PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY
Ph.D. ADMISSION 2025-26

(Only for Entrance Examination Exempted Category)

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE CANDIDATES SEEKING FOR ADMISSION OF PH.D. CANDIDATES UNDER CSIR–UGC NET (ALL CATEGORIES)

Pondicherry University offers admissions to its Ph.D. Programmes for academic session 2025 26 through (i) National Eligibility Test (NET) of University Grants Commission/Council of Scientific & Industrial Research (UGC/CSIR)–all three categories (Category 1, 2 & 3) as per UGC Public Notice dated March 27, 2024 (ii) Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) of UGC, CSIR.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

Interested candidates shall submit a formal request to the concerned School/Department/Centre either **in person** or through the email, along with all relevant academic documents and a valid **CSIR–UGC NET / UGC–NET score card.**

- Last date to submit the request is 20/02/2026.

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Category-1:	Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D). with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.
Category-2:	Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D). without. JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Processor.
Category-3	Eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor

The JRF-qualified students are admitted into the Ph.D. programme based on an interview as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for award of Ph.D. Degree Regulations. 2022.

For students who qualify in Categories 2 and 3. 70% weightage will be given for UGC-NET test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce.

The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D.

ELIGIBILITY:

a) The JRF qualified candidates in UGC- NET 2025 (July / Dec. 2025) as per the UGC (Minimum standards and procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2022.

b) The candidates who qualified in Category 2 (i.e. qualified for Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.) and Category 3 (i.e. qualified for admission to Ph.D. only) based on CSIR-UGC NET 2024 / UGC-NET 2025 (July /Dec. 2025).

c) The candidates who have been selected for the award of Junior Research Fellowship under the schemes of National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes (NFOBC), National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste students (NFSC) and Maulana Azad National Fellowship for Minority Students (MANF) as per UGC Notification F.No.82-44/2020 (SA_III) dated 17.12.2020 shall be treated on par with candidates who have qualified in UGC-CSIR- NET with JRF and also qualified for UGC-NET / CSIR-NET Ph.D. Admission only, for admission into the Ph.D. programmes of the University. These candidates could be admitted at the beginning of monsoon and winter semesters, on the recommendation of the Ph.D. Admission Committee.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION (Ph.D. FULL-TIME)

a) Candidates who have studied under 10+2+3+2 pattern of education (or 10+2+5) and qualified for the Master's Degree in the subject concerned or in an allied subject and have qualifications as prescribed by the regulations for the subject concerned under all the Schools/ Departments/ Centres of Humanities and Social Sciences, Management, Commerce, Science, Education, Fine Arts and Languages and such other disciplines of Pondicherry University, or a degree accepted as equivalent by the University securing a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

b) Candidates who have studied under 10+2 pattern of education and qualified for the Master's degree in the Schools/ Faculty of Law, Engineering and Technology, Agriculture, Veterinary Science or the degree of Doctor of Medicine or Master of Surgery in the Faculty of Medicine/Dentistry/Paramedical of this University or any other University, through regular full time study, recognized by this University securing a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

c) Candidates who have studied under 10+2 pattern of education and qualified for the Degree of Master of Science of three-year duration in the School/ Faculty of Medicine of this University or of any other university recognized by this University securing a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

d) Candidates of Indian origin or overseas students who have qualified for a Master's degree of an accredited overseas university securing a minimum of 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

e) A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade is allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled categories.

GENERAL CONDITIONS OF ADMISSION

1) Admission granted will be cancelled at any time, if it is found that the information furnished by the candidate is false or incorrect or if, at a later stage, it is found that the candidate does not fulfill the eligibility criteria prescribed for the course.

2) The list of selected candidates will be hosted on the University website.

3) **No individual admission intimation will be sent to the selected/ waitlisted candidates. Hence, the applicants are advised to see the University website regularly for updates regarding admission**.

4) **The University reserves the right to increase/ decrease the intake of any of the programmes. The University also reserves the right not to offer any of its courses due to administrative reasons.**

5) Admission to the various courses of the University is open to all those who have the prescribed qualifications without any discrimination of race, caste, creed, language or sex.

6) Candidates awaiting their results are also eligible to apply. Such candidates, however, must produce the mark sheet/ degree certificate as the proof of fulfilling the prescribed eligibility criteria on or before the date notified by the university without which provisional admission, if granted, will be cancelled.

7) All admissions are provisional, subject to verification of required documents, as per prescribed norms.

8) The students will be required to take up a group health insurance (for hospitalization, etc.) through the University.

9) Admitted students are required to carry the University Identity Card at all times while they are inside the campus.

10) Those who need accommodation in the hostels must report to their departments prior to registration and counselling.

11) The University reserves its right not to offer a course advertised, for any administrative or other reasons.

MODE OF ADMISSION

Based on the presentation and interview conducted by the concerned Schools/Departments / Centres.

RESERVATION:

Reservation of seats shall be implemented strictly **as per the norms and guidelines issued by the UGC and the Government of India, as amended from time to time.**

GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO SCHOOLS / DEPARTMENTS / CENTRES OF THE UNIVERSITY

The following instructions shall be adhered to by all Schools/Departments/Centres of **Pondicherry University** in processing Ph.D. admissions under the CSIR–UGC NET and all category for the Academic Year 2025–26:

The admission recommendations of the concerned School/Department/Centre, duly approved by the Admission Committee, shall be forwarded to the Academic Section for consideration and approval by the Competent Authority.

Upon approval by the Competent Authority, the selected candidate shall complete all admission formalities within the stipulated time, including payment of the prescribed fees.

Admitted candidates shall register for the Ph.D. Programme and shall undergo coursework, wherever applicable, in accordance with the Regulations of the UGC and the University Ph.D. Ordinance.

The fellowship awarded to the candidate shall be governed strictly by the rules and regulations of the respective funding agency. The University shall not be responsible for the continuation, sanction, or disbursement of the fellowship.

All admissions under the CSIR–UGC NET and all category shall strictly comply with UGC Regulations and the University's reservation norms, as amended from time to time.