



No.KU/Aca/Ph.D/ASO/01/2025-26/26

Date : 18.07.2025

NOTIFICATION

Applications for admissions to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the prescribed form are invited from the eligible candidates for the academic year **2025-26**.

Modes of Ph.D. Programme.

A candidate may register either full-time or part-time Ph.D. programme.

Full-time Ph.D. programme shall be undertaken by an eligible candidate who will work on regular basis in the department till the submission of thesis.

Part time Ph.D. programme shall be undertaken by In-Service (Regular Full time service) /professional candidates. The part-time Ph.D candidates who are employed on full-time basis in which he/she has reported has to submit (i) NOC from the Head of the Institution/Organization, (ii) Service Certificate issued by the Employer; and (iii) Letter of Undertaking by the candidate at the time of provisional registration for Ph.D. Only full-time employee of an Institution/Organization is allowed to undertake part-time Ph.D Programme. A teacher fellow (On QIP/FIP Programme) shall work on a regular basis in the Department/Research Centre during the period of Fellowship.

A candidate shall submit duly filled-in application form along with necessary documents to the Chairperson of the concerned PG Department on or before **14.08.2025**.

Regulations

1.0 Eligibility for Admission

- 1.1 Any candidate who has obtained a Post-Graduate Degree from a recognized university including foreign candidates (sponsored by their Embassies) and sponsored candidates securing minimum 55% marks (50% for SC/ST/Cat-I/Differently-abled candidates) at the Post-Graduate Degree shall be eligible to apply for Ph.D. Programme.
- 1.2 In case of candidates appointed on regular basis prior to 31st March, 1992 as Teachers, Librarians and Physical Education personnel in Colleges and University Departments, the minimum marks shall be 50% (45% for SC/ST/Cat-I/ Differently-abled) provided they (employees) are continuing in service at the time of submission of application for Ph.D registration.

If the results of Master's Degree are declared in the form of Grades/Credits/ Cumulative Points in their markscards/transcripts, such Grades/Points shall be converted into percentages to assess the minimum eligibility criteria as per the Grade point norms specified by the respective qualifying examination's marks statement.

2.0 Entrance Test

- 2.1 All the applicants possessing the Eligibility at their PG Degree as specified in Regulations 1.1 and 1.2 shall appear for Entrance Test.
- 2.2 However, (a) Government sponsored foreign candidates, (b) candidates who have cleared UGC/UGC-CSIR JRF/NET/SLET(Karnataka)/GATE/GRE/M.Phil (Admitted through an Entrance Test) shall be exempted from Entrance Test.

Candidates who have cleared UGC/UGC-CSIR JRF/NET/SLET (Karnataka)/ GATE/ GRE/ M.Phil (Admitted through an Entrance Test) willing to appear for the Entrance test shall apply separately by paying prescribed fees.

- 2.3 **Maximum Marks** for Entrance Test: 100 marks.
- 2.4 **Nature of Questions:** Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ).
- 2.5 **Syllabus for Entrance Test:** Research Methodology and Cognate/Core subjects of the P.G. Department conducting Entrance Test.
- 2.6 **Number of Questions:** 100 questions, each carrying 1 mark: 50% of the questions shall be from Research Methodology and the remaining 50% from cognate/core subjects.
- 2.7 The 50 Questions on Research Methodology shall consist of data interpretation, language comprehension and test of reasoning. The other 50 Questions shall be based on the current PG syllabus of cognate/core subjects.
- 2.8 **Duration of Entrance Test:** 120 minutes.
- 2.9 **Venue of Entrance Test:** Exam Section and Dr. R.C.Hiremath Institute of Kannada Studies, K.U.Dharwad.

3.0 Preparation of Merit List:

- 3.1 The Government sponsored foreign candidates, candidates who have cleared UGC-JRF/UGC-CSIR-JRF/GATE/GRE/NET/SLET(Karnataka)/ M.Phil (Admitted through an Entrance Test) shall be placed first in the Consolidated Merit List based on their percentage of marks secured by them at their qualifying PG examination.
- 3.2 After the Entrance Test, the merit list of the candidates shall be prepared as per merit on the basis of the marks obtained in the entrance test and marks obtained in the qualifying examination in the ratio of 50:50. However, the candidate has to secure a minimum of 50% marks (45% for SC/ST/Cat-I/Differently abled Candidates) in the Entrance Test.
- 3.3 The eligible Candidates as per the Merit List shall be considered for the present declared vacancies as notified.
- 3.4 The candidates as per merit list shall attend Interview in respective PG Departments. Attending the Interview is mandatory. Eligibility to appear for the interview shall not be considered as confirmation of registration for Ph.D programme.
- 3.5 The Selection list shall be announced by the concerned department on its notice board and the selected candidates shall pay required fees within 7 working days.
- 3.6 The department shall announce a waiting list for Ph.D seat selection.

