

VII: ADMISSION PROCEDURE

7.1 Eligibility Verification

7.1.1 Before appearing in the VURET or Interview, candidates must ensure they meet the qualifying examination criteria and minimum marks requirements as prescribed in Chapter III. The University shall verify documents at the time of admission.

7.1.2 Senior Residents / Service Senior Residents of medical faculties shall also be eligible to appear in the VURET, subject to fulfilling other eligibility conditions.

7.2 Research Entrance Test (VURET) – Test Design

7.2.1 Test A:- Written Examination:

- Total Questions: 100 MCQs
- Total Marks: 200
- Duration: 120 minutes
- Marking: +2 for correct answer
- Minimum qualifying marks: 50% (General); 45% (SC/ST/PwD/OBC-NCL/EWS)
- Question distribution: 50% Research Methodology; 50% Subject/Discipline-specific at Master's level

7.2.2 Test B – Personal Interview:

- Conducted by the Interview Board in the concerned Department/School/Centre
- Total Marks: 30 (Range: 9-24; justification required if outside this range)
- Focus: Research aptitude, subject knowledge, proposed research area, analytical thinking

7.2.3 Interdisciplinary Admission: A candidate can apply for Ph.D. in an allied discipline by appearing in the VURET of the related main discipline, subject to the following conditions: (a) not more than 20% of vacancies in a main discipline shall be filled by candidates from allied disciplines; (b) mobility is restricted to disciplines where the candidate's main discipline is an allied subject; (c) if vacancies are unfilled from the main discipline, candidates from allied disciplines may be considered if otherwise qualified.

7.3 Final Merit and Selection

7.3.1 Final Merit for VURET Category:

$\text{Composite Index} = \text{Academic Record Score (M)} + \text{Test A Score} + \text{Test B Score}$

*Minimum Composite Index required: 215 marks (to be eligible for registration)

7.3.2 Final Merit for VURET-Exempt / Direct Admission Category:

$\text{Composite Index} = \text{Academic Record Score (M)} + \text{Test B Score}$



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Minimum Composite Index required: 65 marks (to be eligible for registration)

7.3.3 Meeting the minimum composite index does not guarantee registration; the number of seats available shall be a determining factor.

7.3.4 Separate merit lists shall be prepared for VURET category and VURET-exempt/direct admission category candidates. An equal number of wait-listed candidates shall also be prepared in order of merit to fill vacancies arising from non-joining of selected candidates.

7.4 Admission, Fee Deposit, and Supervisor Allocation

7.4.1 Based on the final merit list, the Head of the Department/Coordinator of the School/Centre shall issue offer letters to selected candidates, specifying the last date for fee deposit. A list of faculty members with their research areas shall be provided to selected candidates.

7.4.2 The admission process is complete only upon payment of prescribed fees by the candidate. The date of fee deposit shall be treated as the date of admission for all purposes under these PhD Rules.

7.4.3 After fee payment, the candidate shall be permitted to attend the coursework classes and other facilities from the University like Using the library, E-library, Sports, Extracurricular and the assistance from the Department/School/Centre.

7.4.4 The DRC shall allot the Supervisor to each admitted scholar, taking into account as far as practicable the mutual preference of the candidate and the faculty member, and the Supervisor's quota availability.

7.4.5 The HoD shall submit a complete list of admitted scholars with all details to the Director (Research) with a copy to the Dean within one week of admission.

7.5 Registration

7.5.1 Every candidate shall be registered (enrolled) only at the beginning of each semester (July for Odd Semester, January for Even Semester). Registration shall continue every semester until the thesis is submitted.

7.5.2 Failure to renew registration in any semester, without prior written application and valid reason, shall be treated as a ground for cancellation of admission as per Chapter XX.

7.5.3 A candidate who already holds a Ph.D. degree from this or any other recognized university may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme for an additional Ph.D. in a different subject, at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor, based on specific recommendation of the DRC with full justification.



7.5.3 The UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 permit the transfer of a Ph.D. scholar from one university to another in exceptional circumstances, subject to the approval of the competent authorities of both universities, consent of the concerned supervisor(s) and the scholar, and compliance with the Ph.D. rules, ordinances, and regulations of the respective institutions. The receiving university shall determine the recognition of coursework, research progress, and continuation of registration in accordance with its applicable provisions and the UGC Ph.D. Regulations, 2022.

7.5.3 As per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, candidates who already possess an M.Phil. degree or have successfully completed Ph.D. coursework in an integrated M.Phil. & Ph.D. programme may be exempted from Ph.D. coursework by the concerned department/university.



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