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**Guidelines for Ph. D. Candidates
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Ph. D. Program

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DR. A. P. J. ABDUL KALAM UNIVERSITY, INDORE

1. Preface:

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam University Indore offers research programs leading to the award of the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) degree. The Ph.D. Program at **Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam University** designed to provide an opportunity to obtain the greatest possible expertise in the chosen field of interest through extensive course work and intensive research. The award of this degree is in recognition of high academic achievements, independent research and application of knowledge to the solution of technical and scientific problems in the various disciplines.

The objective of Ph.D. degree program is to promote highly qualified researchers required for the expansion of fundamental knowledge and innovation through research & development.

2. Faculty of Ph.D. Program:

Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam University offers admission in Ph.D. for following faculty of research:

- i) Faculty of Engineering & Technology
- ii) Faculty of Pharmacy
- iii) Faculty of Management
- iv) Faculty of Physical Science
- v) Faculty of Social Sciences
- vi) Faculty of Humanities
- vii) Faculty of Commerce
- viii) Faculty of Life Science
- ix) Faculty of Education
- x) Faculty of Computer Sciences & Application

The research work shall be an original work characterized by the discovery of the facts or by a new approach towards the interpretation of the facts or development of any equipment making a marked advancement in technology. The Ph.D. degree shall be conferred and awarded to a candidate who

fulfils all the requirements specified in these Ordinances and Regulations in the discipline of the Department in which he/she is registered.

3. Notification for Ph. D. Program

The University shall decide and declare well in advance, a manageable number of doctoral students depending on the number of available eligible supervisors.

1. The number of seats as aforesaid shall be notified on a regular basis on the University website and/or advertisement in the widely read national as well as regional newspapers.
2. A notification for Ph.D. Program shall specify
 - a. The number of seats available in each Department/Faculty/Subject, the date, place and syllabus of the Entrance Test
 - b. Procedure of application submission

4. Eligibility Criteria for Admission to Ph.D. Program

(As per the Ph. D UGC Regulation 2022 (Published 07 November 2022)).

(1) Candidates who have completed:

- i. 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 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.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time. Provided that 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. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-

creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(2) 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. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

5. Admission Procedure

- As per the Ph. D UGC Regulation 2022 (Published 07 November 2022).
- Applications are invited for admission in Ph. D. Program.
- The applicant should fill application form and submit with all the desired documents together with fee in the prescribed manner.
- University will organize Ph.D. Entrance test and will declare eligibility list for personal interview
- The result of Ph.D. entrance test shall be declared on the University Website.
- Date of personal Interview and Fee deposition of qualified applicants Ph.D. Entrance Test will be notified through email and will be uploaded on website.
- Applicants shall be admitted to Ph.D. program after deposition of fees and verification of original documents (originals + 2 photocopies each) by the admission department.

6. Ph.D. Entrance Test

- List of Eligible candidates for entrance test will be displayed on University website.
- Eligible candidates have to appear in entrance test conducted by the University.
- The entrance test shall be of objective type in nature with total 200 marks with duration of two hours.
- Successful candidates will be called for Personal Interview.

- Applicants shall be short listed on the basis of merit for the predetermined seats available in each Department/Faculty/Subject for Ph.D. program of the University in an academic session.
- The allocation of the supervisor for a selected applicant shall be decided by the University depending on the number of seats per supervisor, the available specialization among the supervisors, and the research interest of the applicant.

7. Scheme & Syllabus for Entrance Test

There shall be one session of two hours duration. Applicants will be required to attempt under mentioned two papers:

- Paper I will be common for all applicants of various disciplines, carrying 100 marks, one hour duration. There will be 50 objective type questions based on research methodology which include;
 - General awareness: 15 questions
 - Basic computers: 15 questions
 - Research Aptitude: 10 questions based on reasoning and statistics
 - Research Methodology: 10 questions
- Paper II will be based on the individual's subject/discipline to which the applicant belongs. The paper will be of 100 marks for one hour duration. There will be 50 subjective type (Objective) questions
- Passing marks will be 50% in both papers.

8. Documents Required

Copies of the following self-attested documents should be enclosed with the application form:

S. No	Name of Document/Enclosure Required
1.	Dully filled Application form
2	Payment Proof i.e. Demand Draft
3.	NET/GATE/GPAT or equivalent examination Proof
4.	Copy of Academic Qualification Proof as per Application form
5.	Caste Certificate (if applicable)
6.	Recent 2 Passport Size Photograph

Acceptance of the form and the fees does not guarantee eligibility for appearing in the entrance test. Eligibility criteria have to be met by the applicants. Permission to appear for the test is provisional till such time the candidate fulfills the eligibility criteria within stipulated period.

9. Hall Ticket

- Hall Tickets will be provided online to all the candidates on the University website as per the exam schedule. Candidates will have to download and get a print out of Hall Ticket

Candidate must carry Hall Ticket along with one additional photo identity such as a driving license, PAN Card/Voter Card/ Aadhar Card to the examination hall.

10. Details of Entrance Examination Fees & Examination Centre

- The fees for the Entrance test examination of the Ph.D. Program Session 2025-26 is of Rs 2000/-submitted before. **08/08/2025** by 5 P.M with Application form.
- The application fee is mandatory for all candidates who are appeared in entrance examination.
- The application fees will be payable through Demand Draft issued from any Bank with Rs.2000/- in favour of “Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam University”, payable at Indore.
- Entrance Examination will be conducted at Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam University, Indore- Dewas Bypass Road, Village Arandia, Indore (M. P.) – 452010.

