INFORMATION BROCHURE

Admission to Ph D Programmes July, 2025

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Note: Last date for filling the PhD online admission form for July 2025 session is 21 days from the date of announcement. For filling the PhD online admission form for July 2025 session, kindly use the URL link given: https://ignouadm.samarth.edu.in/phd/index.php

A. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Applications are invited for admission to Ph.D programme for the July 2025 session. The list of disciplines, names of the programme coordinators, discipline wise number of seats (category-wise) available and eligibility criteria are given in **Appendix I**.

2. The Ph.D. programme is offered in compliance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2022 and amendments there to from time to time.

3. IGNOU offers Ph.D programme under two categories: Part time and Full time. Both categories of students will be required to attend course work classes as per the IGNOU PhD Guidelines.

4. The minimum and maximum duration of Ph.D programme is three years and six years respectively. Women candidates and Persons with Disabilities (40% or more / "severe" where percentage is not defined) are given two years extra beyond the maximum duration.

5. The Ph.D. programme involves coursework during the first six months of admission, which will be conducted at IGNOU Campus, New Delhi,only. A student has to attend the coursework on regular basis. At least 80 per cent attendance is compulsory.

6. As of now, IGNOU does not have hostel facilities for students. Students have to make their own arrangements for stay in Delhi.

7. The candidates, who are in employment and wish to pursue part time Ph.D shall obtain NOC from their respective employers in the prescribed format as attached below as **Annexure-IV** which is mandatory for attending the interview (if qualified).

B. SELECTION PROCEEDURE:

1. Admission to the PhD programme shall be done on the basis of the candidate's performance in the UGC NET examination and Interview conducted by the University in the following manner:

   (i) **For Category A Candidates who qualified UGC NET with Fellowship (With JRF)** has to   fill the online admission form for Ph.D. He/ She shall be called for interview. The performance in the interview carries 100% weightage.

   (ii) **For Category B Candidates who qualified UGC NET without Fellowship (this covers the Category 2 and 3 of UGC NET qualified candidates from June 2024 and onwards session examinations with validity certificate**) has to also fill the online admission form for Ph.D. They shall be called for interview based on the merit of their UGC NET score. The UGC NET Score shall be given a weightage of 70% and 30% weightage shall be given to the interview. Final, merit shall be drawn combining the 70% of UGC NET Score and 30% from the performance in the Interview.

2. Interviews will be conducted by the University at its Headquarters, Maidan Garhi, New Delhi, only. Eligible candidates shall be called for interview by the **Discipline Specific Admission Committee**. Information in this regard shall be uploaded on the University

website.

3. The interview shall have three components comprising Research Methodology(40%) Subject domain (40%) and Communication Skills (20%).

4. Candidates are required to bring with them an original identity proof such as Aadhar Card, Voter ID Card, Driving License, Passport and ID Card issued by Govt. Agencies at the time of interview.

5. Based on the performance in the Interview, a combined common merit list of candidates of Category A and B (list of finally selected candidates) shall be prepared subject to the Reservation Policy of Government of India and availability of vacancies/seats.

6. List of selected candidates will be displayed on IGNOU official website www.ignou.ac.in. No individual intimation regarding selection will be sent. Hence, the applicants are advised to see the University website regularly for updates regarding the list of selected candidates.

7. Selected candidates will be governed by IGNOU Ordinance/IGNOU Regulations/ Ph.D. Guidelines 2022 and amendments there to from time to time for conduct of Ph.D Degree Programmes.

8. Offer letters for admission will be sent to the Selected Candidates, only.

C.   GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR Ph.D ADMISSION:

The eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D programme are as follows:

1. Candidates who have completed: 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/6 semesters 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.

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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 the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamylayer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section(EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

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. 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 Commission from time to time.

2. 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. 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 Commission from time to time.

a) See **Appendix I** for further details of discipline wise vacancy and specific eligibility criteria.

Note:Application fees is Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand Only). The application fees is non refundable.

- A Candidate can apply for one discipline, only.

