

VISVA-BHARATI SANTINIKETAN



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A Central University and an Institution of National Importance
(Established by the Visva-Bharati Act, 1951
(Central Act no. XXIX of 1951))

Prospectus 2023-24
(Ph.D. Admission Guidelines)

APPLICATION GUIDELINES TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME: 2023-24

Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme:

[As per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Ph.D. Programme) Regulations, 2022 issued through THE GAZETTE OF INDIA: EXTRAORDINARY, NEW DELHI, THE 7TH NOVEMBER, 2022]

1. The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:-

(1) Candidates who have completed:-

i.) A 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 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

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 the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled category 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 category 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 category as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(3) Category Certificates (OBC Non-Creamy layer/SC/ST/EWS/PWD), issued by competent authority. Validity period of OBC Certificate is three (03) years (If the OBC certificate is older than (03) three years, current year OBC Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) issued by S.D.O or Equivalent officials is mandatory, for EWS it is current year and PWD certificate validity as mentioned in the certificate. No request for further timing will be entertained.

2. Duration of the Ph.D. Programme:

(1) Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.

(2) A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution concerned; provided,

however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

- (3) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.

3. Procedure for Ph.D. admission:

(1) The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the institution, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central Government from time to time.

(2) Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following methods:

- i. Visva-Bharati may admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC - CSIR NET/ GATE/ CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview.

And/or

- ii. Visva-Bharati may admit students through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of the individual. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject specific.

- iii. Students who have secured 50 % marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview.

- iv. A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category as per the decision of the Commission (Government of India) from time to time.

- v. Visva-Bharati may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

- vi. Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the Visva-Bharati, a weightage of 70 % for the entrance test and 30 % for the performance in the interview/viva- voce shall be given.

4. Date of Entrance Test/Interview:

The date of Entrance test/interview will be finalized by the concerned Department. Date, time and venue will be notified in the University Admission Portal.

(visvabharatiadmission.samarth.edu.in)

5. Venue of Examination:

Respective Department / Centre of Each Bhavana / Vibhaga (Institute) or as otherwise notified.

6. Reservation of Seats:

Reservation of seats for OBC, SC, ST, EWS and Differently abled candidates (OBC Non creamy layer -27%, SC -15%, ST -7.5%, EWS -10%, PWD -5%) will be made as per the rules of the Government of India.

7. Declaration of list of eligible Candidates:

The Department/Centre of Bhavana/Vibhaga (Institute) will publish the list of eligible

candidates in the University website at least seven days before the date of examination/ interview.

8. Incomplete applications are liable to be summarily rejected. Rights of cancellation or admission lie with the Admission Committee of the Bhavanas / Vibhaga (Institute) concerned. The University reserves the right to restrict the number of eligible applicants to be called for admission test/interview.

9. **Admission of International students in Ph.D. programme:**

(1) Each supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of Ph.D. scholars as specified in clause 6.3. (An eligible Professor can guide up to 8, an associate professor can guide up to 6 and an assistant professor can guide up to 4 Ph.D. scholars, respectively, at any given time.)

(2) The selection procedure for Ph.D. admission of international students will be followed as per Indian students. It may be through online mode also.

10. **Ph.D. through Part-time Mode-**

(1) Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

(2) Visva-Bharati shall obtain a “No Objection Certificate” through the candidate for a part-time Ph.D. programme from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:

i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.

ii. His/her official duties 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.

11. Applicants are advised to visit our website for any update (inclusion/omission) in connection with the admission test/interview at regular intervals. Candidates who have already applied in accordance with the earlier notification against the prospectus 2023-24 need NOT apply again. However, they will be given an opportunity to upgrade their academic credentials (UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET or any fellowship or scholarship).

12. Students against whom disciplinary action has been taken for indiscipline/anti-institutional activities etc. shall not be eligible for admission to the university academic programme

13. Application Fee: (Non-Refundable)

Category	For first subject	For each additional subject
For UR, OBC & EWS candidates	Rs. 1000/-	Rs. 400/-
For SC, ST & PWD candidates	Rs. 300/-	Rs. 150/-

14. Online Application Procedure: Candidates have to apply through our online application system (visvabharatiadmission.samarth.edu.in). The Online application allows the candidate to provide all information and also to upload scanned photograph (4 cm x 3 cm) and signature. Details of the courses, eligibility criteria and relevant information are available in the University Admission Portal.

