# Office of the Dean Research
## University of Kashmir, Hazratbal,

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### *Notification for admission to Ph.D. programme, Cycle II, Oct-2025*

Online applications available on the website of University of Kashmir (www.kashmiruniversity.ac.in) are invited from the candidates fulfilling the following eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D. programme in the below mentioned disciplines/subjects as per the available vacancies in the Main and other Satellite Campuses of the University:-

**Important Dates**

- *Start of online application process: 01-10-2025*
- *Last date for filling up/submission of application form:   15-10-2025*
- *Interaction for selection with DRC's of respective departments:27-10-2025 to 12-11-2025 (Dates for interaction at main campus and satellite campus shall be notified separately)*
- *Issuance of selection list by respective Deans : 25 -11-2025*

**I.     Vacancies available at Deptts. at Main Campus:**

| S. No. | Discipline/subject | Supervisor available in the Deptt. | No. of vacancies available for research programmes for the session 2025 (Cycle-II) |
|---|---|---|---|
| 01. | Biochemistry | Biochemistry | 03 |
| 02. | Biotechnology | Biotechnology | 06 |
| 03. | Bio-resources | Bio-resources | 02 |
| 04. | Botany | Botany | 16 |
| 05. | Clinical Biochemistry | Clinical Biochemistry | 02 |
| 06. | Chemistry | Chemistry | 20 |
| 07. | Commerce | Commerce | 22 |
| 08. | Computer Applications | Computer Science | 16 |
| 09. | Applied Geology | Earth Science | 22 |
| 10 | Economics | Economics | 14 |
| 11. | Education | Education | 15 |
| 12 | Electronics | Electronics & Instrumentation Technology | 13 |
| 13. | English | English | 17 |
| 14. | Environmental Science | Environmental Science | 04 |
| 15. | Food Technology | Food Science & Technology | 07 |
| 16. | Geography | Geography & Disaster Management | 14 |
| 17. | Disaster Management | Geography & Disaster Management | 03 |
| 18. | Geo-informatics | Geo-informatics | 04 |
| 19. | Hindi | Hindi | 10 |
| 20. | History | History | 01 |
| 21. | Home Science | Home Science | 27 |
| 22. | Islamic Studies | Islamic Studies | 07 |
| 23. | Kashmiri | Kashmiri | 04 |
| 24. | Law | Law | 22 |

| 25. | Library & Information Science | Library & Information Science | 07 |
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| 26. | Linguistics | Linguistics | 06 |
| 27. | Management Studies | Management Studies | 35 |
| 28. | Mass Communication & Journalism | Media Education Research Centre (MERC) | 09 |
| 29 | Mathematics | Mathematics | 23 |
| 30. | Nanotechnology | Nanotechnology | 05 |
| 31. | Physics | Physics | 37 |
| 32. | Pharmaceutical Sciences | Pharmacognosy & Phytochemistry | 05 |
| | | Pharmacology | 17 |
| | | Pharma Practices | 02 |
| | | Pharma Chemistry | 04 |
| | | Pharmaceutics | 05 |
| | | Pharmaceutical Biotechnology | 05 |
| 33. | Political Science | Political Science | 10 |
| 34 | Psychology | Psychology | 06 |
| 35 | Sanskrit | Sanskrit | 11 |
| 36. | Sociology | Sociology | 04 |
| 37. | Social Work | Social Work | 06 |
| 38. | Statistics | Statistics | 26 |
| 39. | Tourism Studies | Tourism Hospitality & Leisure Studies | 07 |
| 40. | Urdu | Urdu | 01 |
| 41 | Zoology | Zoology | 11 |

## II. Vacancies available at Centres/Institutes at Main Campus

| S.No | Supervisor available in the Centre/Institute | Discipline/subject | No. of vacancies available for research programmes for the session 2025 cycle-II |
|---|---|---|---|
| 42 | Centre for Interdisciplinary Research & Innovations (CIRI) | Life Science | 03 |
| 43 | Center of Research for Development (CORD) | Life Science | 06 |
| 44 | Deptt. of Biochemistry, GMC, Sgr. | Clinical Biochemistry | 08 |
| 45 | Centre of Central Asian Studies (CCAS) | Political Science | 04 |
| | | Sanskrit | 07 |
| | | Persian | 03 |
| | | Archeology | 02 |
| | | Islamic Studies | 02 |
| | | Economics | 02 |
| | | Sociology | 02 |
| 46 | Shaikh-ul Aalam Centre for Multidisciplinary Studies | Hindi | 02 |
| | | Linguistics | 05 |
| | | Persian | 03 |
| | | Sanskrit | 02 |
| | | History | 03 |

| 47. | Centre for Women's Studies & Research | Women's Studies | 02 |
|---|---|---|---|