- Before applying for Ph.D. Programme, candidates must ensure their fulfilment of specific eligibility criteria (as mentioned in the Appendix-I against each discipline).

- In case, a Candidate applies for a particular Discipline without fulfilling the specific eligibility criteria of that Discipline, the University shall not consider such application.

- Admission granted will be cancelled at any time, if it is found that the information furnished by the candidate is false or incorrect or if, at a later stage, it is found that the candidate does not fulfill the eligibility criteria prescribed for the programme.

- It is mandatory to download the filled in registration/application form for future reference.

- Candidates are required to apply through online mode,only. No offline/hard-copy of the application form will be accepted.

- Reservation of seats shall be as per Government of India norms.

- For any discipline specific query at any stage, candidates are advised to contact the concerned Programme Coordinator available on the University website. (file:///C:/Users/R.Unit/Downloads/List_of_Research_Programme_Coordinators.pdf)

- Being called for interview does not entitle a candidate to stake claim for admission. The Doctoral Research Committee may not recommend a candidate if the discipline does not have the specialization in which he/she wants to carry out research.

- The University reserves all the rights not to fill up some or all the seats vacant in a Research Degree programme in case suitable candidates are not found at the level of Interview.

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Appendix- I
Discipline wise number of vacancies and their specific Eligibility Criteria

S. No.	School	Discipline/ Programme Code	Vacancy of Seats	Specific Eligibility Criteria, if any
1	SOSS	Psychology (PHDPC)	UR =08 SC =03 ST =02 OBC =05 EWS =02 **TOTAL=20**	Possesses Master's Degree in Psychology or related field from a recognized University / Institute
2	SOSS	Library and Information Science (PHDLIS)	UR =02 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =02 EWS =01 **TOTAL=07**	Master's Degree and/or M.Phil. Degree in Library and Information Science
3	SOSS	Public Administration (PHDPA)	UR =10 SC =02 ST =01 OBC =05 EWS =01 **TOTAL=19**	Master's Degree and/or M Phil Degree in Public Administration
4	SOSS	Economics (PHDEC)	UR =01 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =01 EWS =00 **TOTAL=03**	Master's Degree or M.Phil. Degree in Economics
5	SOS	Bio-Chemistry (PHDBC)	UR =04 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =03 EWS =01 **TOTAL=09**	Master's Degree from a recognized university or any other qualification recognized as equivalent thereto in Biochemistry/ allied subjects.
6	SOS	Chemistry (PHDCHEM)	UR =04 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =01 EWS =01 **TOTAL=07**	M.Sc. Chemistry from a recognized University / Institute or any other qualification recognized as equivalent thereto in such fields of study as are notified for the purpose from time to time by the University.
7	SOS	Geography (PHDGEOG)	UR =01 SC =01 ST =01 OBC =02 EWS =01 **TOTAL=06**	M.A. / M.Sc. in Geography, Earth Systems Science and Relevant Discipline of Geospatial Technology.
8	SOS	Geology (PHDGY)	UR =06 SC =02 ST =01 OBC =04 EWS =02 **TOTAL=15**	Post graduation in Geology or Geological Science or Applied Geology or Marine Geology or Earth Science and resource management or petroleum geosciences or Petroleum Exploration or Geo Chemistry or Geophysics or Hydrogeology or Geomatics or Geoinformatics or Remote Sensing and GIS from any recognized university

