

ELIGIBILITY FOR Ph.D. RESEARCH PROGRAMME: (FULL TIME/PART TIME)

1. Eligibility

The candidates should have passed a post-graduate degree course either with SSLC + HSC + UG + PG (i.e., 10 + 2 + 3 + 2) or with 11-years SSLC + PUC + UG + PG (i.e., 11 + 1 + 3 + 2) or with 10-years SSLC + 3 years Diploma + 2 years UG degree + 2 years PG (i.e., 10 + 3 + 2 + 2) or with 10 years SSLC + HSC + 4 years UG degree and 1 year PG degree (i.e., 10 + 2 + 4 + 1). Thus, only the candidates possessing a PG degree with 17 years of total duration of study alone are eligible for admission to the Ph. D., programme.

The candidates possessing professional degrees such as M. E., and M. Tech., and PG degree in Medicine, Law, Agriculture and similar other professional courses are **not eligible** for admission to the Ph.D., programmes of the University.

Registration for Ph.D., Programme

Registration for Ph.D., programme shall be of two categories, viz., full time and part time (with or without stipend/fellowship).

- (a) Any candidate with the minimum qualification prescribed by University Grants Commission (UGC) shall register as a full time / part time scholar to pursue research under a recognized supervisor in a University Department or in the research centres of affiliated colleges approved by the University.
- (b) Any teacher with the minimum qualifications prescribed by UGC and working as (i) a teacher in the University Departments / University Colleges / Constituent Colleges / Colleges affiliated to Bharathiar University, (ii) a teacher in Higher Secondary School/High School/Middle School/Polytechnics (only teachers of arts and science subjects) within Tamil Nadu which are recognized/approved by the Government shall register as a part time scholar to pursue research under a recognized supervisor in a University Department or in the research centres of affiliated colleges approved by the University.
- (c) Candidates who have cleared the M. Phil., course work with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and successfully completing the M. Phil., Degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph. D., Degree in the same Institution in an integrated programme. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) / differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of UGC from time to time.
- (d) Scientists / Research Fellows / Research Assistants / Technical Assistants / Project Assistants / Project Fellows / Research Associates appointed in the research projects funded by recognized agencies / Government / industries shall register as a full time / part time scholar to pursue research under a recognized supervisor in a University Department or in the research centres of affiliated colleges or in Research Institutions, or Research and Development Centres / Laboratories approved by the University.
- (e) Any Chartered Accountant / Cost Accountant / Company Secretary and other professionals having experience for a minimum period of two years after obtaining their professional qualification shall register as a part time scholar to pursue research under a recognized supervisor from the Departments of Commerce, Management Studies, Economics and / or related disciplines.

- (f) Candidates (other than teachers), who are permanent employees including Directors of Boards, Proprietors and Partners in Government Organizations / Private or Public Limited Companies / Recognized Factories / Institutions / Research Institutions / Educational Institutions, having experience for a minimum period of two years after obtaining their Master's degree with a minimum of 55% of marks shall register as a part-time scholar to pursue research in the relevant discipline under a recognized research supervisor in a University Department or in the research centres of affiliated colleges approved by the University.

Explanation

- i. Recognized factory means an industrial establishment and regulated by the factories Act.
 - ii. Recognized institution means any institution registered with the Registrar of Societies and has been duly audited by a recognized auditor for the last three years from the date of application and duly supported by an audit certificate.
 - iii. Private/Public Ltd., Company shall have been registered under the Companies Act.
- (g) A candidate registered for part time Ph.D., programme shall submit the certificate on his / her employment from the employer to the University every year through the research supervisor and the concerned Head of the Department.
- (h) Any candidate working as a Guest Lecturer in a Government College / in a Government Aided College in Tamil Nadu shall be allowed for registration, subject to the production of No Objection Certificate (NOC) from his/her employer.
- (i) A candidate already holding a Ph.D., degree in a discipline / subject specialization is eligible to register for pursuing Ph. D., degree in another discipline / subject specialization subject to the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated for admission / registration in the present regulations.
- (j) Penalty of Rs. 1000/- per year shall be paid by the candidates of the approved Research Institution when they do not pay the special fee on time.
- (k) Transfer Certificate need not be insisted for admission to part-time M. Phil., / Ph.D., programmes.
- (l) The medium of language for the candidates registering for Ph.D., programme in Yoga for Human Excellence is Tamil only if they should have studied UG/PG degree courses with medium of instructions in Tamil and for other candidates, the medium is English.
- (m) Candidates who wish to register for Ph.D., without fellowship are required to qualify in the Common Eligibility Test (CET) conducted by Bharathiar University.
- (n) A candidate whose M. Phil., dissertation has been evaluated and the viva - voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D., programme of the same Institution.
- (o) 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 standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph. D., programme of Bharathiar University.

