the Department/School/Centre/College/University may be appointed.
4. An eligible Professor/Associate Professor/Assistant Professor can guide up to eight (8) / six (6)/ four (4) Ph.D. scholars, respectively, at any given time.

5. Each supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified in Clause G.3 above.
6. At any point, the total number of Ph.D. scholars under a faculty member, either as a supervisor or a co-supervisor, shall not exceed the number prescribed in Clause G.3 and G.4 above.
7. Faculty members with less than three years of service before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new research scholars under their supervision. However, such faculty members can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered until superannuation and as a co-supervisor after superannuation but not after attaining the age of 70 years. Faculty members who get re-employed after superannuation (after 65 yr of age) in the department will remain Supervisors for their existing Ph.D. scholars.
8. The supervisor/co-supervisor must **not** be related to the Ph.D. candidate.
9. **Eligibility Criteria for Supervisor and Co-supervisor (Medical Faculty only)**
 - (a) Must be a regular faculty member (Associate Professor or above for medical/non-medical) who has completed probation.
 - (b) For supervisors with DM/M.Ch./Ph.D.: Must have a minimum of three years of teaching and research experience as a regular faculty after a DM/M.Ch./Ph.D.
 - (c) For supervisors with MD/MS/MDS/DNB: Five years teaching and research experience as a regular faculty after an MD/MS/MDS/DNB.
 - (d) Must have at least Five Original Research Papers in NMC/NDC approved list of journals as a first, second or corresponding author.
 - (e) Clauses G.4 to G.8 shall also be applicable to the Faculty Medical Sciences.

(DM: Doctorate of Medicine, M.Ch: Master of Chirurgiae, MD: Doctor of Medicine, MS: Master of Surgery, MDS: Master of Dental Surgery, DNB: Diplomate of National Board, NMC: National Medical Council, NDC: National Dental Commission.)

H. Allocation of Supervisor/Co-Supervisor

1. The allocation of Supervisor for a selected research scholar shall be decided by the DRC depending on the number of research scholars per Supervisor, the available specialization among the Supervisors and research interests of the research scholar, as indicated by them at the time of interview.
2. In case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature and where the Department

concerned feels that the expertise in the Department needs to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Supervisor from the parent Department/College itself, who shall be known as the Supervisor; and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/College.

3. In case of relocation of a female Ph.D. scholar due to marriage or otherwise, the research data shall be allowed to be transferred to the University to which the scholar intends to relocate, provided all the other conditions in these Regulations are followed, and the research work does not pertain to a project sanctioned to the parent Institution/Supervisor by any funding agency. Such scholar shall, however, give due credit to the parent institution and the supervisor for the part of research already undertaken.
4. In a Department where teachers are retiring, leaving or are proceeding on long leave on deputation or where unforeseen circumstances have necessitated a change of Supervisor, the DRC shall appoint Supervisor(s)/Co-Supervisor(s) as a supernumerary allotment. This may be approved by the respective BRS.
5. Faculty members with less than three years of service before superannuation shall not be allowed to take new research scholars under their supervision. However, such faculty members can continue to supervise Ph.D. scholars who are already registered until superannuation and as a co-supervisor after superannuation but not after attaining the age of 70 years. Faculty members who get re-employed after superannuation (after 65 years of age) in the department will remain Supervisors for their existing Ph.D. scholars.
6. Faculty members on deputation/long leave for more than a year may not be included in the list of proposed Supervisors in a Department and in determining the number of vacant seats.
7. The DRC, on the recommendation of the Supervisor, may appoint scholars of eminence who may be residing in India or abroad, as Co-Supervisor(s).
8. The recommendation of the DRC regarding the appointment of Supervisor (s) shall be approved by the respective BRS.
9. Each Supervisor is entitled to take a fresh research scholar after submission of the thesis of his/her previously allotted research scholar, based on maximum permissible number for that faculty member.