4.0 Course Work (Four papers) -16 weeks for both the Full time and Part time candidates.

- 4.1 Registered Full-time and Part-time Ph.D candidates shall undertake course work of one semester (16 weeks), in the Parent Department within one year from the date of provisional registration, failing which his/her registration shall be cancelled. However, if it is found necessary, course work may be carried out by doctoral candidates in Sister Departments/Institutes/Research Centers recognized by the University for which due credit shall be given to such candidates. The course work is mandatory.

- 4.2 The course work for Ph.D. programme comprises four papers. Paper I,II & III are for 100 marks each, and paper IV is of 50 marks, Wherein, Course - I: Research Methodology, Course - II: Cognate/core Subject/s; Course - III: Area of Research and Course – IV : Research and Publication Ethics (RPE). This shall be followed by comprehensive Viva-Voce exam for 50 marks. However, it must be noted that courses I & II are common for all the candidates in the particular Department/Subject/Discipline and Course IV : Research and Publication Ethics (RPE) is common for all the candidates across all the Disciplines/Faculties.

5.0 Vacancies :

The vacancies of various departments is as shown below:

Faculty of Arts :

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Kannada	17
2.	Marathi	07
3.	Sanskrit	04
4.	Urdu & Persian	02
Total		30

Faculty of Commerce:

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Commerce	09
Total		09

Faculty of Education:

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Education	11
Total		11

Faculty of Law :

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Law	10
Total		10

Faculty of Management:

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Management	28
Total		28

Faculty of Social Science :

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	A.I. History & Epigraphy	08
2.	Economics	25
3.	History & Archeology	06
4.	Library and Information Science	06
5.	Journalism & Mass Communication	06
6.	Philosophy	11
7.	Political Science	13
8.	Social Work	24
9.	Sociology	04
Total		103

Faculty of Science and Technology:

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Anthropology	09
2.	Botany	09
3.	Bio-Chemistry	09
4.	Bio-Technology & Microbiology	09
5.	Chemistry	28
6.	Computer Science	02
7.	Geography	03
8.	Mathematics	18
9.	Marine Biology, PG Centre, Karwar	02
10.	Physics	04
11.	Psychology	11
12.	Statistics	10
13.	Zoology	05
Total		119

6.0 Instructions for submitting applications with fees challan:

6.1 Application form shall be downloaded from the website www.kud.ac.in and the duly filled-in application form, along with all enclosures (including online payment challan for Application Processing fee) shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the concerned PG Department at Karnatak University, Dharwad.

6.2 The fee details are as under:

- i Application fees: **2,420/-** (Rs. **1,210/-** for SC/ST full time candidates only).
- ii **Rs. 4,840/-** for foreign students.

Students are hereby informed to pay the fees through online in SBI Collect for more details visit at www.kud.ac.in

Fees once paid cannot be refunded.

6.3 Please refer to circular No. KU/Aca/PG/Ph.D/ASO/2025-26/27 dated: 18.07.2025 related to roster for seat allocation.

7.0 Caste Certificate/Fees Exemption:

The SC/ST candidates shall submit their Caste Certificates issued by Tahasildar/Competent authority irrespective of its date of issue. However, the income certificate (below Rs. 2.5 lakh) shall be within five years from the date of notification.

Applications without valid certificates will not be considered and incomplete applications are liable to be rejected.

Candidates from other universities, if selected, shall submit Eligibility Certificate issued by the Academic Section, Karnatak University, Dharwad at the time of admission, The Eligibility Certificates shall be obtained by submitting the required documents and by paying required fees.

For further details, contact the concerned departments or visit University Website www.kud.ac.in

8.0 Calendar of Events:

1.	Issue of Application Form (to be downloaded from website)	18.07.2025	Friday
2.	Last date for the receipt of application	14.08.2025	Thursday
3.	Date of Entrance Test	12.09.2025	Friday
4.	Announcement of the List of Qualified Candidates	19.09.2025	Friday
5.	Date of Interview	24.09.2025	Wednesday
6.	Meeting of the Doctoral Committee of all Faculties	03.10.2025 To 13.10.2025	Friday To Monday
7.	Last date for admission within 7 days from the date of announcement of selection list.		
8.	The selected candidates who fail to take the admission within 7 days, the wait listed candidates shall be considered. Further, wait listed candidates shall pay fees within 7 days from the date of announcement of wait list.		

In case, the last date is declared as holiday, the next working day will be the last date.

The provisional selection list of the candidates of Ph.D Programme shall be displayed on the notice board of the respective Department and on KUD Website. No correspondence is entertained in this regard.

Note: Selection for the Ph.D. programme does not guarantee Fellowship/Scholarship. The award of Fellowship/Scholarship is subject to availability of funds/schemes and other norms of the University.


REGISTRAR

Copy to :

1. All the Deans/Chairperson of the P.G. Departments, K.U. Dharwad/Administrators of various PG Centers.
2. The Registrar (Evaluation), K.U. Dharwad.
3. The Finance Officer, K.U. Dharwad.
4. The Director, Students Welfare Office, K.U.Dharwad
5. The Librarian, Prof. S.S. Basavanal Library, K.U. Dharwad.
6. The Chief U.E.I.G.B, K.U. Dharwad.
7. The Director, Prasaranga, K.U. Dharwad.