

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)

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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for online registration to full-time/part-time research leading to Ph.D Degree of the University, for the January 2024 session, subject to availability of vacancies.

Candidates shall carry out their research under approved Research Supervisors in the University Departments or in Research Centres duly approved by the University. Regulations for the Award of Ph.D Degrees, University of Kerala, 2022 (effective for registration from January 2024 session onwards) is uploaded in the University website.

I. ELIGIBILITY AND RELAXTION OF MARKS

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

(1) Candidates who have completed:

1. (i) Any 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

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.

OR

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.



2. 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 Central and State Govt. Departments/Agencies as approved by the University. The validity period if any of such qualifications are counted for granting admission.

(i) Candidates who have passed the M.Phil Programme with a minimum of Grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent. The M Phil Degree shall be in the discipline concerned in which the applicant is seeking registration and degree should be obtained from a recognised University.

(ii) Candidates possessing a degree considered equivalent to M.Phil degree of an Indian Institution, 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 standard of educational institution, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D programme.

RELAXATION OF MARKS

1. 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 State Government / University from time to time.
2. Eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned under (1) above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks exclusive of the grace mark procedures.

II. EXEMPTION FROM ENTRANCE TEST

The following categories are exempted from qualifying the entrance test for registration to Ph.D.

1. Regular College/University teachers who have 7 or more year of teaching experience are exempted from the entrance test.
2. Scientists working in approved research laboratories either owned or managed by the Central/State Government or in Autonomous Research Institute of National Status, with 7 years experience in Grade Scientists having two research papers published in recognized research journals of the subject concerned approved by the UGC.
3. Candidates with DBT/JRF are permitted to register for research leading to Ph.D Degree in Biotechnology.
4. Candidate with DST- INSPIRE fellowship



5. Those candidates who qualify UGC-NET/JRF, UGC-CSIR-NET/JRF, SLET, GATE and Research Fellowships of Central or State Government Departments/ Agencies as approved by the University, as the case may be.
6. Teacher Fellowship holders and M.Phil Degree holders seeking registration for Ph.D shall be required to qualify Entrance Test in case registration is sought in a different discipline other than that specialized at PG/M.Phil Degree levels respectively.
7. Awardees of DST Women Scientist Scheme by the Department of Science & Technology (DST)
8. Candidates who have passed the M.Phil Programme with a minimum of Grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent.
9. Awardees of VSSC-JRF/ UGC-NFSC/ UGC-NFOBC/ UGC-NFPwD.

III. ALLOCATION OF SUPERVISORS/AVAILABILITY OF SEATS

The allocation of candidates to the Research Supervisor for Ph.D registration shall be done in strict compliance with the Regulation for the award of Ph.D Degree, University of Kerala, 2022 implemented in the University vide UO No. Ac.E1/23887/2022 Dated 07.12.2023 in accordance with the UGC Regulations 2022.

1. Only regular faculty members with **more than 3 years of service before superannuation** shall be eligible to be allotted as research supervisors/ Co-supervisors for the purpose of registration of candidates.

2. In the case of Scientists in the regular service in research laboratories of Central/State Government, located in the geographical jurisdiction of the University, approved as Research Supervisors, the Scientist in Grade-D, Scientist Grade-E and Scientist Grade-F & G are equated with Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor respectively, exclusively for the purpose of research supervision.

3. A Professor as Research Supervisor/Co-supervisor, at any given point of time, shall guide not more than eight Ph.D Scholars; an Associate Professor as Research Supervisor shall guide up to a maximum of six Ph.D Scholars; and an Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor shall guide up to a maximum of four Ph. D scholars.

(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 shall remain unchanged).

4. The Department, in case of topics which are of inter-disciplinary nature and where the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, may nominate a Supervisor from the Department itself as a Research Supervisor and a Co- Supervisor from outside the Department/Faculty/College or other Institution on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting Institutions/Colleges and duly approved by the University.

5. Registration shall not be granted under adjunct faculty, visiting faculty, technical staff, administrative staff, Library staff and teachers serving outside the geographical jurisdiction of the University.



6. Allocation of Research Supervisor for a selected Research Scholar shall be decided by the Department Doctoral Committee concerned depending on the number of scholars per Research Supervisor, available specialization among the Research supervisors and research interests of the Research Scholars as indicated by them at the time of interview.

7. Vacancies available in each subject can be had from the 'Other Info' of the research portal www.research.keralauniversity.ac.in.

IV. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

(1) The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the institution, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the State Government from time to time. The mode of implementation of the reservation policy in the admission for Ph.D. programme shall be based on the University orders issued in this regard from time to time.

(2) Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following methods:

i. University shall admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests / State level tests approved by the University exclusively for this purpose, based on an interview. University shall also admit the candidates who have qualified M.Phil. degree and Ph.D. entrance examination conducted by the University, prior to January 2024, based on an interview.