I. Research Advisory Committee

1. There shall be a Research Advisory Committee for every research scholar, duly approved by the DRC. The Supervisor of the research scholar shall be the Convener of this Committee. The Committee will have at least three members, with at least one faculty member other than the Supervisor from the Department. This Committee shall have the following responsibilities:
 - a. To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research.

- b. To guide the Ph.D. research scholar to develop the study design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that he/she may have to do.
 - c. To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the Ph.D. research scholar.
2. The Ph.D. research scholar shall appear before the Research Advisory Committee once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of his/her work for evaluation and further guidance. The six-monthly progress reports with the comments of the Research Advisory Committee shall be submitted to the DRC with a copy to the research scholar.
 3. In case the progress of the Ph.D. research scholar is unsatisfactory, the Research Advisory Committee shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the Ph.D. research scholar fails to comply with these corrective measures, the Research Advisory Committee may recommend to the DRC with Specific reasons for the cancellation of the registration of the Ph.D. research scholar from the Ph.D. programme. However, the cancellation of any such nature has to be approved by the BRS.

J. Financial Assistance to Research Scholars

1. Research scholars who have cleared National Level examinations with JRF or equivalent shall get financial assistance from the concerned funding agency.
2. Research scholars who are working in projects as JRF and SRF shall get financial assistance from the designated projects.
3. Research scholars, who do not have any financial assistance, may be awarded Non-NET UGC fellowships. The University, depending on the grant available from UGC, will determine the number of fellowships under this category annually.
4. Financial assistance shall not be provided to the research scholar who avails paid study leave.
5. Foreign research scholars must show proof of financial support for the duration of the Ph.D. programme.

K. Leave

1. Any leave of more than thirty days from research work would require prior intimation and approval of the DRC and the BRS. This period shall be counted in the total duration for submission of thesis.
2. On the recommendation of the Supervisor and the DRC, the BRS may permit the research scholar to be away from the University of Delhi to pursue research related to Ph.D. work for not more than two semesters after completion of the course work.
3. Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up

to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme. This period shall not be counted in the total duration for submission of Ph.D. thesis.

4. The Supervisor must report an absence from research work by a research scholar due to illness, maternity leave or other circumstances to the DRC and BRS. Negligence of research work or any other acts of indiscipline must be recorded and reported to the DRC and the concerned BRS. On receipt of a complaint, the BRS may take appropriate action against the research scholar, including cancellation of his/her registration.
5. Only in exceptional cases, a research scholar may be allowed to de-register from the Ph.D. programme after successful completion of a minimum duration of three years on the recommendation of the DRC and the approval of the BRS. The research scholar shall re-register within a period of three years. The Ph.D. thesis should be submitted within such a period that the period of initial registration and re-registration does not exceed the duration of the Ph.D. programme.

L. Duration of Ph.D. Programme

1. As per UGC Regulations 2022, the Ph.D. programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (03) years, including coursework and a maximum duration of six (06) years from the date of registration to the Ph.D. programme.
2. As per UGC Regulations, 2022, a maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Ordinance of the University provided, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

For the University of Delhi, the process of re-registration is as below:

For Ph.D. scholars, beyond a period of six years, a two (02) years extension can be granted through re-registration by the Board of Research Studies on a written justification for the delay by the research scholar. The request of the research scholar has to be recommended by the Supervisor and DRC of the respective Department.

3. Female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disability (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (02) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of registration in the Ph.D. programme.

M. Evaluation and Assessment

- I. Upon satisfactory completion of course work and obtaining the marks/grade prescribed in Clause E above, the Ph.D. scholar shall be required to undertake research work and produce a draft thesis.

