UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India – 695034
(Established as University of Travancore by the Travancore University Act in 1937 and reconstituted as
University of Kerala by the Kerala University Act of 1957 and presently governed by the
Kerala University Act of 1974 passed by the Kerala State Legislative Assembly)
(Re-accredited by NAAC with ‘A’ Grade)

No. Ac.EVI/16273/2016(1) Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated: 14-12-2015

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited online from eligible candidates for registration for Full-time/
Part-time research leading to Ph.D degree of the University, for the January 2016 Session, subject to
availability of vacancies.

Candidates shall carry out their research under approved guide or guides in a University
department or in a department of a college recognised as research centre or in a recognised research
institution.

I Eligibility

Candidates to be considered eligible to apply for registration for Ph.D. research should have:

i) Masters degree or its equivalent with not less than 55% marks.
ii) Qualified in the Entrance Test conducted by this University or National Eligibility Test
conducted by the UGC/CSIR/ICAR/ICMR or GATE or State Level Eligibility Test
conducted by the Kerala Government or Fellowship awarded by the KSCSTE,
M.Phil. degree by research and thesis. The validity period, if any, of such qualifications are
counted for granting admission.
iii) The M.Phil. degree shall be in the discipline concerned in which the applicant is seeking
registration and the degree should be obtained from a recognised university.

II. Relaxation of marks

Candidates who have got a minimum of ten years of teaching experience at a college or university
are eligible for a relaxation of 5% marks. However, in no case, a candidate having less than 50% marks
be granted registration.

Not withstanding the above, candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes who
have secured 45% marks in Science subjects and 40% marks in Arts and Commerce subjects can apply for
registration for Ph.D. research provided, they satisfy the other eligibility requirements stipulated in this
notification. Physically/visually challenged candidates are eligible for a relaxation of 5% marks for
registration for research leading to Ph.D. Degree.

III. Exemption from entrance test

i) College/University teachers with seven or more years of teaching experience and
candidates with D.M/M.Ch. degree are exempted from the Entrance Test.

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ii) Scientists/Engineers working in approved Research Laboratories either owned or managed by the Central/State Government or in Autonomous Research Institutions of National Status, with seven years experience in the Grade Scientist/Engineer having two research papers published in the recognised research journals of the subject concerned approved by the Board of Studies concerned, are exempted from the Ph.D. Entrance Test.

iii) Candidates with DBT-JRF are exempted from the Ph.D. Entrance Test and they are permitted to register for research leading to Ph.D. Degree in Biotechnology.

iv) Scientists/Ayurveda Doctors working in Pharmaceuticals/Hospitals/Research Centres owned by Government with 7 years experience and having 2 research papers published are exempted from the Ph.D. Entrance Test.

v) Candidates with DST-INSPIRE fellowship are exempted from Ph.D. Entrance Test.

vi) Candidates who have qualified 'GPAT' are exempted from Ph.D. entrance test & are permitted to register for research leading to Ph.D. degree in Pharmacy.

vii) Candidates selected to the QIP (Quality – Improvement Programme) introduced by AICTE, for teachers of AICTE approved degree level Engineering Institutions are exempted from Ph.D Entrance test.

IV Availability of seats

The maximum number of candidates permitted to work under each guide is eight, among which two candidates should have JRF/SRF or UGC - CSIR

Even if a teacher/scientist is an approved guide in more than one discipline the total number of students he/she can guide at a time will remain unchanged.

In the case of interdisciplinary research the candidate will be allowed to have one co-guide depending on the requirement.

Vacancies available under each supervising teacher/research centre can be ascertained from the supervising teacher and the Head of the research centre. One seat in each subject is reserved for applicants belonging to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes if they are otherwise eligible.

V Exemption from Research Methodology paper of the course work examination

Only those M.Phil.degrees which have Research Methodology course in the curriculum will be considered for exemption from the Research Methodology paper of the course work examination.

Part-time registration

Part-time Ph.D. registration shall be restricted to regular/permanent teachers in the subjects concerned, of the Departments and affiliated Colleges of the University of Kerala. The provision of Part-time registration in exceptional cases is also extended to teachers who are working in substantive vacancies in Government and Aided Colleges in the State of Kerala, if all other conditions are satisfied.

However, the facility of part-time Ph.D. registration

(1) in Library and Information Science is extended to those who are working as Library Staff in the University of Kerala and to all library professionals working in all University libraries, affiliated colleges, Government departments, R and D establishments, public sector undertakings and corporate libraries in Kerala on regular basis with a minimum of 3 years experience, provided all other eligibility conditions are satisfied.

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(2) in Management Studies is extended to those working in managerial position with a minimum of 3 years experience in Government/Public Sector undertakings, provided all other conditions are satisfied.

(3) is extended to contract lecturers appointed in the teaching & research centres attached to University departments, UICT centres, KUCSTE University Institutes of Management run by Kerala University.

(4) is extended to permanent employees of the University of Kerala who have qualified UGC-JRF.

(5) Permanent employees of the University of Kerala who have qualified M.Phil/Ph.D Entrance test of this University, who wish to apply for Part-time Ph.D registration shall undergo full-time Ph.D research for a period of six months, after availing leave, and then apply for conversion of mode of registration to part-time.

Applications for part-time registration should be accompanied by a No Objection Certificate from the appointing authority with details showing designation and period of permanent service with the organization.

VI How to apply

Applications should be submitted online www.research.keralauliversity.ac.in

The printouts of the application so submitted should be submitted at the time of the doctoral committee along with attested/original copies of certificates and cash receipt. Applicants from the Faculty of Engineering, Medicine, Dentistry, Ayurveda, Visual Arts, Homoeo, Fine Arts (Except Music) etc and all subjects which are not being offered at the University departments (Home Science, Geography, Microbiology, Physical Education etc) should submit the printouts of the applications along with all documents and cash receipt/DD to the Registrar on or before 15.01.2016, without fail.

VII Registration fee

Registration fee of Rs.520/- has to be paid by Kerala University cash receipt/Friends cash receipt/DD (An additional amount of rupees 10/- to be paid as service charge in case of DD).

All remittances made by DD should be drawn in favour of the Finance Officer, University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram. The drafts drawn on SBT branches payable at SBT Service Branch, Thiruvananthapuram and on District Co-operative Banks, payable at State Co-operative Bank, Head Office Branch, Thiruvananthapuram only will be accepted from candidates residing within the State. Those residing outside the State may submit SBI drafts, payable at SBI Main Branch, Thiruvananthapuram.

VIII Clearance of Ethics Committee is mandatory for research work involving human subjects.

IX Last date

The last date for receipt of applications is upto 5.00 pm, 15th January, 2016. The guides are to register their online consent upto 5.00pm, 15th January 2016 itself.

Registration will be granted on the basis of merit and availability of vacancies subject to the University Statutes and other rules and UGC Regulations, 2009. The decision of the Syndicate in this regard will be final.

REGISTRAR
DCDC-in-Charge