11. Discipline in which Ph.D. Offered in Session 2025-2026

Faculty	Discipline
Engineering & Technology	Mechanical Engineering
	Electronics & Communication Engineering
	Computer Science & Engineering
	Electrical Engineering
	Civil Engineering
Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical Science

Management	Management
Education	Education
Physical Science	Physics
	Chemistry
	Geography
	Mathematics
	Computer Science
Computer Sciences & Application	Computer Application
Life Science	Botany
	Microbiology
	Biochemistry
	Biotechnology
	Zoology
	Environmental Science
Commerce	Commerce
Humanities	Hindi
	English
Social Science	Political Science
	Sociology
	Psychology
	Economics
	History

12. How to Apply

1. The applicant should submit the Entrance test examination fees of 2,000/- via Cash Receipt direct to the University Account or submit through draw a Demand Draft from any Bank, in favor of “**Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam University**” payable at Indore.
2. Candidate should enclose the required documents along with the hard copy of application form and Demand draft (Name, Subject and address should be written back side of D.D.)
3. Candidate send the application with Demand Draft and required documents either by post or by hand to **Registrar, Dr. A. P. J. Abdul Kalam University, Indore- Dewas Bypass Road, Village- Arandia, P.O. Vijay Nagar, Indore (M.P.) – 452010**. Last date for submitting the application to the University is on or before **08/08/2025** during office hours 5 PM.

13. Important Dates

Start date of the Applications	After the Publication of Advertisement
Last date for receiving the Applications	08/08/2025
Date of Entrance Test	23/08/2025
Declaration of Entrance Test results	28/08/2025

14. Programs and Fee Structure

Faculty	Discipline	Fees
Engineering & Technology	Mechanical Engineering	Tuition Fees 3,30,000/-
	Electronics & Communication Engineering	
	Computer Science & Engineering	
	Electrical Engineering	
	Civil Engineering	
Pharmacy	Pharmaceutical Science	Tuition Fees 3,30,000/-
Management	Management	Tuition Fees 2,85,000/-
Education	Education	Tuition Fees 2,85,000/-
Physical Science	Physics	Tuition Fees 2,40,000/-
	Chemistry	
	Geography	
	Mathematics	
	Computer Science	
Computer Sciences & Application	Computer Application	Tuition Fees 2,40,000/-
Life Science	Botany	Tuition Fees 2,40,000/-
	Microbiology	
	Biochemistry	
	Biotechnology	
	Zoology	
	Environmental Science	
Commerce	Commerce	Tuition Fees 2,40,000/-
Humanities	Hindi	Tuition Fees 2,40,000/-
	English	

Social Science	Political Science	Tuition Fees 2,40,000/-
	Sociology	
	Psychology	
	Economics	
	History	

Extra Fees : Entrance Test Fees 2,000/- Enrollment Fees 3000/- Course Work Exam Fees 3400/- Thesis Evaluation and Plagiarism Fess 35,000/- .

15. Course Work

Each candidate shall be required to undertake course work for a minimum period of one semester (six months). The course work shall be treated as pre-Ph.D. preparation and shall include the following syllabus:

1. Research Methodology (4 credits): Each Ph.D. candidate will have to undergo one course on Research Methodology.
2. Computer Applications (4 credits): This paper consist MS Office and Research Tool.
3. Research Publication Ethics (2 credits): This paper consist Research Publication related parts.
4. Literature Review in the domain of Research (2 credits): This course will be adjudged by submitting a Review article/assignment based on reviewing of latest published research articles/work in the relevant research field and a presentation of the same.

At the end of the course work of one semester each candidate shall be every year in the above three courses. A candidate who has put in a minimum of 75% attendance during the course work will be admitted to the examination which follows the course work.

S. No.	Subject Code	Name of Subject	Credits	Examination Scheme		
				End Semester Exam	Continuous Assessment*	Total Marks
1.	PhD 101	Research Methodology	4	60	40	100
2.	PhD 102	Computer Applications	4	60	40	100
3.	PhD 103	Research Publication Ethics (RPE)	2	30	20	50
4.	PhD 104	Review of Literature#	2	50#	0	50#
5.	PhD105	Comprehensive Viva-Voce	2	50	0	50
Total Credits & Marks			14 (Total Credits)	350 (Total Marks)		

*The continuous assessment includes assignment, power point presentation and attendance marks. Student will be required to submit two assignments and one power point presentation in each paper (1 and 2). Each assignment and power point presentation will carry 10 marks. The attendance of PhD course work will carry 10 marks.

No University Examination, in this course a PhD student has to present seminar/presentation or a series of presentations on a topic(s) chosen by him/her in consultation with his/her PhD Thesis Supervisor and the marks will be awarded on the basis of presentation.

16. Registration

1. Upon successful completion of the course work the candidate shall be required to present and defend a synopsis of his/her proposed research work before the RDC who may either approve or may ask the candidate to resubmit the synopsis based on the suggestions/modifications made by it. The RDC may allow not more than three attempts to a candidate for defending the synopsis of the proposed research work.
2. Upon approval of the synopsis by the RDC, the candidates are registered in the Ph.D. program and to undertake research work and produce a draft thesis within the stipulated time limit.
3. Every candidate registered for Ph.D. program shall be duly enrolled, unless he/she has already been enrolled once in the University, as a research candidate of the University on payment of prescribed fee and required documents in original.

17. Duration of the Programme

- i. Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- ii. A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution concerned; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme. Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.
- iii. Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.