



Admission Policy for Ph.D. Candidates:

1.0 Admissions:

- 1.1 Candidates for the Ph.D. program may be admitted twice in a year. Odd Semester or Summer Batch – (Probably starts in August of every year). Even Semester or Winter Batch – (Probably starts in February of every year).
- 1.2 **The admission to the Ph. D. program shall be based on the Uttaranchal University Research Entrance Test (UU-RET). UURET consists of written exam and interview. UGC NET/GATE or similar national level test score will be considered in place of written test with weightage of 70% in UURET. 30% weightage is given for interview. Candidates with valid NET/GATE/similar national level test score will be given priority in admission and they will be exempted from written test and will appear in interview directly. If NET/GATE/similar national level test qualified candidates not available then candidates will be selected on the basis of written test (UURET).**
- 1.3 The date of the UU-RET along with other details are announced in newspaper vis-a vis on the University's website/Social Media.
- 1.4 The candidate has to apply online through the University's website.
- 1.5 **Eligibility Criteria:** An applicant possessing any one of the following qualifications shall be eligible to apply for admission to a Ph.D. program of the University.
 - 1.5.1 A 2-year/4-semester master's degree or equivalent in the concerned or allied subject with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed. Or
 - 1.5.2 A 1-year/2-semester master's degree or equivalent in the concerned or allied subject with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree Program. Or
 - 1.5.3 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree or equivalent in the concerned or allied



subject with a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale. Or

- 1.5.4** M. Phil. Degree with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.
- 1.5.5** A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled.
- 1.5.6** Exemption from appearing at Entrance Examination: UGC-CSIR-NET/GATE with fellowship/scholarship and similar National level tests with scholarship are exempted from entrance test.
- 1.5.7** "In addition to the aforementioned criterion, preference shall be given to the candidates who have NET scores. The vacant admission seats shall be filled based on the scores obtained in the Uttaranchal University- Research Entrance Test (UU-RET)".
- 1.5.8** "The scores of Uttaranchal University- Research Entrance Test (UU-RET) shall also be considered for admission in those programmes where NET examination is not administered".

2. Procedure For Admission:

The Eligible candidates have to apply for admission to Ph. D. program through online registration or offline registration.:

2.1.1. All the applicants shall have to appear for Uttaranchal University Research Entrance Test (UU-RET). UURET consist of written test and interview. Valid NET/GATE/GPAT/ or similar national level score will be considered (with weightage of 70%) in place of written test of UURET and they will be exempted from written test. Interview will be compulsory for all. Candidates without NET will have to qualify written test (UURET) to appear in Interview

2.1.2 **Call for NET/GATE qualified-** First candidates having valid NET/GATE/GPAT test score are called for interview. Such candidates are given preference. Valid score of NET/GATE is considered with weightage of 70% in place of university written test and then candidates are called for interview. Interview is given 30% weightage.

2.1.2. .The University shall conduct its Entrance Test in short 'UU-RET' for non NET or other disciplines where NET not



available, at its campus (offline) and may conduct the UU-RET at different examination centres throughout India/Abroad in online/offline or hybrid mode.

The UU-RET will be in conformity with the latest UGC guidelines. The written test will consist of two parts i.e., Research Aptitude and the concerned subject, 50% weightage shall be given to each part.. Minimum 50% marks are required in the written examination in order to qualify for the interview, or as per UGC Regulations. Candidates with fellowship may be exempted from the UU-RET, they will have to appear for the interview only. Such candidates must prove their exemptions to the Admission Cell of the University, well in advance. UU-RET will be conducted & managed by Dean-Research & studies/COE.

2.1.3. **Interview:**

An interview/viva-voce shall be conducted by the University wherein all the candidates are required to discuss their research interest or area. Priority to be given to valid NET qualified candidates. An Admission Committee for Doctoral Admissions will be duly constituted by the Vice Chancellor having at least 3 members including Dean-Research, concerned Director/HOD & Subject Experts. Vice Chancellor will be Chairman of Admission Committee. If Vice Chancellor not available then Dean Research will Chair this committee. The interview/viva-voce shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:

- The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
- The research work can be suitably undertaken at the University;
- The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge to the society at large.

2.2 **Admission for foreign/International candidates:**

Applications of Foreign Nationals can also be considered for registration as Research Scholar(s) provided:

His/her qualification is at par with the qualification stipulated by MHRD or any nodal/statutory body of the country for Ph.D. program.

