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MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, KERALA

Registration for Ph.D. Programme – 2024

NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the registration for research leading to the award of Ph. D. Degree of the University for the year 2024, as per U.O No. 10653/AC A10/2024/MGU dated 25.11.2024 and as per M.G.U. Ph.D. Regulations 2016 prepared based on the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations 2016. Registration procedures shall be governed by the UGC (Minimum standards and procedures for award of Ph.D degree) Regulations 2022, from the date of its implementation in the university.

- The anticipated vacancy position as as per the latest available data under each research supervising teachers is appended herewith.
- The vacancy position shown in the list, which is **provisional and may vary.**
- Submission of thesis, change of supervising teacher, De-registration of a scholar, relocation of women scholars and cancellation of registration will be treated as arising of vacancy.

Application can be submitted in online mode only. Link for Registration is available in the University online Research Portal (https://researchonline.mgu.ac.in/)

1. RESEARCH CENTRES

University teaching Departments, Inter University / Inter School Centers, Approved Research Centers in Government and Aided Colleges affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University and institutions formed by an Act of either the State or Central government for promotion of research shall only be the research centers of the university.

2. RESEARCH SUPERVISING TEACHERS

2.1 Only regular and approved teachers of the University Departments / Colleges in Government and Aided stream affiliated to Mahatma Gandhi University having guideship under the M G University, and Scientists in Approved Research Centers are allowed to supervise the research work. Teachers having the period of service below one year or those coming under Retired/Adjunct/ Deputation /Transferred category are not eligible to act as research supervising teachers.

2.2 The vacancy position under a research supervising teacher shall be reckoned as on the date of Doctoral Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY

3.1 Candidates for admission to Ph.D. Programme shall have a Master's degree in the concerned or related discipline or a professional degree declared equivalent to Master's Degree of Mahatma Gandhi University or of other Universities, recognized as eligible for higher studies, thereto securing **not less than 55% marks in aggregate** or an 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, recognised or authorised 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.

3.2 In case, where a candidate with post graduation from other universities proposes to do research in a subject not offered by the university, the subject must have been made equivalent by the University to the corresponding subject in the University.

3.3 A relaxation of 5% of marks (from 55% to 50%) or an equivalent relaxation of grade (as per MG University grade conversion formula / as per grade conversion formula of other Universities) is allowed to the following category:

- Candidates belonging to SC / ST / OBC (Non-creamy layer) / OEC
- Differently-abled candidates
- Candidates who had obtained their P.G. degree prior to 19th of September 1991
- Other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time

3.4 Candidates possessing degree equivalent to M.Phil. degree of an Indian institution or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognised or authorised 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, provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria.

3.5 Candidates qualifying professional courses (MBBS, BAMS, BHMS, BDS, BVSc, B.Pharm., B.Tech., B.Arch.) with a duration of minimum four years and with 55% marks in aggregate. In the case of B.Tech. & B.Arch., a valid GATE score is necessary.

3.6 CA / ICWA / ACS qualified candidates: A person whose name has been registered as a member in the register maintained by the Institute of Chartered Accountants / Cost Accountants / Company Secretaries of India with 55% of marks shall be eligible to apply for Ph.D. Programme in Management Studies and Commerce.

3.7 The candidates who have been exempted from the Entrance Test and those who were qualified the Entrance Tests for the years 2023 & 2024 may apply for Ph.D. registration but shall submit the documents pertaining to the respective results along with the application.

3.8 Those who have qualified with the UGC-NET Examination may also apply for the Ph.D Registration.

3.9 The following categories of candidates can apply for the Ph.D. registration at any time, if there exists vacancies under supervising teachers:

- CSIR UGC-JRF/KSCSTE-JRF/DBT-JRF/DST-INSPIRE/ICSSR/ MANF/ RGNF/CSIR-SRF Fellowship Awardees
- Candidates under Viswesvarayya Ph.D. scheme
- DST Women Dcientist Awardees
- International students

Eligibility for application must be attained on or before 31.01.2025

4. <u>MODE OF SELECTION / ADMISSION</u>

4.1 Admissions to the Ph.D. Programme will be made on the basis of the following:

- Entrance Test (ET) / UGC-NET qualified, entrance exempted candidates whom applied for registration for Ph.D. Programme will be called for a Doctoral Interview.

- Doctoral Interviews of each subjects will be coducted as per the directions in the U.O. Nos.126/Ac A13/2023/MGU dated 06/01/2023 and 10653/AC A10/2024/ MGU dated 25.11.2024).
- Out of the total 100 marks, 70% of weightage will be given for test (Entrance/NET) scores and 30% weightage for the interview to the candidates qualified through the UGC-NET examination 2024 & University Entrance examination. But the marks will be in 100 for the interview, for those who have qualified the NET examinations before 2024 and other entrance exempted categories (for those doesn't have a test score).

4.2 The selection will be on the basis of the marks obtained for the Doctoral Interview and as per the available vacancy in each subject. Only candidates who score 50% and above marks in the Doctoral Interview will be recommended for registration for Ph.D. Programme. For SC/ST candidates, the minimum marks required for recommendation for admission is 45%.

