



UNIVERSITY OF KERALA

Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala, India-695034

(Established as University of Travancore by the Travancore University Act in 1937 and reconstituted as University of Kerala by the Kerala University Act of 1957 and presently governed by the Kerala University Act of 1974 passed by the Kerala State Legislative Assembly)

“Re-accredited by NAAC with ‘A’ Grade”

Ac.B1/2/Ph D Entrance/2020

Dated: 22.01.2020

Notification of Ph.D Entrance Exam – 2020

Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the Ph.d entrance Examination 2020 (General Aptitude Test) for determining eligibility for admission to Full-time/Part-time research leading to Ph.D Degree.

1.Conditions of Eligibility

- 1.1** Candidates applying for Ph.D Entrance Examination shall have a Masters degree or a professional degree recognized as equivalent to the Masters degree of the University of Kerala in grade ‘B’ in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) with not less than 55% marks or an equivalent degree 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.
- 1.2** A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, shall be granted to those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently able and other categories of candidates, as per the decisions of the University/State Government from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master’s degree prior to 19th September, 1991.
- 1.3** Eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned under (2) above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks exclusive of the grace mark procedures.
- 1.4** Candidates who have **appeared for the final semester/year** of the concerned Master's Degree Examination and whose results are awaited are also eligible for applying for Ph.D entrance examination in the concerned subject.

2. Exemption from Entrance Test

All Candidates seeking admission for Ph.D. Programme in a particular subject under this University shall pass the entrance test conducted by the University in the concerned subject except the

following categories:

- 2.1. Candidates with UGC-NET/JRF, UGC-CSIR-NET/JRF, SLET recognized by UGC, GATE and research fellowships of central and state Government departments/agencies as approved by the University from time to time.
- 2.2. M.Phil /Ph.D Degree and teacher fellowship holders. However candidates who have qualified M.Phil in subjects other than the subjects in which he/she seeks registration for Ph.D would be required to qualify the Eligibility Test.
- 2.3. Candidates awarded with DBT-JRF in the subject Biotechnology.
- 2.4. Candidates with DST-INSPIRE fellowship.
- 2.5. Scientists working in approved Research Laboratories either owned or managed by the Central/State Government or an Autonomous research Institution of National Status with seven years experience in the Scientist Grade, having two research papers published in the recognized research journals of the concerned subject approved by the Board of Studies concerned.
- 2.6. College teachers working in Government/Aided colleges affiliated to this University who has seven or more years of teaching experience in Government or Aided colleges.
- 2.7. Awardees of ICMR-SRF

3. Scheme of the Test

- 3.1 The general aptitude test will be of three hours duration and will carry a maximum of 100 marks.
- 3.2 Entrance test shall be conducted at the Centre(s) on the dates to be notified and changes of centers/dates, if any, shall also be notified.
- 3.3 The test comprises of two papers – Part A- Research Methodology (50%) and Part B- Subject of study concerned (50%). Pass requirement is minimum 50% marks each in Part A and Part B for General Category and 40% each for SC/ST students. Post graduate level knowledge of the subject and aptitude for research are expected of the candidate. Candidates shall use the booklet issued to write answers. No additional sheets shall be provided.
- 3.4 Candidates can apply only in the subjects offered by the University and go in for specialization at a later stage, while choosing the topic of research for registration for Ph.D.
- 3.5 While applying for the Eligibility Test, the candidates should carefully choose the subject most suitable according to their eligibility/qualifying P.G. Degree/choice or area of interest for doctoral research.