2. Candidates Registered for Ph.D., (Part-time) Outside Tamil Nadu

Candidates from outside Tamil Nadu working in National Institutes (like NIT, CSIR, DST, ICMR, etc.) are allowed to register for part time Ph. D., programme subject to the production of 'No Objection Certificate' from their respective Head of the Institution and payment of Rs. 5,000/- as special fee in addition to the fee prescribed for the programme.

3. Duration of Research

PG Degree holders			M.Phil. Degree holders	
	Minimum Period	Maximum Period	Minimum Period	Maximum Period
Full Time	3 years	5 years	2 years	4 years
Part Time	4 years	6 years	3 years	5 years

4. Course of Study

A candidate applying for registration shall do so, specifying the broad field of research, which shall normally be one related to the field of specialization chosen in his/her PG degree.

Written Papers

Course I : **Research Methodology** (Research Methods of the concerned discipline)

Course II : **Research Trends in the concerned discipline / Advances in the concerned discipline**

Course III : **Special Paper** (Pertaining to the area of specialization chosen by the candidate under a guide)

5. Guidance: (As per UGC(Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil / Ph.D Degree) Regulations 2016)

A Research Supervisor / Co-supervisor who is a Professor, at any given point of time, cannot guide more than three (3) M. Phil., and eight (8) Ph.D., scholars. An Associate professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of two (2) M.Phil., and six (6) Ph.D., scholars. An Assistant Professor as Research Supervisor can guide up to a maximum of one (1) M.Phil., and four (4) Ph.D. scholars.

6. Procedure for Admission

- The University shall notify in its website and through advertisement in the national/regional/local news papers calling applications towards admissions into Ph.D., programme. The University shall admit candidates by a two stage process through an entrance test, called Common Eligibility Test (CET), and an interview. CET shall be conducted by the University during June / July every year. The test will be conducted at the following centres: Coimbatore, Erode, Tirupur, Ooty and Pollachi/Udumalpet.
- Master's Degree holders satisfying the qualification criteria stipulated under supra 2 above shall be eligible to appear for CET. However, the candidates who qualify in UGC-NET (including JRF) / UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF) / SLET / SET / GATE, scientists working

in DRDO/Faculty of Air Force Administrative College, candidates possessing M.Phil., Degree, holders of teacher fellowship (like FIP and FDP) and candidates of foreign origin possessing prescribed qualifications shall be exempted from appearing for CET.

- (c) CET shall be of objective type with 50 multiple choice questions (MCQs) each with four options. Each question carries 0.7 marks. No negative marks for wrong answers. The maximum marks shall be 35 ($50 \times 0.7 = 35$ marks). **There shall be a passing minimum of 10 marks out of 35.** The awarded marks in the common eligibility test shall be valid for one academic year and shall be used to register for the Ph. D., programme during October / July sessions every year.
- (d) Only the candidates who secured the passing minimum as mentioned above shall be called for interview after the scrutiny of his / her application for admission into Ph.D., programme. Interview shall be conducted at the University Departments or at the affiliated colleges of the University or at the research institutions approved by the University, where the candidate applies. The maximum marks for the interview shall be fixed as 15.

Criteria for Selection

PG qualifying examination marks shall be converted to 50. A candidate who secures 25 marks out of 50 marks in the qualifying degree and secures an aggregate of 25 marks out of 50 marks comprising both CET and interview shall be declared qualified for admission into M.Phil., / Ph.D., programme. In other words, a candidate who secures 50 marks out of 100 marks as detailed below shall be eligible for admission into Ph.D., programme.

Requirement of PG Qualifying Degree Examination Score	: 25 out of 50 marks
Minimum Requirement of CET Score + Interview Score	: 25 out of 50 marks
Eligibility Requirement for Admission	: 50 out of 100 marks

However, selection of the candidates shall be made subject to the availability of vacancies with the research supervisors in the University departments / research centres of the affiliated colleges.