The application fee in case of an online application may be paid by the following way:

Candidate can make the payment Online using any of the Online payment methods of Net Banking, Debit Card, Credit Card, Payment through mobiles (A nominal TDR charge would be

applicable). Candidates would get INSTANT confirmation of their payments and submissions when they pay through online payment methods as listed. The application fee is non-refundable.

International students will be communicated over e-mail after filling up of form for completion of payment.

No Cash payment will be allowed.

Prospective candidates are advised to visit our website: **www.visvabharati.ac.in** as well admission portal: **www.vbadmission.in** at regular intervals for updates.

Note: Visva-Bharati remains closed on Saturday and Sundays, Rabindra Bhavana (Wednesday and Thursday) and Patha-Bhavana (Wednesday and Sunday). However, all the Bhavanas (Institutes)/Administrative offices work from 9.30 am to 6.00 pm.

- **N.B. The Order of counselling of Ph.D. admission:**
Specialization (if any), PWD, UR, EWS, OBC, SC, ST.

**Registrar
Visva-Bharati**

BHASHA BHAVANA

(INSTITUTE OF LANGUAGES, LITERATURE & CULTURE)

PROGRAMME CODE: PHD DURATION: 3-6 YEARS PROGRAMME CODE NO: 18

INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. COURSES:

Name of the Department (Code)	Code	Area of Specialization (If Any)	Total Intake					
			UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	TOT
Assamese	190	Assamese Language, Literature, Culture/ Language, Literature, culture of North-East India/Comparative Study	0	0	1	0	0	1
Bengali	193	-	3	2	1	1	1	8
Chinese	185	-	1	0	0	0	0	1
Centre for Modern European Languages, Literatures and Culture Studies	117	French (No Vacancy)	0	0	0	0	0	0
		Russian	2	1	0	0	0	3
		Italian (No Vacancy)	0	0	0	0	0	0
		German (No Vacancy)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Comparative Literature	116	Literatures of Latin America, Feminist Literary Criticism, Reception Studies	0	1	0	0	0	1
Dept. of Arabic, Persian, Urdu & Islamic Studies	118	Persian	3	2	1	1	1	8
English	119	-	2	2	0	1	1	6
Japanese	175	-	2	1	1	0	1	5
Sanskrit	177	-	2	1	0	0	0	3
Hindi	120	-	6	4	2	1	1	14
Tamil	199	Tamil Literature.	0	0	1	0	0	1
Total			21	14	7	4	5	51

VIDYA BHAVANA

(INSTITUTE OF HUMANITIES & SOCIAL SCIENCES)

PROGRAMME CODE: PHD DURATION: 3-6 YEARS PROGRAMME CODE NO: 28

INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. COURSES:

Sl. No.	Name of the Department (code)	Area of Specialization (If any)	Total Intake					TOT
			UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	
1.	Economics (252)	-	4	3	2	1	1	11
2.	Anthropology (256)	-	3	1	1	0	0	5
3.	Centre for Journalism & Mass Communication (257)	-	3	2	1	0	1	7
4.	Ancient Indian History, Culture & Archaeology (AIHC&A) (251)	-	5	4	2	1	1	13
5.	History (254)	Indian History	2	1	1	1	1	6
6.	Philosophy & Comparative Religion (255)	The Concept of Agency in Indian Philosophy and related Issues	1	0	0	0	0	1
7.	Women's Studies (258)	Gender & Development, Gender & Space	0	1	0	0	0	1
Total			18	12	7	3	4	44

SIKSHA BHAVANA

(INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE)

PROGRAMME CODE: PHD DURATION: 3-6 YEARS PROGRAMME CODE NO: 33

INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. COURSES:

S.L No.	Name of the Department (code)	Area of Specialization (If Any)	Total Intake					TOT
			UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	
1	Biotechnology (331)	-	3	2	1	1	1	8
2	Botany (332)	-	4	2	1	1	1	9
3	Chemistry (333)	-	17	12	6	3	4	42
4	Computer Science (334)	-	3	2	1	1	1	8
5	Environmental Science (335)	-	1	1	1	0	0	3
6	Integrated Science (340)	-	2	2	1	1	1	7
7	Mathematics (336)	-	6	4	2	1	1	14
8	Physics (337)	-	7	4	2	1	1	15
9	Statistics (338)	Reliability Analysis, Industrial Statistics, Bayesian Inference.	1	1	0	0	0	6
		Bayesian Computation	1	1	0	0	0	
		Statistical methodologies, circular statistics, Bayesian earth science, Geo-Astro stat, paleo-bio stat	0	0	1	0	1	
		Total	2	2	1	0	1	
10	Zoology (339)	-	2	1	1	0	1	5
Total			47	32	17	9	12	117

