

Ph.D Eligibility Test – January, 2026

**Ph.D. Eligibility Test is not required
for Candidates with**

**UGC NET including NET qualified under category-3/UGC-
CSIR (JRF)/SLET/GATE/GPAT/ ICAR/INSPIRE/Rajiv Gandhi
Fellowship Awardee/Teacher Fellowship Holder/Direct
Fellowship Awardees/M.Phil from G.N.D.U./Validity
Certificate of qualifying GNDU Ph.D. Eligibility Test in
particular subject**

**(The above-mentioned candidates are, however, required to
apply online for admission to Ph.D.)**

Admission to Ph.D. Programme

The students who have qualified UGC(NET) including NET qualified under category-3/UGC-CSIR(JRF) examination /SLET/GATE /GPAT/ ICAR /INSPIRE/ Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship awardees/ teacher-fellowship holders/Direct Fellowship Awardees or have passed M.Phil. from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar/Validity Certificate of qualifying GNDU Ph.D. Eligibility Test will be exempted from Ph.D. Eligibility Test.

The UGC/CSIR/INSPIRE/Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship awardees or candidates who are awarded fellowships directly by these or other funding agencies for the purpose of pursuing Ph.D. can be enrolled any time during the session.

Eligibility/Qualification for admission to Ph.D. Programme:

Master's degree with at least 55% marks or equivalent CGPA [50% marks or equivalent CGPA for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ differently-abled candidates] of Guru Nanak Dev University or an equivalent degree of recognized Indian or Foreign University in the subject concerned or allied-field.

IMPORTANT NOTE: Those students who have passed their qualifying examinations (Masters) under Distance Education Mode, ODL Mode & Lateral Entry Scheme from the Central Universities/State Universities/other Govt. Institutions/Deemed Universities /Private Universities or under Regular Mode from Deemed/Private Universities, will have to check the equivalence of their qualified examinations from Equivalence Book (www.gndu.ac.in - University Links/Information Desk/General Branch Information Desk) or contact the Equivalence Section of the General Branch, Administration Block before applying for admission to the respective subject in Ph.D.

If any candidate gets admitted without checking the equivalency of their previous qualification and is subsequently found ineligible then the concerned candidate and the concerned department will be responsible for all the consequences arising there from.

Ph.D. Eligibility Test:

The Eligibility Test will be conducted for different departments/subjects to fill in seats for the Ph.D. programme as per the prevailing Ordinances of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar for its Ph.D. Programmes.

The minimum qualifying marks required to pass in the Ph.D. Eligibility Test have been fixed as 55% marks (50% marks for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled candidates) in the aforesaid Eligibility Test for admission to Ph.D. Programme. The Ph.D. Eligibility Test will be only a qualifying examination/step for participating in the counseling for admission,

and the other conditions for Ph.D. admission will be as per the prevailing Ordinances of Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar, for its Ph.D. Programmes. Mere qualifying in the Ph.D. eligibility test does not ensure admission to Ph.D.

- **The validity of the Eligibility Test cleared will be for 2 years for the candidates who also fulfill all the eligibility conditions for admission. A certificate of validity will be issued to only those candidates who does not get admission in any course during the current session.**
- **No exemption from course work is allowed.**

The syllabus for the Ph.D. eligibility test for admission to Ph.D. Programme will be the same as prescribed for UGC-NET conducted by respective regulatory bodies. In case of subjects where NET is not conducted, the syllabus for the test will be as per the Post Graduate Syllabi.

The question paper will consist of two parts:

Part-I will be compulsory and common to all candidates. It will consist of **15 multiple choice questions** of general aptitude, and will carry 15 marks.

Part-II will be subject specific. The candidates will be required to attempt **40 objective type multiple choice questions**, each question carrying 1 mark, and **9 short answer type questions (out of 20)**, each question carrying 5 marks.

Ph.D. Admission- January, 2026

1. Last date for Application Form to be submitted online only is **10.01.2026**.
2. Ph.D Eligibility Test for the Following Subjects shall be held on **19.01.26 from 10:30 am to 01:00 pm** and the Venue of test will be **LECTURE THEATRE COMPLEX**, Near Chemistry Block, GNDU Campus.
3. Counseling will be held on **27.01.26** in the respective departments.
4. **The Ph.D. Eligibility Test will be conducted for following Departments:**

(A) GNDU CAMPUSES

S. No.	Name of Dept.	S. No.	Name of Dept.
1.	Agriculture	14.	Journalism & Mass Communication
2.	Apparel and Textile Technology	15.	Mathematics
3.	Architecture	16.	Mechanical Engineering
4.	Biotechnology	17.	Microbiology
5.	Botany/Environmental	18.	Mol. Bio & Biochemistry
6.	Chemistry	19.	Pharmaceutical Sciences
7.	Civil Engg	20.	Physics
8.	Computer Engg. & Tech	21.	Physiotherapy
9.	Electronics Technology	22.	Planning
10.	Food Sci & Technology	23.	Psychology
11.	Guru Nanak Studies(Religious Studies)	24.	Sports Sciences & Medicine
12.	Hotel Management & Tourism	25.	Univ. Business School
13.	Human Genetics	26.	Zoology

(B) KHALSA COLLEGE, AMRITSAR

S. No.	Name of Dept.	S. No.	Name of Dept.
1.	Agriculture	4.	Punjabi
2.	Chemistry	5.	Zoology
3.	Physics		

5. Candidates with UGC (NET) including NET qualified under category-3/UGC-CSIR (JRF) examination/ SLET/ GATE/ GPAT/ICAR/INSPIRE/Rajiv Gandhi Fellowship awardees/teacher-fellowship holders/any other Direct Fellowship Awardee/who have passed M.Phil. from Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar/ have qualified GNDU Ph.D. Eligibility Test and provided with validity CERTIFICATE are **exempted from Ph.D Eligibility Test** but **will have to apply online in the following departments of GNDU Campuses:**

GNDU CAMPUSES

S.No.	Name of Dept.	S.No.	Name of Dept.
1.	Agriculture	19.	Mathematics
2.	Apparel and Textile Technology	20.	Mechanical Engineering
3.	Architecture	21.	Microbiology
4.	Biotechnology	22.	Mol. Bio & Biochemistry
5.	Botany/Environmental	23.	Pharmaceutical Sciences
6.	Chemistry	24.	Physical Education
7.	Civil Engg.	25.	Physics
8.	Computer Engg. & Tech	26.	Physiotherapy
9.	Computer Science	27.	Planning
10.	Education	28.	Psychology
11.	Electronics Technology	29.	Punjab School of Economics
12.	Food Science	30.	School of Punjabi Studies
13.	Guru Nanak Studies(Religious Studies)	31.	Sociology /Social Work
14.	History	32.	Sports Sciences & Medicine
15.	Hotel Management & Tourism	33.	University Business School
16.	Human Genetics	34.	University School of Financial Studies
17.	Journalism & Mass Communication	35.	Zoology
18.	Law		

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KHALSA COLLEGE, AMRITSAR

S.No.	Name of Dept.	S.No.	Name of Dept.
1.	Agriculture	4.	Punjabi
2.	Chemistry	5.	Zoology
3.	Physics		

Note:

- 1. M.Phil candidates from other universities are not exempted from Ph.D. Eligibility Test.**
- 2. The candidates may also go through the Ph.D. ordinances available at www.gndu.ac.in – University Links/Information Desk/General Branch Information Desk and can also check their eligibility there.**