Communitywise Reservation is as follows :

- a) 31 % for open competition.
- b) 30 % for Backward Classes, within this 3.5 % for Muslims & 3.5 % for christians.
- c) 20 % for Most Backward Class and Denotified Community / DNC
- d) 18 % for Scheduled Castes [SC(A)] 3 %
- e) 01 % for Scheduled Tribes

The following are the fee structure for the M.Phil / Ph.D. Candidates admitted in the University Departments with effect from 2012 onwards.:

		M. Phil.		Ph.D	
		F.T	P.T	F.T	P.T
1.**	Admission Fee	250	250	250	250
2.**	* Matricula Fee	150	150	150	150
3.**	# Recognition Fee	500	500	500	500
4.**	Registration Fee	500	500	500	500
5.**	Administrative Fee for M.Phil	250	500	-	-
6.**	Administrative Fee for Ph.D (i) with M.Phil Qualification			500	750
	(ii) with PG. Qualification	-	-	750	1000
7.	Tuition fee (per Annum)	3300	1650	3300	1650
8.	Laboratory Fee (per annum) For Science Scholars only	2000	1000	2000	1000
9.	Library Fee (Per annum)	300	300	300	300
10.	Sports Fee (Per annum)	50	-	50	-
11.	Internet Fee (per annum) ID one time	1000	1000	1000	1000
12.	CAUTION DEPOSIT General and Library Deposit (Refundable)	1000	1000	1000	1000
13.	Group Insurance (per annum)	100	-	100	-
14.	Doctoral Committee Fee (One Time)			8000	8000

HOSTEL FEE (UNIVERSITY):

Caution Deposit Rs. 8,500/- (Refundable)

Rs. 10/- Cost of Application, Rs.200- Development Charges, Room rent Rs. 210/- per month, (Subject to change) Mess, Welfare, Power, Water and Miscellaneous charges are on dividing basis.

**The equal fee structures are to be followed for the Affiliated Colleges / Research Institutions / University Departments.

*Applicable to candidates, who are seeking admission as above when report received, strength will be updated.

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"Ph.D. scholars of the University Departments is allowed to stay in the Hostel only upto the normal period of their research programme, i.e., maximum four years only. On completion of the 4th year, the scholars shall vacate the hostel. If he/she extends he/she will be allowed to do research as day scholar."

- 1) **The university reserves the right to revise any of the above fees, if need arises.**
- 2) **Fees once paid will not be refunded or adjusted under any circumstances, even if the candidates would not attend the classes. Caution Deposit is only refundable.**

The students who are admitted in the Affiliated Colleges / Recognised Research Institutions have to pay the fee prescribed by the Colleges / Recognised Research Institutions, if any, along with the following fee :

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		F.T	P.T	F.T	P.T
a.	Admission Fee	250	250	250	250
b.	Registration Fee	500	500	500	500
c.	# Recognition Fee	500	500	500	500
d.	@ Matricula Fee	150	150	150	150
e.	Administrative Fee one-time Payment				
	i) For PG Degree holders)	250	500	750	1000
	ii) For M.Phil Degree holders)	-	-	500	750
f.	University Library Fee	100	100	100	100
g.	Special Fee (Per annum)				
i)	For research institutions only)	-	-	1000	1000
h.	Doctoral Committee Fee (One Time)			8000*	8000*
i.	Special fee for NRI / Foreign students	\$100**	\$100**	\$100**	\$100**

****TO be revised and intimation will be sent later**

*** It is to be seperately maintained by the respective Colleges/Institute and same shall be utilized for conducting doctoral committee meetings.**

Towards recognition of the degree awarded by any University other than the Bharathiar University, which forms the basis for the present selection.

@ applicable to candidates who are seeking admissions in the Bharathiar University for the First time.

REGULATIONS:

The candidates will be governed by the respective Ph.D. regulations of the University, amended from time to time.

OTHER AMENITIES:

The Library is well equipped and functions from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. The Computer centre has internet facility with 30 Mbps connectivity. The Health centre and the sports stadium have modern equipments. The University runs hostels, for men and women scholars. There is a Post-Office, a Bank and two Canteens in the Campus. There is also a National Service Scheme (NSS) which has been functioning effectively.

The University buses ply during morning and evening, on all working days for transporting the staff and students. The city bus service to the University is also available, and the frequency of this service is reasonably good.

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