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कर्नाटक केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय

CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KARNATAKA

(Established by an Act of the Parliament in 2009)

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06.11.2026

INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSIONS TO VARIOUS PH.D PROGRAMS FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR-2026-27

1. The following candidates can register through the online SAMARTH registration portal for Ph.D. Admission and eligible candidates shall directly appear for an interview:
   i. Candidates who have qualified for national level examinations [such as JRF (UGC / CSIR / DBT / ICMR / ICSSR), NET (UGC / CSIR), GATE or equivalent, etc.)].
   ii. Candidates who have qualified National Eligibility Test (NET) under PH.D only (Category-3).
   iii. Candidates who have secured a DST-INSPIRE Fellowship.
   iv. Candidates with Central Government and State Government sponsored fellowships/ ANRF-PAIR Project Fellow.
   v. National/State level Teacher fellowship holders.
   vi. Candidates admitted under various research projects (Fulfilling any of the above points-(i) to (v)).
2. The candidate must register for Ph.D. admission through the online SAMARTH registration portal (https://cukadm.samarth.edu.in/). Submission of the online registration forms is mandatory for Ph.D. admissions. The candidates are advised to refer to the user manual for online registration on the SAMARTH portal
3. All candidates must pay the non-refundable registration fee as per the following categories.

Category	Non-refundable registration fee (Rs.)*
General, OBC (Non-creamy layer), EWS	500-00
SC/ST/PwD	100-00

(Registration fee is excluding transaction charges)

4. The tentative schedule for registration, declaration of eligible candidates, interview dates, admission are as follows

Item No.	Tentative time
Date of registration (https://cukadm.samarth.edu.in/)	06-11-2026 to 27-11-2026
Date of declaration of eligible candidates	30-11-2026
Date of addressing grievance on eligibility	30-11-2026 to 01-12-2026

Date of interviews	03-12-2026 to 09-12-2026
Date of declaration of selected candidates (Respective department will inform the eligible candidate through registered email)	10-12-2026
Date of admissions and fee payment	11-12-2026
Date of commencement of classes	04-01-2027

5. A list of candidates whose applications are received with the prescribed fee, along with the details of eligibility, will be displayed on the university website. The eligible candidates shall directly appear for the interview. Students who have any grievances regarding their eligibility may contact the relevant department.

6. The candidates applying under the reserved categories shall need to submit the category Certificates (SC/ST/OBC Non-Creamy Layer Certificate/ EWS) issued by the competent authority in the prescribed format at the time of registration and produce the same in original for verification at the time of admission. The candidates are advised to visit the website for the concerned certificate format.

7. The eligibility criteria for various Ph.D programmes are as follows-

PROGRAMME	ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA / MINIMUM QUALIFICATION FOR ADMISSION
Ph.D – Hindi	M.Phil. or Master's degree in Hindi from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D – Kannada	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Kannada from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D – English	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in English from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D – Economics	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Economics from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D. – Management	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Management from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 60% marks (55% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and nonmigrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D – Psychology	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Psychology from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D – Commerce	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Commerce from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students),

		preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
8	Ph.D -Social Work	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Social Work from any from any University / Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD for this purpose with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
9	Ph.D – Physics	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in different branches of Physics from any University / Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD for this purpose with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
10	Ph.D – Chemistry	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in different branches of Chemistry from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
11	Ph.D. – Mathematics	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Mathematics from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
12	Ph.D. – Zoology	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Zoology or related/allied disciplines (e.g. Animal Biotechnology, Animal Sciences, Applied Zoology, Animal Ecology, Biochemistry, Microbiology) from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
13	Ph.D. – Botany	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Botany or related/allied disciplines (e.g., Plant Biotechnology, Plant Sciences, Forestry, Environmental Science, Agricultural Botany, Applied Botany, Genetics, Biochemistry, Life Sciences) from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
14	Ph.D. – Genetics and Genomics	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Genetics/Genomics or related fields (Allied Life Science subjects such as Botany, Bio-Chemistry, Biotechnology, Microbiology, and Zoology) from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
15	Ph.D. – Geology	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Geology from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
16	Ph.D. – Electronics and Communication Engineering	M.E/M.Tech degree in Electronics and Communication/ Electronics/ Communication/ Microwave Engineering from any University/ Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD / AICTE or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of four years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
17	Ph.D. – Electrical Engineering	M.E/M.Tech degree in Electrical Engineering from any University/ Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD / AICTE or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of four years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
18	Ph.D. – Geography	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Geography from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-

	migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D. – Computer Science	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Computer Science/ Master of Computer Applications from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D. – Computer Science & Engineering	M.E./M.Tech or equivalent qualification in Computer Science & Engineering or relevant fields from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC/MHRD/AICTE or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON-CREAMY LAYER}, PWD, and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrant students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent degree of four years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D. – Linguistics	M.Phil. with Course Work or Master's Degree in Linguistics or Allied Disciplines (English / English Language Studies / Translation Studies / Language Technology) from any University / Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or Foreign University (As per the AIU Foreign Equivalence list) with at least 55% Marks (50% for SC,ST,OBC{Non-Creamy Layer}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and Non-Migrants Students), Preceded by a Bachelor Degree or an equivalent degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute
PhD – Mechanical Engineering	B. Tech/B.E and M. Tech/ME in relevant fields of Mechanical Engineering from any University/ Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD / AICTE or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of four years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
PhD – Media Studies	M.Phil. with course work or Master's Degree in Media Studies / Journalism & Mass Communication from any University or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
PhD – Arabic	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Arabic from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
PhD – Spanish	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Spanish from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
PhD – Music (Vocal)	M.Phil. with course work or MPA /M Music Master's degree in from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
PhD – Tabala	M.Phil. with course work or MPA (TABLA)/M Music (Tabla) Master's degree in Tabla Subject from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D. – Public Administration	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in public administration/Political Science/International Relations from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D. – Folklore and Tribal Studies	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Folklore/ Tribal Studies/ folkloristic/anthropology/folk literature/ cultural studies/folk art/literature in Indian languages from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years' duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph.D. – Law	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in LLM from any University/Institute recognized by the UGC / MHRD or foreign university (as per the AIU foreign equivalence list) with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.

Ph.D - Tourism Management	Master of Tourism and Travel Management, MTA, MA(Tourism), MTM, MBA (Tourism and Travel Management), MBA (Tourism and Hospitality Management), Master of Tourism and Hospitality Management, MSC Tourism with minimum 55% Marks from UGC/AICTE Recognized Universities/Institutions.
Ph.D – History and Archaeology	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in History from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute.
Ph D - Education	M.Ed degree from a recognized (NCTE) university or institution with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students).
Ph.D- Library & Information Science	M.Phil. with course work or Master's degree in Library and Information Science (M.Lib.I.Sc. / M.L.I.Sc.) or related fields from any University or a degree recognized by the University for this purpose or its equivalent in the relevant subject with at least 55% marks (50% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, PWD and Kashmiri Migrant and non-migrants Students), preceded by a Bachelor's Degree or an equivalent Degree of three years duration from a recognized University/Institute

8. The selection process for PhD admission are as follows:
   i. 70% weightage to JRF, NET and allied qualification, PG programme, and online test conducted by the concerned department.
   ii. 30% weightage for online presentation and viva-voce.
   iii. The distribution of marks is as follows-

Weightage	Criteria	Range	Total marks
70%	JRF (UGC/CSIR/DBT..etc)	JRF (UGC/CSIR/DBT..etc): 50 marks DST-INSPIRE/ANRF-PAIR or other Fellowships: 45 marks NET (UGC/CSIR), NET-PHD only, GATE, etc : 40 marks	Max. 50 marks
	PG programme marks	> 80% : 10 marks >60% : 8 marks >55% (50 others) -60% : 6 marks	Max. 10 marks
	Online Written test before interview	10 marks	Max. 10 marks
30%	Online Presentation on a proposed field of research	10 marks	Max. 10 marks
	Online Viva-voce on domain knowledge	20 marks	Max. 20 marks

9. Candidates who are short listed for Ph.D. Selection Interview should submit duly filled Annexure I to the respective HoDs of the programme. The contact details of respective HODs of the programme are provided in Annexure II. Submission of Annexure I is mandatory before online presentation/Viva-voce examination.

