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)

Thiruvananthapuram,
Dated: 30-06-2016

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 July 2016 session, in the following faculties 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 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.

Notwithstanding 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.
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 or 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 Allocation of supervisors/Availability of seats

University has implemented UGC Regulations 2009 vide UO No AcE1/2015 dated 08/01/2016 and AcE1/2016 dated 01/02/2016.

The maximum number of candidates permitted to work under each guide is eight.

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.

The supervisor shall be allocated from amongst the regular faculty members in a department or its affiliated PG College/Institutes depending on the number of students per faculty member, the available specialization among the faculty supervisors and the research interest of the student. It is further clarified that any PhD/M Phil degree awarded by a University under the supervision of a supervisor who is not a faculty member of the University or its affiliated PG colleges/Institutes would be in violation of UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure of Award of M Phil/PhD) Regulations 2009.

The allocation of the supervisors for a selected student shall be decided by the department depending on the number of student per faculty member, the available specialization among the faculty supervisors and the research interest of the student as indicated during interview by the student. The allotment/allocation of supervisor shall not be left to the individual student or teacher. The Supervising Teacher should have five or more years of service remaining to retirement.

Vacancies available under each supervising teacher/research centre can be ascertained from the Chairperson of Doctoral Committee. 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 based on the recommendations of Doctoral Committee is also extended by the Syndicate 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
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 undertaking and corporate libraries in Kerala on regular basis with a minimum of 3 years experience, provided all other eligibility conditions are satisfied.

(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, IIT centres & KUCET. University Institutes of Management run by University of Kerala.

(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 apply for conversion of mode of registration to part-time thereafter

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

VI How to apply

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

The print outs 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, Fine Arts(Except Music) etc and all subjects which are not being offered at the University departments (Geography, Home Science Microbiology, Physical Education etc) should submit the print outs of the applications along with all documents and cash receipt/DD to the Registrar on or before 15.07.2016.

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 July 2016.

Registration will be granted on the basis of merit and availability of vacancies subject to the, UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M Phil/PhD Degree) Regulation 2009 and shall also be subject to the final outcome of the WP(C) 17733 of 2016 pending before the Hon’ble High Court.

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