



No. CUK/ACA/Ph.D/ Notification/2014/2026 / 461094

Dated: 6th October, 2026

For admission to the Ph.D. Programme 2026-27

1. Applications

Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to the Ph.D. Programme of Central University of Kerala for the academic year 2026-27. The Ph.D. Programme shall be offered in Full-Time and Part-Time modes, subject to the provisions of the Central University of Kerala Regulations for the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) and the applicable UGC Regulations, notifications and guidelines in force.

(a) Full-Time Ph.D.: Candidates admitted under the Full-Time mode shall pursue the Ph.D. programme as full-time research scholars in accordance with the rules and regulations of the University.

(b) Part-Time Ph.D.: Candidates seeking admission under the Part-Time mode shall satisfy the eligibility and other requirements prescribed by the University. Such candidates shall submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from their employer/competent authority along with the application. The NOC shall clearly indicate that the candidate is permitted to pursue the Ph.D. programme on a part-time basis and to fulfil the academic, research and other requirements prescribed by the University.

Applications submitted under the Part-Time mode without the required NOC shall be treated as incomplete and shall not be considered for admission.

2. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme

(A) Candidates who have completed any one of the following:

A two year/four semester Master's Degree programme after a three year Bachelor's degree programme, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or equivalent grade.

Or

A one year/two semester Master's Degree programme after a four year Bachelor's degree programme, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or equivalent grade.

Or

A four year Bachelor's Degree programme with at least 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.

Or

An M.Phil. Degree with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade, wherever applicable.

Or

Candidates holding an equivalent qualification from an accredited/recognized foreign educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade is allowed for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)/Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decisions of the Commission from time to time.

(B) Candidates who are offered/qualified for:

Junior Research Fellowship of UGC/CSIR/GATE and similar national-level fellowships/tests based on an interview, as applicable.

Or

NET score in the following categories as per UGC Public Notice No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee) 2024(NET)/140648 dated 27.03.2024:

- (i) Eligible for admission to Ph.D. with JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor;
- (ii) Eligible for admission to Ph.D. without JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor;
- (iii) Eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.

The marks obtained in NET by candidates in categories (i) and (ii) shall be valid for the period prescribed by the UGC for admission to Ph.D. Selection for admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be based on the criteria prescribed by the University in accordance with the UGC Regulations and applicable UGC notifications. The weightage assigned to the qualifying national-level examination score and interview/viva-voce shall be as prescribed by the University.

3. Submission of Application

Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. Programme at CUK shall apply online as per the details available on the University website, by paying an application fee of Rs. 1,000/- for UR/OBC/EWS candidates and Rs. 500/- for SC/ST/PwBD candidates, on or before 23:59 hrs on 26.10.2026.

Candidates shall indicate their preferred mode of admission, i.e., Full-Time or Part-Time, in the online application. Candidates applying under the Part-Time mode shall upload the required NOC from their employer/competent authority along with the application. The application submitted under the Part-Time mode shall be considered complete only when the prescribed NOC is uploaded/submitted along with the application.

4. Admission Procedure

The admission procedure shall be governed by the Central University of Kerala Regulations for the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), the UGC Public Notice No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee) 2024(NET)/140648 dated 27.03.2024, the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, and other applicable UGC notifications/guidelines and Government of India reservation policies in force at the time of admission. The number of candidates admitted shall be restricted to the approved vacancies and the permissible supervisory capacity of eligible Research Supervisors as prescribed under the applicable University Regulations.