10. Candidates securing a minimum of 50% marks (45% for SC, ST, OBC {NON CREAMY LAYER}, EWS) in the combined score of the 70% and 30% weightage marks calculations will be eligible to be considered for admission as per the merit list.

11. Deans/HODs/Coordinators of concerned programmes will communicate the credentials of the online exam/interview link to the candidates registered Email ID (candidates provided Email ID on SAMARTH registration portal) only to participate in the selection process and admission to the corresponding programmes.

12. The University reserves the right not to offer the programme in any particular discipline due to administrative reasons or if the response to the programme is inadequate. The decision of the University will be final in this regard.

13. Reservation/relaxation will be given as per Government of India/University Rules adopted by the University from time to time.

14. Ensuring the eligibility for applying to a particular programme will be the sole responsibility of the candidate. Please read the eligibility criteria and other requirements before submitting the application form. Submission of online registration form and attending the interview through online mode are mandatory for the admission to the Ph.D programme.

15. These instructions are subject to alterations & modifications, and the same will be notified on the University website. These instructions are for information only and it does not constitute a legal document. Candidates are advised to visit the university website regularly for further information and instructions.

Registrar

6/11/20

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Annexure- I

TEMPLATE FOR PRIORITY LIST OF THE RESEARCH GUIDE

Candidate Name:

Application No:

Gender:

Category:

Master Degree (%):

Qualifying examination:

Program:

Academic Year: 2026-27

SL. No.	Faculty Name	Priority Order
		Priority-1
		Priority-2
		Priority-3
		Priority-4
		Priority-5
		Priority-6
		Priority-7

Research Proposal on field of Interest (Approximately 400 words):

(You can attach separate sheet, if required)

Annexure- II

Contact details for PhD admissions 2026-27

S. No.	programme in the Subject / Area of	Email ID
1	Education	hodeducation@cuk.ac.in
2	Business Studies	hodbs@cuk.ac.in
3	Tourism and Hotel Management	hodthm@cuk.ac.in
4	Chemistry	hodchemistry@cuk.ac.in
5	Commerce	hodcommerce@cuk.ac.in
6	Computer Sciences	hodcs@cuk.ac.in
7	Economics	hodesp@cuk.ac.in
8	Electrical Engineering	hodee@cuk.ac.in
9	Electronics	hodece@cuk.ac.in
10	English	hodenglish@cuk.ac.in
11	Genetics and Genomics	hodgenetics@cuk.ac.in
12	Zoology	hodzoology@cuk.ac.in
13	Botany	hodbotany@cuk.ac.in
14	Geography	hodgeography@cuk.ac.in
15	Geology	hodgeology@cuk.ac.in
16	Hindi	hodhindi@cuk.ac.in
17	History and Archaeology	hodhistory@cuk.ac.in
18	Journalism and Mass Communication	hodjmc@cuk.ac.in
19	Kannada	hodkannada@cuk.ac.in
20	Law	hodlaw@cuk.ac.in
21	Library and Information Science	hodlibscience@cuk.ac.in
22	Linguistics	hodlinguistics@cuk.ac.in
23	Mathematics	hodmathematics@cuk.ac.in
24	Music and Fine arts	hodmfa@cuk.ac.in
25	Physics	hodphysics@cuk.ac.in
26	Psychology	hodpsychology@cuk.ac.in
27	Public Administration	hodpa@cuk.ac.in
28	Social Work	hodsw@cuk.ac.in
29	Folklore and Tribal Studies	hodfts@cuk.ac.in