9	SOS	Life Sciences (PHDLS)	UR =08 SC =03 ST =02 OBC =05 EWS =02 **TOTAL=20**	MPhil degree or Post Graduate degree in Life Sciences
10	SOS	Physics (PHDPH)	UR =02 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =00 EWS =00 **TOTAL=03**	Master's Degree in Physics from a University recognized by UGC .
11	SOS	Statistics (PHDSTAT)	UR =04 SC =01 ST =01 OBC =03 EWS =01 **TOTAL=10**	Master's degree in Statistics / Applied Statistics
12	SOS	Mathematics (PHDMT)	UR =03 SC =01 ST =01 OBC =02 EWS =00 **TOTAL=07**	Master's or MPhil degree in Mathematics
13	SOH	Sanskrit (PHDSK)	UR =05 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =03 EWS =01 **TOTAL=10**	Master's Degree in Sanskrit or Acharya or equivalent
14	SOH	English (PHDENG)	UR =04 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =02 EWS =01 **TOTAL=08**	Master's Degree in English
15	SOCIS	Computer Science (PHDCS)	UR =03 SC =02 ST =01 OBC =03 EWS =01 **TOTAL=10**	**Category I:** without Visvesvaraya PhD Fellowship Scheme Master of Computer Applications (MCA) or M.Sc in Computer Science / IT/ equivalent or ME/MTech in Computer Science/IT/ equivalent. **Category II:** with Visvesvaraya PhDFellowship Scheme sponsored by sponsored by Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology (MeitY), Govt. of India(for details visit the link:**https://www.myscheme.gov.in/schemes/vpseit**) (a) ME/MTech in Computer Science & Engg./IT/ equivalent **OR** Master of Computer Applications (MCA) **OR** M.Sc in Computer Science / IT/ equivalent; with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed at Post Graduate Level.

				OR BE/ B.Tech in CSE/IT/equivalent with at least 75% marks in aggregate or its Equivalent grade on a point scale. **AND** (b) Valid NET OR GATE Score.
16	SOE	Education (SOE)	UR =05 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =02 EWS =00 **TOTAL=08**	MA(Education) or M.Ed.
17	STRIDE	Distance Education (PHDDE)	UR =11 SC =04 ST =02 OBC =07 EWS =02 **TOTAL=26**	Master's degree and NET in any discipline, Master's preferably in MADE, MA(Education), M.Ed.
18	SOITS	Environmental Science (PHDEV)	UR =06 SC =02 ST =01 OBC =04 EWS =01 **TOTAL=14**	Master's Degree in Science /Engineering from a University recognized by UGC
19	SOPVA	Fine Arts (PHDPVA)	UR =00 SC =01 ST =01 OBC =01 EWS =00 **TOTAL=03**	Master Degree in Fine Arts from a university or a recognized institution of higher learning
20	SOPVA	Theatre Arts (PHDPVA)	UR =01 SC =01 ST =01 OBC =01 EWS =00 **TOTAL=04**	Post Graduate in theatre arts from any recognized University or M. Phil in Theatre Arts from any recognized university with Post Graduate Degree in Theatre Arts from a university or a recognized institution of higher learning
21	SOPVA	Music (PHDPVA)	UR =02 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =01 EWS =01 **TOTAL=05**	Master Degree in Music from a university or a recognized institution of higher learning
22	SOPVA	Dance (PHDPVA)	UR =01 SC =00 ST =00 OBC =01 EWS =01 **TOTAL=03**	Master Degree in Dance (All forms of dance inclusive) from a university or a recognized institution of higher learning.
23	SOTHSM	Tourism and Hospitality Service Management (PHDTS)	UR =03 SC =01 ST =01 OBC =01 EWS =00 **TOTAL=06**	Master Degree in Tourism/Hospitality/ Hotel Management