SANGIT BHAVANA

(INSTITUTE OF MUSIC, DANCE & DRAMA)

PROGRAMME CODE: PHD DURATION: 3-6 YEARS PROGRAMME CODE NO: 46

INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME:

Name of the Department (Code)	Area of Specialization (If Any)	Total Intake					
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	TOT
Rabindra Sangit (485)	-	2	1	1	0	1	5
Drama & Theatre Arts (488)	-	2	2	1	0	1	6
Manipuri Dance (486)	-	2	1	0	1	0	4
Rabindra Nritya (494)	-	1	1	1	0	0	3
Tabla (493) (No Vacancy)	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total		7	5	3	1	2	18

KALA BHAVANA

(INSTITUTE OF FINE ARTS & CRAFTS)

PROGRAMME NAME: PHD DURATION: 3-6 YEARS PROGRAMME CODE NO: 59

INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME:

NET, JRF in respective subject or any other equivalent Research Eligibility test

Name of the Department (Code)	Area of Specialization (If Any)	Total Intake					
		UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	TOT
Design (Textile) (564)	-	0	1	0	1	0	2
Department of History of Art (563)	-	0	0	1	0	1	2
Department of Graphic Art (Printmaking) (565)	-	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total		1	1	1	1	1	5

PALLI SAMGATHANA VIBHAGA

(INSTITUTE OF RURAL RECONSTRUCTION)

PROGRAMME CODE: PHD DURATION: 3-6 YEARS PROGRAMME CODE NO: 68

INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME:

Sl. No.	Name of the Department (code)	Area of Specialization (If Any)	Total Intake					TOT
			UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	
1	Department of Rural Studies (641)	Public Choice, Fuzzy and Crisp Choice (01)	1	0	0	0	0	3
		Sociology and Social Anthropology (01)	0	1	0	0	0	
		Statistics (01)	1	0	0	0	0	
		Total	2	1	0	0	0	
2	Department of Social Work (642)	-	1	1	1	0	1	4
3	Silpa Sadana (650)	Ph.D. in Design	3	2	1	1	1	8
Total			6	4	2	1	2	15

PALLI SIKSHA BHAVANA

INSTITUTE OF AGRICULTURE

PROGRAMME CODE: PHD DURATION: 3-6 YEARS PROGRAMME CODE NO: 73

INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME:

Name of the Department	Code	Area of Specialization (If Any)	Total Intake					TOTAL
			UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	
Department of Agricultural Economics(722)	722	Agricultural Economics	1	1	0	0	0	2
Department of Agricultural Statistics(731)	731	Applied Statistics	1	0	0	0	0	1
Department of Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry(723)	723	-	3	2	1	1	1	8
Department of Agricultural Entomology(724)	724	Economic entomology &	1	1	0	0	1	3
Department of Plant Pathology(732)	732	-	1	1	1	0	0	3

Department of Agronomy(726)	726	-	4	3	2	1	1	11
Department of Horticulture & Post -Harvest Technology(729)	729	Fruit Science	2	1	1	1	1	9
		Vegetable Science	2	1	0	0	0	
		Total	4	2	1	1	1	
Department of Agriculture Extension(725)	725	Agricultural Extension	1	1	1	0	0	3
Department of Genetics & Plant Breeding(727)	727	-	1	1	1	0	1	4
Department of Crop Physiology(733)	733	-	1	1	0	0	0	2
Department of Animal Science (No Vacancy)(721)	721	-	0	0	0	0	0	0
Department of Agricultural Engineering(728)	728	-	1	0	0	0	0	1
Total			19	13	7	3	5	47

VINAYA BHAVANA

INSTITUTE OF EDUCATION

PROGRAMME CODE: PHD DURATION: 3-6 YEARS PROGRAMME CODE NO: 88

INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO PHD PROGRAMME:

Sl. No.	Name of the Department (Code)	Area of Specialization	UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	TOTAL
1.	Department of Physical Education and Sports Science (852)	-	3	2	1	0	1	7
2	Department of Education (851)	-	1	1	0	1	0	3
Total			4	3	1	1	1	10