2. Prior to submission of the thesis, the Ph.D. research scholar shall make a pre-Ph.D. presentation in the Department before the Research Advisory Committee, which shall be open to all faculty members and other research scholars/students. The feedback and comments obtained from them will be suitably incorporated in the draft thesis in consultation with the Research Advisory Committee.
3. The research scholar shall submit the thesis after pre-Ph.D. presentation within a period of three months.
4. In case of issues related to Intellectual Property Rights, necessary patents shall be filed before disclosure in the seminar.

5. The University of Delhi is offering PhD degree through two pathways: Academic Pathway, Product/Application-based Pathway

5.1. ACADEMIC PATHWAY

The Academic pathway is the traditional pathway wherein the PhD scholar works on an academic endeavor for the creation of knowledge, addressing highly specialized research gaps, Interdisciplinary research, new theory or innovation, discovery of a new species, development of a new variety of plant.

The Ph.D. will be submitted in the form of a thesis. For the submission of the thesis the student must have (a) Two presentations in conferences and (b) Two research papers published as per the below criteria:

5.1.1 For Research presentations in Conference:

The paper presentation should be in the subject area of the Ph.D. topic and has to be certified by the RAC (Research Advisory Committee). The conference must have been organized by a UGC- recognized University/AICTE recognized Institution or a recognized National/ International organization/ nationally recognized Academic/ Scientific organization/professional society. The Ph.D. scholar should either be first/ second/ corresponding author.

5.1.2 For Research Publication:

5.1.2.1 Two research papers must be published in Scopus-indexed or University of Delhi approved journals. The research paper should be based on the Ph.D work. The Ph.D. scholar should either be first/ second/ corresponding author.

OR

5.1.2.2 Patent:

The Ph.D. scholar should have been granted at least one patent in the area of research for a product, process, or utility, where the student should be named as the

first/second inventor.

OR

5.1.2.3 New Discovery/Invention

The Ph.D. scholar has made a significant new discovery/invention such as a new fossil, species of plant or animal or microorganism, supported by at least one publication in Scopus indexed journal with a minimum impact factor of one (1), where the student should either be the first /second author or a corresponding author.

OR

5.1.2.4 New Theory/ new product or technology

The Ph.D. scholar has made a significant new theory/ new product or technology supported by at least one publication in Scopus indexed journal with a minimum impact factor of one (1), where the student should either be the first /second author or a corresponding author.

OR

5.1.2.5 Development of a new variety:

The Ph.D. scholar has developed a new variety of plant/animal such as high yielding/disease free/ stress resistant crop or animal variety supported by scientific evidence with at least one Scopus publication with a minimum impact factor of one (1) where the student should either be the first /second author or a corresponding author.

Note: Evaluation process and opting for a Co-Supervisor/relevant Expert for 5.1.2.2 to 5.1.2.5 are as follows:

- The products, models, theories, or innovations must be certified by domain experts and should also have a third-party validation report.
- Whenever necessary the supervisor can always opt for a co-supervisor from the recognized industry or domain area with proven credentials.
- All research work in the relevant area should be original, innovative and creative in nature.

5.1.3 The usual process of DRC/BRS recommendations as outlined in Ordinance VI will continue. Examination will be done following the usual processes such as Pre-Ph.D presentations before the Research Advisory Committee from time to time, external

examination, and open viva voce as stated in this Amendment.

5.2 PRODUCT-BASED/ APPLICATION-BASED Ph.D

Product/ Application based PhD pathways encourage scholars to contribute in Nation's development and to its Strategic needs by developing products and prototypes for large-scale societal needs, high-end technologies, sustainable growth, advanced engineering, cybersecurity thereby encouraging industry collaborations.

The PhD scholar has developed a product of National significance / National strategic project / New energy products / Venture-Science project / Prototype / Artificial Intelligence or Cyber-security systems / Nuclear science / Hardware product / Software ecosystem / novel Design solutions / Tech start-up / Advanced machine or infrastructure / Sustainable design.