24	SOSW	Social Work (PHDSW)	UR =05 SC =02 ST =01 OBC =04 <u>EWS =01</u> **TOTAL=13**	Master's Degree in Social Work.
25	SOMS	Management (PHDMGMT)	UR =10 SC =03 ST =01 OBC =05 <u>EWS =02</u> **TOTAL=21**	Master's Degree in Management/ or declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body/ or Master's degree in any allied areas related to Management. Candidates with CA /CS/ CMA (ICWA) qualifications are also eligible to apply.
26	SOCE	Nutritional Science (PHDFN)	UR =01 SC =01 ST =01 OBC =00 <u>EWS =00</u> **TOTAL=03**	Master's Degree (M.Sc.) in Food and Nutrition / Dietetics / Public Health Nutrition from a recognized Institution with UGC-NET in Home Science.
27	SOCE	Child Development (PHDCD)	UR =06 SC =02 ST =01 OBC =05 <u>EWS =02</u> **TOTAL=16**	Master's in Home Science/Community Science (General and Composite) with a specialization in Child Development, Human Development, Human Development and Childhood Studies, or Human Development and Family studies. Master's in Early Childhood development. M.A. in Education (Early Childhood Care and Education) MA in Education. M.Ed. in Special Education in any disability area. M.Sc. in Counselling and Family Therapy. Master's in Psychology with UGC NET in Home Science / Psychology / Education
28	SOCE	Home Science (PHDHC)	UR =07 SC =02 ST =01 OBC =04 <u>EWS =01</u> **TOTAL=15**	Master's Degree in Home Science with a specialization in Community Resource Management and Extension / Home Science Extension / Family Resource Management / Development Communication and Extension /Development Extension / Resource Management and Design Applications/ Home Management / Extension / Extension Education and Communication / Master's Degree in Home Science (General).Master's in Home Science (Clothing and Textiles / Textiles and Clothing / Textiles and Apparel Design / Master's degree in Fabric and Apparel Science) or Master's in Fashion and Textiles / Textiles, Clothing and Fashion Studies / Clothing and Textiles Sciences / Fashion Studies / Fashion Design.
29	SOVET	Vocational Education (PHDVE)	UR =05 SC =03 ST =01 OBC =04 <u>EWS =01</u> **TOTAL=14**	Master's Degree and UGC NET in Economics, Commerce, Management, Environmental Sciences, Education, Adult and Continuing Education/ Andragogy/ Non Formal Education, Labour Welfare / Personnel Management / Industrial Relations / Labour and Social Welfare / Human Resource Management, Computer Science and Application and Tourism Administration Management.
30	SOEDS	Development Studies (PHDDV)	UR =01 SC =00 ST =00 OBC =01	Master's Degree in Development Studies, Economics and UGC NET in Economics

			EWS =01 **TOTAL=03**	
31	SOGDS	Women's Studies (PHDWS)	UR =05 SC =02 ST =01 OBC =03 EWS =01 **TOTAL=12**	Master's Degree in Women's Studies or Gender Studies with 55% OR Master's degree in other streams with one or two courses in the area of Women's Studies or Gender Studies and/or with demonstrable evidence of teaching and / or research and publications in the area of Women's Studies or Gender Studies.
32	SOTST	Translation Studies (PHDTT)	UR =05 SC =01 ST =01 OBC =02 EWS =01 **TOTAL=10**	Master's Degree in Translation Studies or allied Subjects viz., Literature, Linguistics and Cultural studies etc
33	SOFL	French (FL)	UR =02 SC =00 ST =00 OBC =01 EWS =00 **TOTAL=03**	MA/MPhil in French from an Indian or Foreign University
34	SOJNMS	Journalism & Mass Communication (PHDJMC)	UR =03 SC =01 ST =00 OBC =02 EWS =01 **TOTAL=07**	Master's Degree in Journalism and Mass Communication/ Communication/Journalism/Development Journalism/ Journalism and Digital Media/Journalism and Electronic Media/Advertising and Public Relations/Media Research

Note : Discipline wise five percent (5%) seats shall be reserved for Persons With Disabilities (with not less than 40% disability) which shall be adjusted against the appropriate category to which they belong (Gen/SC/ST/OBC/EWS).

(No Objection Certificate from Employer must be submitted by the candidates seeking admission to Part Time Ph D Programme in IGNOU, New Delhi. The NOC should be submitted on the letterhead of the Employer).

Date:

<u>NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE</u>

This is to certify that Mr./Mrs……………………………..S/O, D/O, W/O………………………………has been working as (designation)…………………………….. in our institute / Organisation (designation) in our Institute / Organization since (date)………………………….. Our institute/ organization has no objection on his/ her admission in Ph.D. Programme as per the following terms:

i. Mr. / Mrs…………………... is permitted to pursue the PhD programme on time basis.

ii. His/her official duties shall permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.

iii. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

Signature,

Name and Seal of the Employer and Organization

Designation

Contact Address