4.3 Also a relaxation of 5% of marks for qualifying the Entrance Test, is allowed to the following categories:

- Candidates belonging to SC / ST / OBC (Non-creamy layer) / OEC.
- Differently-abled candidates.

5. <u>EXEMPTION FROM ENTRANCE TEST</u>

5.1 The categories of candidates mentioned in the clause 7.1 of M.G.U. Ph.D. Regulations 2016 are exempted from appearing the Entrance Test:

5.2 Exemption from Entrance Test will be granted only to those who are eligible for the same on or before the date of Doctoral Committee.

6 <u>MODE OF REGISTRATION FOR RESEARCH</u>

All candidates recommended for the Ph.D. Programme, except those who are eligible for initial part time registration (as per clause 13.1 of the M.G.U. Ph.D. Regulations 2016), will be granted registration in full time mode.

7 <u>REGISTRATION FEE</u>

7.1 The prescribed fee for Ph.D. registration is as follows;
(1) General category - Rs. 1225/- (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Five)
(2) SC/ST candidates - Rs. 920/- (Rupees Nine Hundred and Twenty)
(3) Foreign National candidates - Rs. 4900/- (Rupees Four Thousand Nine Hundred)

7.2 The candidates may select the appropriate category (General/SC-ST/Foreign) for fee payment, which is integrated with the online application portal and can paid only on completion of the online application procedure.

8 <u>SUBMISSION OF HARD COPY OF THE APPLICATION</u>

8.1 Print outs of the online application submitted should be downloaded and may be submitted with all the hard copies of relevant documents within **05** days from the last date of application (ie, on before 05.02.2025) to the University. Application should be attached with a copy of the Research Proposal in A4 size paper.

a) Details to be included on the facing sheet of the Research Proposal

- Shall be superscribed as **RESEARCH PROPOSAL**
- Name and address of the candidate
- Discipline
- Title of research work (in bold face)
- Area of research

b) Introduction including related studies
c) Importance / Rationale of the study
d) Objectives / Research Problem / Hypothesis
e) Methodology including methods, sample and design of work
f) Tentative work schedule (semester wise)
g) Bibliography / Reference

8.2 The number of pages of the research proposal shall not exceed five.

9. LIST OF DOCUMENTS TO BE UPLOADED ALONG WITH THE APPLICATION

- Copy of photo identity card (Passport / PAN Card / Election Id)
- Copy of Transfer Certificate from the institution last studied
- Copy of P.G. Degree Mark list & P.G. Degree Certificate
- Copy of M.Phil. Degree Certificate (if an M.Phil. degree holder)
- Eligibility Certificate for those who have taken P.G./M.Phil. Degree from other universities.
- Equivalency Certificate for those who propose to do research in a particular discipline, with P.G. from other universities, in a discipline not offered by this university.
- Copy of the UGC / CSIR / KSCSTE / DST / INSPIRE / MANF /RGNF Fellowship Award Letter (if applicable)
- Copies of the certificates of NET / SLET / GATE / GPAT / JEST or other tests conducted by Government bodies such as UGC, CSIR, ICAR, ICMR and ICSSR (if applicable)
- Copy of the result of the Entrance Test (Downloaded from university website in the case of those who have passed Entrance Test)
- Caste Certificate in the case of SC/ST candidates or Non-Creamy Layer Certificate in the case of OBC / OEC candidates
- Copy of the Medical Certificate issued by the medical board, in the case of differently-abled candidates
- No Objection Certificate / undertaking from the employer (if working)
- Copy of NET examination score card (Applicable to those qualified NET examination in 2024)
- Copies of the Research Proposal in the prescribed format

10. RECEIPT OF THE HARDCOPY OF THE APPLICATION

10.1 Printed/downloaded application with the related documents should be sent to:

The Deputy Registrar I (Academic)
Mahatma Gandhi University
Priyadarshini Hills
Kottayam - PIN 686 560

10.2 '**APPLICATION FOR Ph.D. ADMISSION 2024**' and Name of the '**DISCIPLINE**' may be written in the top portion of the envelop.

NOTE:

- Incomplete / Defect applications will be summarily rejected.
- The online application portal will be opened from **01.01.2025 (10.15 AM) to the midnight of 31.01.2025.** Downloaded (online) applications and copies of relevant documents should be submitted to the University on before **05.02.2025 (04.45 PM)**.
- The amount of fee once remitted will not be refunded.
- Original supporting documents should be produced at the time of Doctoral Interview / at the time intimated by the concerned section.

For more details visit: ***https://research.mgu.ac.in***
or call **0481 - 2733534, 2733585, 2733586, 2733588, 2733568, 2733336**
Email addresses - ***research@mgu.ac.in***, ***aca2@mgu.ac.in, aca6@mgu.ac.in, aca10@mgu.ac.in, aca11@mgu.ac.in, aca13@mgu.ac.in***

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Sd/-
Dr. Bismi Gopalakrishnan
Registrar

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3. IT Director (for making necessary arrangements in the Research Portal)
4. Research Director / DCDC / Director - IQAC
5. Ac A 2, Ac A 6, Ac A 10, Ac A 11, Ac A 13, Ac A 14, Ac A 15 Sections
6. Section Officer, IT Cell-1 / Ac A 13 (for the coordination of the online registration process)
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