5.2.1 Practical Applications/Development of product for real world uses.

5.2.1.1 The Ph.D. scholar has developed a product or a prototype or an idea that is for real-life use and is being commercialized or is solving the societal problems, and has demonstrated practical utility with substantial evidence or the scholar must demonstrate that his/her scientific or social innovation functions in real world conditions. A patent should have been granted to the scholar and the supervisor to that effect where the student should be named as the first/second inventor. In case the Patent is filed but not granted but work is of very high quality as ascertained by an expert committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor then based on the satisfactory report of the committee the candidate can be allowed to submit the thesis.

OR

5.2.1.2 Development of large scale infrastructure for Nation building.

The Ph.D. scholar has developed –

- a product for building large scale infrastructure for Nation building or a software/hardware/new tools,
and
- commercialized through start-up (as defined by Government of India from time to time) by generating investment through venture capitals procured from Government/Industries/Venture Capitalists/recognized financial institutions up to the tune of minimum one crore Indian rupees or as decided by the University from time to time (family,

friends/relatives and individual's investment shall not be considered), and given employment to at least five persons (not related to the scholar, supervisor and co-supervisor) with relevant skills/competencies to perform the job for at least two consecutive years.

- All research work in the relevant area should be original, innovative and creative in nature, established by creation of an Intellectual property Rights (IPR).
- Note: IPR are legal rights that protect creators and inventors by giving them exclusive control over the use of their creations, inventions, or brands for a limited period.
- Quantum and quality of work will be ascertained by a committee constituted by the Vice Chancellor.

5.2.2 Evaluation Criteria:

- a. Proofs of the product's wide scalability, real-life use, cost-effectiveness, innovation, and creativity shall be required to be submitted.
 - b. A Technical Report will have to be submitted containing the following:
 - i. Design blueprint
 - ii. Testing and validation records of the product/ application/ prototype/ design/ detailing laboratory stress tests, simulated trial runs, prototype iterations, and failure-mode analyses. A log book should be maintained.
 - iii. Intellectual Property/Patent of the product or technology or process or utility/Regulatory Compliance and Standardization/ Certification or proof of inspection from recognized national/international regulatory authorities such as the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) or the International Organization for Standardization (ISO)/ NABL-accredited lab report/(MeitY) certificate relevant to the product's domain/ any other equivalent government certification organizations
 - iv. The Ph.D. scholar should be First/ Second/ inventor in case of grant of Patent/ IP/ Commercial licensing.
- 5.2.3 The products, models, theories, innovations, prototype, technology, as applicable must be certified by domain experts and should also have a third-party validation report.
- 5.2.4 Whenever necessary the supervisor can always opt for a co-supervisor from the recognized industry or domain area with proven credentials.
- 5.2.5 The usual process of DRC/BRS recommendations as outlined in Ordinance VI will continue. Examination will be done following the usual processes

such as Pre-Ph.D presentations before the Research Advisory Committee from time to time, external examination, and open viva-voce as per the guidelines amended from time to time.

Note: The viva-voce may be conducted by two examiners, one from an academic institute and the other from industry/relevant area.

6. Each thesis will go through a Plagiarism Check that will be verified by the University Library before submission. The certificate of verification given by the library has to be submitted along with the thesis at the time of thesis submission in the Examination Branch. The thesis has to be submitted within 30 days from the date of plagiarism check.
7. The supervisor shall **submit** the abstract of the thesis including Table of Contents and panel of six examiners to the Head of the Department. **The panel of examiners shall be eminent Scholars (Professors or equivalent, Associate Professor in special circumstances only but not more than two Associate Professors or equivalent among six proposed examiners), normally not more than one from the same Department of a particular University/Institute. Specialists in the area of work from industry/research institutions may also be included, however not more than three specialists should be in the panel.** The list of examiners must not include the persons who are either employed in the University/ its Colleges or have retired from the University of Delhi/ its Colleges.
8. The Head of the Department shall convene a meeting of the DRC within one month (or within a reasonable time) of submission of the abstract, table of contents and examiners list and forward the same to the BRS for its recommendation. Upon receiving the recommendation of DRC the supervisor will upload the abstract, table of contents and list of examiners on the examination portal.
9. The concerned BRS shall review the recommendations of the DRC. and forward the panel of examiners to the Examination branch on or before the submission of the thesis. In order to avoid delay, the Chairman of the respective BRS may approve the panel of examiners duly recommended by the concerned DRC and report the same in the next meeting of BRS.
10. The thesis must be a piece of original research work characterized either by the discovery of new facts, or by a fresh interpretation of facts or theories. In either case, it should show the research scholar's capacity for critical examination and judgment. It must be satisfactory as far as its language and presentation are concerned.
11. The research scholar may incorporate in the thesis the contents of any work published by him/her on the subject during the course of his/her Ph.D. and shall indicate the same in the thesis. If any content of the published work has been incorporated in the thesis of one of the authors, then the same content cannot be