The candidate shall be required to apply for admission to the Ph.D. Program of the University on a prescribed proforma along with the prescribed application fee.

They shall also attach to the application attested copies of required certificates and Synopsis in English along with a copy of valid Passport.

Candidate shall be interviewed on successful qualifying the UU-RET by the concerned Sub-Committee, comprising of at least 3 members, constituted by the Vice-Chancellor and their registration shall be confirmed after satisfactory completion of



the prescribed course work and approval of research plan/synopsis. All Foreign Nationals admitted to the Ph.D. Program shall also have to complete the course work offered by the University.

2.3. Provisional Admission:

Candidates will be granted provisional admission; all academic documents submitted by the candidates will be verified by an authority (registrar's office) before confirming admission in the Ph.D. program. In case the candidate fails to submit any of the required document his/her provisional may be cancelled and the fee submitted will be forfeited.

The registration in Ph.D research shall only be confirmed after satisfactory completion of the course work and approval of the research plan/synopsis on the basis of the presentation given by the candidate in RAC/URDC.

2.4. Number of seats: University shall decide on year-to-year basis the number of Ph.D. scholars to be admitted course/faculty-wise depending on the number of available Research Supervisors and other academic and physical facilities available, the norms regarding the scholar- teacher ratio, laboratory, library and such other facilities. University will notify the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination centre(s) where entrance test(s) shall be conducted and all other relevant information well in advance for the benefit information of candidates/other stakeholders/public at large.

2.5 Reservation :University will follow the reservation policy of the Govt. of Uttarakhand for admission to Ph.D. program as formulated from time to time.

2.6 Declartion of selected candidates: The University will declare the admission list within a weeks' time of the UU-RET being held at its website.

The University reserves the right to verify the antecedents or documents submitted by the candidate at any time during their period of study. In case it is found that the documents submitted by the candidate are not genuine, then his/her admission shall be terminated and fee is forfeited.

2.7. Available Research Fields Or Domain Area: At present

The numbers of seats for each research field or domain area are notified separately for each batch, following broad research areas are available for Ph.D. in the University

- Engineering & Technology (All fields)
- Applied & Life Sciences (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Food Technology, Food Science & Nutrition Zoology, EVS,



- Forensic Science etc.)
- Humanities/Social Sciences/Mass Communication/Political Science/ Psychology
 - Law (all major areas)
 - Management/Commerce/Economics /Hospitality Management
 - Computer Applications/Computer Science
 - Agriculture (Agricultural Sciences)/Horticulture/Entomology/ Agronomy and all other concerned areas.
 - Pharmaceutical & health Sciences (All fields)
 - Interdisciplinary (IIOT/Smart Devices & IOT, Energy)
 - * Research areas as per approval of academic council

3.0. Duration Of The Program:

- 3.1 The duration of the program, the date for submission of thesis is counted from the date of admission to the program. The minimum duration of the Ph.D. program for Full-time will be of 3 years including course work.
- 3.2 The minimum duration of the Ph.D. program for Part-time will be of 3.5 years including course work.
- 3.3 The maximum duration for the Ph.D. program shall be six years for all scholars as per UGC guidelines.
- 3.4 Other terms as per Ph.D ordinance

4.0 Fellowship and Scholarship : Fellowship for Ph.D Scholars are available in different conditions

- 4.1. Subject to the availability of fellowships, Institutional fellowships (25% tuition fee) will be provided to potential research aspirants preferable NET qualified candidates.
- 4.2 The candidate who qualifies the National Eligibility Test-Junior Research Fellowship (NET-JRF) of the UGC, the UGC-Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (UGC-CSIR) joint test, DBT-JRF, ICMR-JRF, ICARSRF, MANF-JRF, RGNF-JRF and JNMF-JRF etc. fellowship can be availed from different funding agencies of Govt. Period of external fellowships will be as per the rules of the funding agency.
- 4.3 A candidate who has qualified the Ph.D. entrance/Interview examination and is an alumnus/alumna of Uttaranchal University shall be eligible for a 10% fellowship.
- 4.4 Faculty members of Uttaranchal University are eligible for financial assistance, including a 25% concession on the tuition fee for Ph.D. programs.
- 4.5 Candidates nominated by an industry or research organization that has an MOU with the university are eligible for a 25% fellowship.
- 4.6 A Ph.D. candidate, if gets selected or is already working, in an extra mural research project, shall get financial support in the form of project fellowship, i.e., from the JRF/SRF salary head of the project.