### III. Vacancies available at Satellite Campuses

| S.No | Discipline/subject | Supervisor available in the Deptt. | No. of vacancies available for research programmes for the session 2025 cycle-II |
|---|---|---|---|
| 48 | Computer Applications | Computer Sciences | 07 (South Campus) 08 (North Campus) |
| 49 | Computer Science & Engineering | Computer Science & Engineering | 14 (North Campus) |
| 50 | Education | Education | 04 ( North Campus) 08 (South Campus) |
| 51 | English | English | 10 (South Campus) |
| 52 | Mathematics | Mathematics | 15 (South Campus) |
| 53 | Management Studies | Management Studies | 17 (South Campus) 17 (North Campus) |
| 54 | Botany | Botany | 04 (North Campus) |
| 55 | Applied Science (Chemistry) | | 06 |
| | Electronics & Communication Engineering | IOT, Zakura | 12 |
| | Mechanical Engineering | | 08 |
| | English | | 04 |

**Note:** *The number of vacancies mentioned above might change depending on the recommendation of the Departmental Research committees (DRC's) of respective departments.*

### A) Eligibility criteria for admission to Ph. D Programme

Candidates satisfying the following criteria shall be eligible to apply for admission to Ph.D. programme:

(I)    55% marks in aggregate, or its equivalent grade "B" in the UGC 7-point scale or an equivalent grade in a point scale where ever grading system is followed, excluding grace/statutory marks, if any, in Master's Degree in the concerned subject/allied subject from a recognized university or in any recognized Professional Degree declared equivalent to the Master's Degree by the Equivalence Committee of the University 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 having this mandate or by an Equivalence Committee of the University;

<div align="center">Or</div>

Candidates who have completed, 1(one)-year/2-semester Master's Degree programme after a 4-year/8-Semester Bachelor's Degree programme or 4-year/8-Semesters Degree with a minimum of 75 per cent marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed with concerned subject as Major 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

<div align="center">Or</div>

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 in India for the said purpose.

<div align="center">Or</div>

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.

(II)   a relaxation of 5% of marks from 55% to 50% or equivalent relaxation of grade shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/RBA/EWS (Non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled and other categories of candidates as provided under University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for award of M. Phil/Ph. D Degrees) Regulation-2022.

(III)  Candidates who have qualified UGC/CSIR-NET/JRF or ICMR-JRF or ICAR-NET/JRF or SET/SLET/GATE/CEED/GPAT or any other equivalent test declared so by the UGC or have been awarded M. Phil.

> **_Explanation:_** The Departmental Research Committee shall decide which of the subject/s is/are allied to the subject concerned on the basis of the University council, dated; 24-10-2017 and vide Circular No: F(Modi-Circular-Recg/Eqv)Acad/KU/18 dated Feb. 07-2018 and the degree shall be awarded to the candidate in the subject/discipline in which he/she has qualified his/her Master's degree. The decision of the DRC shall, however, be subject to the approval of the BORS at the time of registration.

**B.   Procedure for Admission**

(I)   The admission to Ph. D Programme shall be made on the basis of the above mentioned Eligibility criteria in accordance with the following procedure:

(i)   The candidates who have **_"qualified NET for award of JRF and Appointment as Assistant Professor and Admission to Ph.D"_**, shall be selected at the 1st. instance/priority against available vacancies. However, where the number of vacancies is less than the number of JRF candidates, the selection shall be made through an interaction with the DRC based on the following criteria:-

| S. No | Criteria | Weightage |
|-------|----------|-----------|
| 1. | Subject knowledge | 70 |

| 2. | Research aptitude | 30 |
|---|---|---|
| **Total** | | **100** |

(ii) If the seats remain vacant after the selection based on the above mentioned criteria (i), the 2nd. priority shall be given to the candidates who have *"qualified NET for Appointment as Assistant Professor and Admission to Ph.D"*, and the admission shall be based on the following criteria:-

| S.No | Criteria | Weightage |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | NET (Qualified) Score* on prorate basis | 70 |
| 2. | Interaction with DRC to ascertain Subject knowledge and Research aptitude | 30 |
| **Total** | | **100** |

*The scores obtained in the NET by a candidate will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D. (**Note**: One year will be from the date of issuance of NET Certificate from the concerned agency).

(iii) If the seats remain vacant after the selection made on the above mentioned criteria (ii), the 3rd. priority shall be given to the candidates who have **"qualified NET for admission to Ph.D/GATE/SET/SLET/previously qualified NET candidates for Appointment as Assistant Professor and Admission to Ph.D"**, and the selection shall be made as per the criteria laid down in the criteria (i).

*The marks obtained in the NET by a candidate will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D. (**Note**: One year will be from the date of issuance of NET Certificate from the concerned agency).

(II) The DRC shall fill up the available vacancies priority wise as mentioned in criteria (i), (ii) & (iii). The presence of Observer-cum-RPAC nominee in DRC shall be mandatory while provisionally selecting candidates for Ph.D. programme; however, marks for the interaction shall be awarded by the DRC members only.

(III) The tie in the marks secured by the candidates in the merit list and interaction shall be resolved on the basis of the percentage of marks secured by them in their Master's or Equivalent Degree.

(IV) The list of the qualified candidates along with the waiting list will be prepared by the DRC with the main list to be signed by the DRC members including DRC-cum-RPAC nominee and will be then forwarded by the Chairperson to the Dean of the School who after satisfying himself/herself about the fairness of the selection will recommend it for approval of Vice-Chancellor through Dean Research.

(V)     The list of qualified candidates/waiting list will be notified by the Dean of the School concerned and will be made available on the website of the University as well as departmental website.

(VI)    The provisionally selected candidates shall be required to get all their credentials verified in the concerned Department/Centre/Institute to join the programme within stipulated time.

The mere mention of candidate's name in the list of provisionally selected candidates/waiting list shall not entitle a candidate to the final selection, if he/she is either found otherwise in-eligible or there is no vacancy available in the Department/Centre/Institute or non-availability of supervisor to guide a candidate.

## C) Eligibility for admission to part-time Ph.D programme:

The basic eligibility and admission procedure for in-service candidates joining as part-time Ph. D student shall remain same as to the candidates for whole-time basis. The following categories of employees can apply for Ph.D programme on part-time basis:

i.      University teachers **with atleast two years of substantive service;**

ii.     Permanent scientists (Scientist A/B/C/D) from nationally recognized institutions with atleast **four years of substantive service;**

iii.    Govt. College teachers with at least four years of substantive service;

iv.     Non-teaching employees of the universities/nationally recognized educational and research institutions with at least four years of substantive service and seven years of substantive service for State/Central Govt. employees;

*Applicants shall visit University website (www.kashmiruniversity.ac.in) and submit online applications by clicking Application Form for research programmes-2025 (Cycle II, Oct-2025) under Admission Tab of the website from 01.10.2025 to 15.10.2025. Applicants are required to deposit non-refundable application fee of Rs.300/- through online mode. In-service candidates are required to mention in the form the date of appointment/Department and Length of Service supported by documentary proof to be uploaded alongwith qualification certificates.*

Assistant Registrar
(Research Academics)

No: F (Ph.D Adm)RES/KU/25
Dated: September 30, 2025

**Copy for information to the:-**

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➤ Deans of all Schools, University of Kashmir, Sgr;
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➤ Heads of Teaching Departments/Co-ordinators of Deptts/different courses, University of Kashmir;
➤ Directors of various Research Centres/Institutions/Satellite Campuses, University of Kashmir;
➤ Director, IT & SS, University of Kashmir. He is requested to have the notification uploaded on the University website and make application forms available for the candidates on the website;
➤ Special Secretary to Vice-Chancellor for kind perusal of the Vice-chancellor;
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