

# Ph.D. Admissions 2026-2027



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## Ph.D. ADMISSIONS (2026-2027)

Online applications (<https://researchadmissions.gitam.edu>) are invited from PG/UG candidates for admission into Ph.D. Programme in the following categories:

- i. Regular Full-Time Ph.D. Programme for Indian, foreign candidates.
- ii. Extramural Ph.D. Programme for Scientists working in Research institutions/ organizations recognized by GITAM.

### A. ELIGIBILITY

The requisite eligibility criteria for discipline wise Ph.D. programmes can be downloaded by visiting the link: <https://www.gitam.edu/research/research-innovations/about/phd-programme> and list of Ph.D. programmes offered is outlined in **Annexure – I**.

For the Extramural Ph.D. Programme, scientists working in research institutions/organizations recognized by GITAM, with a **minimum of 1 year** of experience and possessing the requisite educational qualifications and necessary documents for recognition of research centers and co-supervisors, are eligible for admission.

#### GENERAL ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- a) 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**

- b) An 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.

**OR**

- c) 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.

**OR**

- d) 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.

**Note:** Candidates pursuing the final year of a Master's program or the fourth year of an undergraduate program, and awaiting results of their final semester examinations, are also eligible to apply, provided they satisfy the aforementioned eligibility criteria.

## **B. SELECTION PROCESS**

- a) GITAM shall conduct GITAM Research Admissions Test (GReAT) – a written test, for all eligible candidates.
- b) Candidates who have a valid CSIR / UGC- NET or GATE/GPAT, ICAR, DBT-JRF examinations score, and candidates applying under Extramural category are exempted from GReAT and are eligible for a direct interview.
- c) Interviews shall be conducted for
  - i. Candidates who have cleared the GReAT.
  - ii. Candidates who have cleared the above-mentioned national level examinations.
- d) The interview shall consider the following aspects, viz. whether:
  - i. The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research area.
  - ii. The research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution/School.
  - iii. The proposed area of research can contribute to generate new/additional knowledge.
- e) The candidates who qualify in the Interview shall be offered Admission letters into the Ph.D. Programme.
- f) Admission is purely based on merit.
- g) Merely meeting the requirements may not ensure admission.
- h) Candidates are suggested to follow **GITAM website** (<https://www.gitam.edu/research/research-innovations/about/phd-programme>) for any updates.

**The University does not discriminate based on gender, race or religion.**

## **C. GReAT EXAMINATION**

- a) The syllabus for the entrance test can be downloaded from the following link:  
(<https://www.gitam.edu/research/research-innovations/about/phd-programme>)
- b) The syllabus shall have 50% coverage on Research Aptitude/ Methodology and 50% on specific subject Area.
- c) The duration of the test is two hours.
- d) The test will have objective type questions.  
The maximum marks for written component of the test is 160 (Section A- 80 for Research Aptitude and Section B- 80 for specific subject Area). For School of Architecture ([phd\\_in\\_architecture.pdf](#)), School of Public Policy ([phd\\_in\\_public\\_policy.pdf](#)), and PhD Programme in Fine and Performing Arts (School of Humanities and Social Sciences), section B would comprise a research proposal (please refer the syllabus for more details).

#### D. HOW TO APPLY

- Candidates have to submit online application at (<https://researchadmissions.gitam.edu/>) by paying a non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 1200/- (INR Twelve Hundred only) through Debit card / Credit card (Master / VISA) / Net Banking/UPI), on or before **11<sup>th</sup> May 2026**.
- Candidates **MUST CHECK** their eligibility before submitting online application.
- The copies of all the certificates to be uploaded while submitting online application mentioned is the **Annexure – II**.
- The University will not take any responsibility for the non-receipt of applications in time (**i.e. 11<sup>th</sup> May 2026 up to 5pm**).

#### E. MANDATORY COURSE WORK

- Course work is mandatory for both Full-time and Extramural Ph.D. scholars.
- Candidates have to put in a minimum of 75% attendance per course to be eligible to appear for the examinations.

#### F. FEE STRUCTURE FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME

Following is the fee structure for Ph.D. programme (2026-2027):

Ph.D. Mode of admission	Duration	Application Fee	Annual Fee	Processing Fee (Only one time)
Full-Time	3 Years	INR 1,200	INR 30,000	NIL
Full-Time (Foreign Nationals) *	3 Years	NIL	USD 2,500	USD 300
Extramural	4 Years	INR 1,200	INR 1,00,000	NIL

Academic Fee is subject to revision from time to time as decided by the University.

\* A limited number of Fellowships shall be awarded to selected candidates under Full Time – Foreign Nationals category.

#### G. RESEARCH FELLOWSHIPS OPPORTUNITIES FOR REGULAR FULL-TIME Ph.D. PROGRAMME

Candidates admitted under Full-Time Ph.D. Programme in any of the campus are eligible for GITAM Ph.D. Fellowship of INR 33,000/- per month for a maximum period of **THREE** years duration.