5. Details of Vacancies:

Sl. No	Name of the Department	Vacancies						Contact details
		UR	OBC (NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	Total	
1	English	1	2	0	2	1	6	0467-2309261 hod.decl@cukerala.ac.in
2	Economics	3	4	0	0	0	7	9947910989 hod.economics@cukerala.ac.in
3	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	2	2	2	3	1	10	7702966350 hod.bcmb@cukerala.ac.in
4	Zoology	0	3	0	1	1	5	8547887834 Hod.zoology@cukerala.ac.in
5	Genomic Science	2	1	2	2	3	10	04672309328 hod.genomic@cukerala.ac.in
6	Physics	7	4	5	2	1	19	7306420802 cukphyhod@cukerala.ac.in
7	Computer Science	7	1	0	2	3	13	9894850299 hod.cs@cukerala.ac.in
8	Hindi	5	2	1	0	0	8	hodhcl@cukerala.ac.in
9	Mathematics	5	3	1	1	2	12	04672309402 hod.maths@cukerala.ac.in
10	Plant Science	5	1	4	2	1	13	hod.plantscience@cukerala.ac.in
11	Chemistry	12	6	5	3	2	28	04672309141 hod.chemistry@cukerala.ac.in
12	Environmental Science	6	7	3	2	1	19	04672309201 hod.evs@cukerala.ac.in
13	International Relations	0	1	0	1	1	3	0467 2309453 hod.politics@cukerala.ac.in
14	Linguistics	3	3	4	1	2	13	0467 2309262 hod.linguistics@cukerala.ac.in
15	Social Work	1	0	2	2	3	8	04672309414 hod.socialwork@cukerala.ac.in
16	Education	7	3	1	2	1	14	head.edu@cukerala.ac.in
17	Law	0	1	0	0	1	2	9497195387 0469 2638130 hod.law@cukerala.ac.in
18	Malayalam	1	1	1	0	1	4	04672309361 Hod-dom@cukerala.ac.in
19	Public Health Sciences	7	2	2	0	2	13	04672309194 hod.publichealth@cukerala.ac.in
20	Public Administration and Policy Studies	7	2	2	2	2	15	hod.publicadmin@cukerala.ac.in
21	Geology	2	0	0	1	2	5	0467 2309161 hodgeology@cukerala.ac.in
22	Yoga Studies	1	0	0	0	1	2	9886462201 hodyoga@cukerala.ac.in
23	Management Studies	3	1	1	1	1	7	0467 2309337 hod.management@cukerala.ac.in
24	Commerce & International Business	1	3	1	1	0	6	0467 2309472 hod.commerce@cukerala.ac.in
25	Tourism Studies	3	3	1	2	2	11	9480012022 hod.tourism@cukerala.ac.in
26	Kannada	3	0	1	1	0	5	9449258183 hod.kannada@cukerala.ac.in
Total		94	56	39	34	35	258	

Ans.

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The category-wise vacancies indicated above are provisional and have been determined based on the approved supervisory capacity and applicable reservation roster/policy. The University reserves the right to revise the vacancies, if necessary, in accordance with the applicable regulations and reservation policy. The vacancies shown are tentative and may increase or decrease at the time of admission. The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill any or all of the notified vacancies for reasons as may be applicable under the University Regulations.

6. Reservation

Seats shall be reserved in accordance with the applicable Government of India reservation policy and the reservation provisions adopted by the University. The category-wise vacancies shall be determined with reference to the applicable reservation roster and the approved supervisory capacity. In pursuance of the provisions of the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and the applicable Government of India reservation policy, 5% horizontal reservation shall be provided for Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD), with the prescribed benchmark disability of 40% or above. Such horizontal reservation shall be accommodated within the respective vertical categories, as applicable. The University may conduct a special admission drive for filling unfilled reserved vacancies, particularly SC/ST vacancies, as per the applicable University Regulations and Government of India reservation policy.

7. Selection Procedures

There shall be an interview for admission to the Ph.D. programme. Every applicant called for interview shall submit and present a research proposal before the concerned Faculty Council/Departmental Research Committee. Candidates admitted under both Full-Time and Part-Time modes shall be required to fulfil the academic, coursework, research, progress, comprehensive examination and other requirements prescribed under the applicable Ph.D. Regulations of the University.

8. Allocation of Research Supervisors

Candidates are free to contact prospective Research Supervisors in the Department concerned. However, such contact or preference shall not confer an automatic right to admission under, or allocation to, a particular Research Supervisor. The concerned Faculty Council/Departmental Research Committee shall allot candidates among eligible Research Supervisors having regard to the approved vacancies, research area/proposal of the candidate, expertise and specialization of the Research Supervisor, availability of supervisory capacity, and the applicable reservation norms. The number of candidates allotted to a Research Supervisor shall not exceed the permissible supervisory capacity prescribed under the applicable University/UGC Regulations.

9. General Instructions

1. Candidates shall ensure that all information furnished in the application is complete and correct.
2. Incomplete applications and applications received after the prescribed date will summarily be rejected and no further correspondence in this regard will be entertained.
3. Candidates applying under the Part-Time mode shall submit/upload the prescribed NOC along with the application. Failure to submit the NOC shall render the application incomplete.



4. All candidates are advised to regularly visit the University website for updates, modifications or further instructions relating to the admission process.

5. Admissions under supernumerary categories, including eligible international/foreign research scholars, wherever applicable, shall be governed by the relevant University/UGC provisions and shall be over and above the regular category-wise vacancies, subject to the applicable rules.

10. Important Dates

Particulars	Date
Date of Notification	6 th October, 2026
Last date for applying online	26 th October, 2026
Date(s) of interview	Oct/Nov. 2026
Publication of selected candidates	Nov./Dec., 2026

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