included by any of the other authors for the award of any degree or diploma.

12. The Ph.D. thesis submitted by a research scholar shall be evaluated by three external examiners, approved by the Vice-Chancellor.
13. While submitting for evaluation, the dissertation/thesis shall have an undertaking from the research scholar and a certificate from the Research Supervisor attesting to the originality of the work, vouching that there is no plagiarism as defined by UGC from time to time, and that the work has not been submitted for the award of any other degree/diploma of the same Institution where the work was carried out, or to any other Institution. The Head of the Department shall countersign these certificates for submission of the Ph.D. thesis. In case of resubmission, the same procedure may be followed. The research scholar shall also attach a Student Approval Form in the format provided by the UGC for hosting and distributing their thesis in digital format in 'Shodhganga', or any other server designated for this purpose by UGC.

This Clause is supplemented by the provisions of UGC (Promotion of Academic Integrity and Prevention of Plagiarism in Higher Educational Institutions) Regulations, 2018.

14. The research scholar shall submit one double-sided typed and printed softbound copy of the Ph.D. thesis to the Examination Branch of the University. The soft copy of the Ph.D. thesis must be uploaded online on the Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation System Portal of the Examination Branch in specified format (pdf).
15. The Examination Branch may send all communication to the examiners viz. request for consent, sending of Ph.D. thesis for evaluation and receive report/s electronically through e-mail/online portal.
16. The examiners may (i) recommend that the degree be awarded; (ii) recommend that the degree be awarded subject to corrections/revision being made in consultation with the Supervisor before viva voce; (iii) ask for resubmission of the thesis or (iv) reject the thesis.
17. **For Ph.D. thesis evaluation, the corresponding actions suggested in the following table may be followed based on the comments/observations received from external examiners:**

Recomm- endation	Examiner 1	Examiner 2	Examiner 3	Action Suggested
Event 1	Accept	Accept	Accept	Viva Voce
Event 2	Accept	Accept	Minor Correction	Revise thesis in consultation with Supervisor followed by Viva Voce
Event 3	Accept/Re submission	Resubmissi on	Resubmissi on	Resubmission within one year after incorporating suggestions. Thesis to be sent to all examiners again.

Event 4	Accept	Accept	Resubmission	Thesis to be sent to fourth examiner whose recommendation shall be final. If 4th examiner recommends for revision, thesis will be sent to same examiner after revision. Resubmission within one year after incorporating suggestion.
Event 5	Accept	Accept	Reject	Thesis to be sent to fourth examiner. If 4 th examiner rejects the thesis, registration of the Student shall be closed/ cancelled.
Event 6	Accept/Resubmission	Reject/Resubmission	Reject	Reject and cancel registration

For any case that need a special consideration, the matter may be referred through BRS to a Special Committee consisting of Chairperson RIE council, Dean (Academic), Dean/ Controller of Examination for its examination. The recommendations of the Special Committee shall put up to the Vice Chancellor for final decision in the matter.

