

MANSAROVAR GLOBAL UNIVERSITY

Sehore, Madhya Pradesh

Ph.D. ADMISSION POLICY

(As per UGC Regulations, 2022)

1. Preamble

In accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, Mansarovar Global University (hereinafter referred to as "the University") hereby establishes this Ph.D. Admission Policy to regulate and standardize doctoral admissions. This policy ensures transparency, merit-based selection, academic excellence, and full compliance with UGC statutory requirements.

2. Objectives

- Ensure a merit-based, transparent, and fair doctoral admission process.
 - Admit candidates with outstanding academic capability and research potential.
 - Comply fully with UGC Regulations, 2022 and maintain national research standards.
 - Promote inclusivity, diversity, and equal opportunity in doctoral education.
 - Foster interdisciplinary, socially relevant, and ethically grounded research.
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3. Eligibility Criteria

In accordance with Clause 2.1 of the UGC Ph.D. Regulations, 2022:

- A Master's degree (or equivalent) in a relevant discipline from a recognized university with a minimum of 55% aggregate marks or equivalent grade.
 - A relaxation of 5% marks (i.e., 50%) shall be granted to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Differently Abled/EWS categories as per UGC norms.
 - Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF), UGC-CSIR NET, GATE, CEED, or GPAT are exempted from the University's Entrance Test but must appear for the interview.
 - Candidates holding a UGC-recognized M.Phil. degree with coursework are eligible for direct admission, subject to evaluation.
 - Working professionals from academia, industry, or government with relevant experience may apply for the Part-Time Ph.D. programme, provided they satisfy the academic eligibility requirements.
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4. Admission Process

The admission process comprises three stages:

4.1 Notification & Application

- The University shall issue the Admission Notification through national/regional newspapers, the official website, and digital platforms.
- Candidates must apply within the stipulated deadline by submitting a completed application form, academic credentials, and a research proposal.

4.2 Ph.D. Entrance Test (RET)

- All applicants, except those exempted under Clause 3.3, must appear for the Research Entrance Test (RET).
- RET Syllabus: 50% Research Methodology + 50% Subject-Specific Content.
- Minimum qualifying marks: 55% (50% for SC/ST/OBC-NCL/Differently Abled/EWS candidates).
- JRF holders (UGC/CSIR), Teacher Fellowship holders, and QIP-selected teachers are fully exempted from the RET and given first preference in admissions.

4.3 Interview & Final Selection

- Shortlisted candidates shall present their Research Proposal before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and appear for an interview.
- Evaluation criteria: research aptitude, feasibility of proposal, academic/professional background, and alignment with University research priorities.
- Final Selection Weightage: 70% for RET (if applicable) + 30% for Interview.
- Selected candidates must complete Ph.D. coursework.

5. Programme Duration

| Category | Duration |
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| Minimum | 3 years (including coursework) |
| Maximum | 6 years (extendable up to 8 years via re-registration) |
| Female Scholars / PwD (>40% disability) | Additional 2 years relaxation; maximum 10 years total |
| Maternity/Child Care Leave | Up to 240 days for female Ph.D. scholars |

6. Doctoral Research Committee (DRC)

The Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) is the apex body responsible for overseeing Ph.D. admissions, ensuring academic integrity, monitoring UGC compliance, and evaluating research proposals. Its composition shall be as per UGC Regulations, 2022.

7. Reservation Policy

The University strictly follows the Reservation Policy of the Government of India, Government of Madhya Pradesh and UGC guidelines. Seat allocation shall be in compliance with applicable national/state-level reservation norms ensuring equitable access for SC, ST, OBC (Non-Creamy Layer), EWS, and Differently Abled candidates.

8. Seat Intake & Admission Cycle

- The University shall determine the number of Ph.D. seats each semester based on the availability of approved Research Supervisors and infrastructure.
- Admissions shall normally be held for July and January semesters, subject to vacancy availability.

9. Validity of Admission

- Candidates must complete enrolment within one semester from the date of admission confirmation.
 - Failure to register within the stipulated period shall result in cancellation of admission, unless prior approval is granted by the DRC.
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10. Fee Structure

- Ph.D. admission fee, coursework fee, and annual research fee shall be determined by the University Fee Regulation Committee and notified before each admission cycle.
 - Candidates receiving fellowships or scholarships from UGC, CSIR, INSPIRE, ICSSR, DST, or any other funding agency must comply with their respective funding norms.
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11. Cancellation of Admission

Admission shall be cancelled under the following circumstances:

- Submission of fraudulent, misleading, or false information in the application.
 - Breach of the University's code of conduct or research ethics policy.
 - Plagiarism or violation of UGC Regulations, 2022 (Clause 9).
 - Failure to complete coursework or submit progress reports within stipulated timelines.
 - Failure to enrol within the prescribed period without DRC approval.
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12. Policy Review & Amendments

This policy shall be reviewed periodically by the Academic Council and Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) to align with evolving UGC regulations and research standards. All amendments shall be duly notified to stakeholders.

Conclusion

Mansarovar Global University reaffirms its commitment to academic excellence, transparency, and ethical research practices through this Ph.D. Admission Policy. The University pledges strict adherence to UGC Regulations, 2022, while fostering a culture of innovation, scholarly integrity, and socially impactful research.

Registrar

Mansarovar Global University, Sehore (M.P.)