And / Or

ii. Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the University, a weightage of 70 % for the entrance test and 30 % for the performance in the interview / viva- voce shall be given. (Not applicable to the candidates who have passed Ph.D entrance examination conducted by the University prior to January 2024)

V. CLEARANCE OF ETHICS COMMITTEE IS MANDATORY FOR RESEARCH WORK INVOLVING HUMAN SUBJECTS

VI. EXEMPTION FROM RESEARCH METHODOLOGY PAPER OF THE COURSE WORK EXAMINATION

1. Scholars admitted to the Ph.D Programmes shall be required to complete the course work prescribed by the Department during the initial one year from the date of registration for research, failing which the registration for research shall be cancelled. The re-appearance of the scholar for the courses in which required credits are not secured shall be permitted within the duration of one year specified.

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.

2. Scholars already holding M.Phil Degree and admitted to the Ph.D Programme, shall also have to successfully complete the Ph.D course work, except course(s) on Research Methodology, prescribed by the Department within one year, as specified in clause (1) above.



VII. PART-TIME REGISTRATION

Part-time research for Ph.D shall be allowed subject to the availability of vacancies provided all the conditions mentioned in the extant Ph.D Regulations are met in full irrespective of part-time/full-time research.

Part-time research is restricted to the following categories only who have qualified UGC-JRF/NET/Kerala University Ph.D Entrance/any equivalent examination/ exempted categories:

1. **As per U.O.No.Ac.E1/A4(2)/2019 dated 06/05/2019:**

- a. *Teachers working on regular basis in Govt/Govt-Aided Schools in HSE/VHSE/HSA within the State.*
- b. *Lecturers on regular basis in DIET, Teachers in TTI/SCERT/SIEMAT within the State.*
- c. *Teachers working on regular basis in teaching Departments/Centres of this University.*
- d. *Teachers working on regular basis in Govt/Aided Colleges including those under DTE/DME within the State.*
- e. *Teachers working on contract basis in Teaching Departments of this University.*
- f. *Faculty Members working on regular basis in the Quasi-State Govt. institutions within the State.*
- g. *Lecturers working on contract basis in KUCTE, UIT, UIM and Self financing colleges affiliated to the University provided they have service of 5 academic years.*
- h. *Permanent employees of this University.*
- i. *Scientists working on regular basis in State/ Central Govt research organisations within the State, with a continuous service of 5 years.*
- j. *Executives working on regular basis in State/Central Govt PSU within the State with a continuous service of 5 years.*

2. **As per U.O.No.Ac.E1/A3/20911/2021 dated 23.07.2021:**

Regular full time library professionals having three year experience working in all University Libraries, affiliated Colleges and Government Departments.

3. **As per U.O.No.Ac.E1/182/2022/UOK dated 06.01.2022:**

Research Officers of the Kerala State Institute of Languages, Nalanda, Typm.

4. **As per U.O.No.Ac.E1/3856/2023/UOK dated 04.05.2023:**

Teachers working on regular basis in all the Universities within the State, if they are otherwise eligible.

5. **As per U.O.No.Ac.E1/7390/2022/UOK dated 23.09.2022:**

Candidates working in the technical / innovative areas in K-DISC.

Part-time Registration to the above categories except (c) & (d) above shall be limited to 25%



of the available vacancies in each subject.

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.

VII. HOW TO APPLY

Applications should be submitted online www.research.keralauniversity.ac.in, more details can be had from 'How to apply' in the home page of the portal.

Applicants for subjects which are not being offered at the University Departments should submit the print outs of the applications along with all documents to the Registrar, University of Kerala on or before 16.01.2024.

UGC/CSIR-JRF/DBT-JRF/DST-JRF(INSPIRE)/GATE/UGC-MANF/VSSC-JRF/UGC-NFSC/UGC-NFOBC/UGC-NFPwD candidates pursuing research are permitted to join Ph.D research first, if they are otherwise eligible for Ph.D registration in the concerned subject, and then apply for Ph.D registration in the next immediate session itself and to grant them Ph.D registration with effect from the date of joining the fellowship at par with UGC JRF in the matter of admission and registration for research leading to Ph.d Degree. They are directed to submit a request duly endorsed by the Head of the Department specifying the details to the Registrar, University of Kerala on or before 16.01.2024.

IX. REGISTRATION FEE

Candidate can be pay the registration fee of Rs. 550/- only through the online payment facility by clicking on " proceed to pay" button ; no other mode of payment will be accepted.

Please note that fees once paid will not be refunded.

X. LAST DATE

The last date for receipt of applications online is 15.01.2024.

The University reserves the right to reject any application for proper reasons adduced therewith.

The registration for Ph.D shall be granted only on the basis of merit and subject to the availability of vacancies with the supervising teachers and as per the norms and regulations framed by the University in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of Ph.D Degrees) Regulations 2022.