18. The Supervisor will provide a general report and a technical report based on the comments of all the examiners duly signed by the Supervisor and the HOD to the Examination Branch. Reports of the examiners should be shared with the research scholar only for the purpose of revision only.
19. The public viva voce of the research scholar to defend the Ph.D. thesis shall be conducted only if the evaluation report(s) of the external examiner(s) on the thesis is/are satisfactory and include a specific recommendation for the conduct of the viva voce examination.
20. The viva voce examination, on the evaluation report, shall be conducted by the Head of the Department and at least one of the three external examiners as approved by the Vice Chancellor. The viva voce shall be chaired by Head of the Department and shall be open to Members of the Research Advisory Committee, all faculty members of the Department, research scholars and other interested experts/researchers.
21. If the thesis has undergone revision after external evaluation, the soft copies of the final version of the Ph.D. thesis, after revision, must be re-submitted to the Examination Branch. To ensure that the soft copy is a complete and exact replica of

the print version accepted for the award of Ph.D., the Department Supervisor/Head must authenticate the soft copy submitted by the scholar.

22. Following the successful completion of the evaluation process and the announcement of the award of the Ph.D., the University shall ensure that an electronic copy of the Ph.D. thesis is submitted to INFLIBNET/ Shodhganga for hosting the same to make it accessible to all Institutions/Colleges.
23. It may be ensured that all appropriate methods for completion of the entire process of evaluation of Ph. D. thesis, including the declaration of the viva-voce result is done within a period of six (6) months from the date of submission of the thesis.
24. Prior to the award of the degree in convocation, the Examination Branch may issue a Provisional Certificate to the effect that the Degree has been awarded in accordance with the provisions of the UGC Regulations, 2022 or as applicable.
25. Provided that the Ph.D. programmes in the Faculty of Medical Sciences, shall be governed by the relevant Regulations of the Medical Council of India, as amended from time to time. However, the matters or processes on which the Medical Council of India regulations are silent, the relevant provisions of the Ordinance VI shall apply.

N. Ph.D. through Part-time Mode:-

1. Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.
2. The Departments shall obtain a "No Objection Certificate" through the candidate for a part-time Ph.D. programme from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:
 - a. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
 - b. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
 - c. He/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work in the prescribed duration.
3. For any case that need a special consideration, the matter may be referred through BRS to a Special Committee consisting of Chairperson RIE council, Dean (Academic), Dean/ Controller of Examination for its examination. The recommendations of the Special Committee shall put up to the Vice Chancellor for final decision in the matter.
4. Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other law, for the time being in force, the University shall not conduct Ph.D. programmes through distance and/or online mode.
5. **Conversion of a full time PhD. Program to a part time PhD. Program is permitted subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:**

- i. A request from a candidate who receives an appointment letter or joins an educational institution, R&D organization, government department, or public sector undertaking as an employee, and provides valid proof/ documentation, may be considered for conversion from full-time to part-time status.
- ii. The candidate must have completed a minimum of two years from the date of registration in the full-time mode and must have successfully completed the prescribed coursework.
- iii. The candidate must obtain a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the appropriate authority in the organization where he/ she is employed. The NOC must clearly state that:
 - a) The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
 - b) His/ her official duties permit him/ her to devote sufficient time for research.
- iv. The request for conversion shall be recommended by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) and endorsed by the Board of Research Studies (BRS).
- v. Once a candidate has been converted to part-time mode, reversion to full-time mode shall **not** be permitted.
- vi. The scholarship / fellowship shall cease from the date of joining as a permanent employee. The candidate must obtain clearance from the respective department.
- vii. The duration of the Ph.D. programme shall not exceed the maximum permissible period as defined by the University regulations.

Power to remove difficulties:

If any difficulty arises in the process of implementation or interpretation of this Ordinance, The Vice Chancellor shall have the power to take any action or decision, deemed necessary, and it shall be final and binding.