4. Subjects offered for entrance test

1. Aquatic Biology and Fisheries
2. Archaeology
3. Biochemistry
4. Biotechnology
5. Botany
6. Chemistry
7. Commerce
8. Computational Linguistics/ Linguistics
9. Computational Biology & Bioinformatics
10. Economics
11. Education
12. English
13. Environmental Science
14. Future studies
15. Geology
16. Hindi
17. Home Science
18. Islamic History
19. Malayalam
20. Management
21. Mathematics
22. Microbiology
23. Optoelectronics
24. Philosophy
25. Physical Education
26. Physics
27. Political Science
28. Psychology
29. Russian
30. Sanskrit
31. Sociology
32. Tamil
33. Technology Management
34. Zoology

5. How to apply

5.1 Online registration can be done through the University website

www.research.keralauniversity.ac.in from 30/01/2020 to 29/02/2020.

Candidates who have applied online should also download the application and send it along with the necessary documents and fee receipt in original to the Registrar, University of Kerala, Palayam, Thiruvananthapuram by 10/03/2020.

5.2 All relevant documents proving qualification and eligibility should also be enclosed along with the application.

5.3 Incomplete applications will be summarily rejected.

6. Mode of Payment of Fee

- 6.1** The fee for the Entrance Examination is Rs.1075/-(Rs.1050/-exam fee + Rs.25/- Cost of application). For candidates belonging to scheduled castes and scheduled tribes the fee for the examination is Rs.550/- (Rs.525/-exam fee + Rs.25/- Cost of application)
- 6.2** Fee shall be remitted either through University Cash Counter or Demand Draft issued by the State Bank of India or the District Co-Operative Bank drawn in favour of the **Finance Officer**, University of Kerala, payable at Thiruvananthapuram or by way of Kerala University online payment method. In case if payment is by way of Demand draft an additional payment of Rs. 10/- for each Demand Draft as service charge shall be included in the fees.
- 6.3.** Fee once paid will not be refunded.

7. General Instructions

- 7.1.** Copies of Master's Degree Certificate and Mark List attested by a Gazetted Officer should be sent along with the downloaded application. A comprehensive mark list showing the exact percentage of marks secured or an equivalent certificate should be furnished. **In case of grades awarded, a certificate showing the equivalent percentage of marks from the competent authority should be furnished.**
- 7.2** Candidates who have qualified from outside the Universities of Kerala should also submit copy of Eligibility Certificate from University of Kerala failing which the application shall be rejected.
- 7.3** The photographs on the hard copy of the downloaded application/Hall ticket should be duly attested by the Gazetted Officer.
- 7.4** Copy of relevant community certificate in the case of SC/ST candidates, non-creamy layer certificate in case of OBC candidates and in the case of differently abled candidates a Disability certificate issued by the competent Medical Board attested by a Gazetted Officer, should be sent along with the downloaded application. Recent community certificate obtained within one year prior to the date of notification should be furnished.
- 7.5** Candidates who have **appeared for the final semester/year** of the Master's Degree Examination and whose results are still awaited should attach the copy of the final semester/year **Hall Ticket of the qualifying examination duly attested by Gazetted Officer**, along with the application.

- 7.6. The last date of On line Application is **5.00PM on 29/02/2020.**
The last date of receipt of Hard copy of Application is **5.00 PM on 10/03/2020.**
- 7.7 Date of entrance examination will be announced later.
- 7.8 Pass Memo will be issued only on clearance of defects noted, if any, even if the entrance test results are published provisionally.
- 7.9 Qualifying in the Ph.D entrance examination alone does not imply that the candidates have become eligible for Ph.D registration in this University. Separate application should be made for registration as per the Notification to be issued by the University in this regard and the candidates should be otherwise eligible for registration with respect to the eligibility conditions specified in the Regulation for award of Ph.D degrees, University of Kerala in force
- 7.10 **Offline applications will not be accepted.**
- 7.11 Candidates shall be careful while filling the online application and shall send the hard copy of the application form along with the required enclosures.
- 7.12 **Application received after the last date will be summarily rejected.**
- 7.13 The University reserves the right to reject any application for proper reasons adduced therewith without prior notice
- 7.14 **The registration for PhD shall only be granted subject to availability of seats with the supervising teachers and as per the norms and regulations framed by the UGC.**

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