#### H. SOME OF THE KEY BENEFITS

- Access to Sophisticated Analytical Instrumentation and research facilities.
- Collaboration with leading scientists and industry experts.
- Opportunities to work at National Laboratories and Foreign Universities on collaboration projects.
- Research Projects offered by highly accomplished faculty.
- Support towards attending conference and workshops

## I. KEY DATES

<b>Last date for submission of online applications</b>	<b>11<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>
<b>Entrance Exam</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Ph.D. Entrance Exam – <b>In-Person at GITAM Campus (Science, Management)</b></li> <li>• Ph.D. Entrance Exam – Online (For Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, Pharmacy, Law, &amp; Architecture)</li> </ul>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>  <b>23<sup>rd</sup> May 2026</b>
<b>Results of Ph.D. Entrance Exam</b>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May 2026</b>
<b>Interviews</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>In-Person at GITAM Campus (Science, Management)</b></li> <li>• <b>In Person at GITAM Visakhapatnam (Architecture)</b></li> <li>• Online Interviews for Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, Pharmacy, Law</li> </ul>	<b>30<sup>th</sup> May 2026 to 1<sup>st</sup> June 2026</b>  <b>8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>  <b>8<sup>th</sup> June 2026 to 19<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>
<b>Final Admission Results</b>	<b>On or Before 30<sup>th</sup> June 2026</b>
<b>Release of Ph.D. Admission offer Letters, Payment of Fees, and Document Verification</b>	<b>July -August 2026</b>
<b>Commencement of the Ph.D. Programme</b>	<b>24<sup>th</sup> August 2026</b>
<b>Last Date for Admission Cancellation with refund of fees (After deducting the administrative charges)</b>	<b>15<sup>th</sup> September 2026</b>

**Note:** Candidates shall be notified in the event of any alterations to the aforementioned schedule.



**Annexure - I:**

S.No	Discipline	Ph.D. Programmes Offered	Campus		
			VSP	HYD	BLR
1	Engineering	Biotechnology	✓	-	-
2	Engineering	Civil Engineering	✓	✓	✓
3	Engineering	Computer Science & Engineering	✓	✓	✓
4	Engineering	Electronics & Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓
5	Engineering	Electrical & Electronics Engineering	✓	✓	✓
6	Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	✓
7	Science	Life Sciences - Biochemistry	✓	-	-
8	Science	Life Sciences - Bioinformatics	✓	-	-
9	Science	Life Sciences - Biotechnology	✓	✓	✓
10	Science	Life Sciences - Environmental Science	✓	-	-
11	Science	Life Sciences - Food Science & Technology	✓	✓	✓
12	Science	Life Sciences - Microbiology	✓	-	✓
13	Science	Chemistry	✓	✓	✓
14	Science	Computer Science	✓	-	-
15	Science	Electronics	✓	✓	✓
16	Science	Mathematics	✓	✓	✓
17	Science	Physics	✓	✓	✓
18	Management	Entrepreneurship	✓	✓	-
19	Management	Accounting & Finance	✓	✓	✓
20	Management	International Business	✓	-	-
21	Management	Information Systems	✓	-	✓
22	Management	Marketing	✓	✓	✓
23	Management	Operations & Supply Chain	✓	✓	✓
24	Management	Organizational Development & HR	✓	✓	✓
25	Humanities & Social Sciences	Applied Psychology	✓	✓	✓
26	Humanities & Social Sciences	Economics	✓	✓	✓
27	Humanities & Social Sciences	English	✓	✓	✓
28	Humanities & Social Sciences	Political Science	✓	✓	✓
29	Humanities & Social Sciences	Sociology	-	✓	-
30	Humanities & Social Sciences	Fine and Performing Arts	✓	✓	✓
31	Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical Analysis	✓	✓	-
32	Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical Chemistry	✓	✓	-
33	Pharmacy	Pharmaceutics	✓	✓	-
34	Pharmacy	Pharmacognosy & Phytochemistry	✓	✓	-
35	Pharmacy	Pharmacology	✓	✓	-
36	Law	Law	✓	-	-
37	Architecture	Architecture	✓	✓	-
38	Public Policy	Public Policy	-	✓	-

## Annexure - II:

### Required documents to be submitted during the online application

The following certificates (Only PDF copies) are to be uploaded along with the online application, and the same certificates must be produced in original at the time of physical document verification.

**i. For PG Candidates (Required Documents):**

- a) Transfer certificate of the Master's Degree
- b) Master's Original Degree / Provisional certificate
- c) Master's Degree Consolidated Marks Statement/Certificate
- d) Bachelor's Original Degree / Provisional certificate
- e) Bachelor's Degree Consolidated Marks Statement/Certificate
- f) Intermediate/Class 12<sup>th</sup> Certificate
- g) Class 10<sup>th</sup> Certificate
- h) Aadhaar Card/Driving License/Passport/Voter ID
- i) Service/Experience Certificates & No Objection Certificate for **Extramural candidates**

**ii. For UG Candidates (Required Documents):**

- a) Transfer Certificate of the Bachelor's Degree
- b) Bachelor's Original Degree / Provisional certificate
- c) Bachelor's Degree Consolidated Marks Certificate
- d) Intermediate/Class 12<sup>th</sup> Certificate
- e) Class 10<sup>th</sup> Certificate
- f) Aadhaar Card/Driving License/Passport/Voter ID

**Note:** In the event that certain required documents are unavailable at the time of application, candidates who are offered admission must submit the missing documents at the time of joining.



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