



GAUHATI UNIVERSITY

Gopinath Bardoloi Nagar, Guwahati – 781014

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Notification

The Academic Council in its meeting held on 24th June, 2025 has vide Resolution No (8) has approved the following modifications in the GU Ph.D. Regulations, 2023 as recommended by the meeting of the Research Council of Gauhati University held on 30.06.2025:

1. Section 3.6 (Departmental Research Committee) will be modified as below:
 - The first line will be modified as - To oversee all matters relating to Ph.D. programmes of a Department, Institute or Centre of the university, a Departmental Research Committee (DRC) will be constituted to-
2. In Clause (i) of Section 3.6.1 (Composition of the DRC) the following modifications are made:
 - (i) Head/Director of the concerned Department, Institute or Centre of GU. In case the Head/Director is not a Ph.D. degree holder, then the next senior teacher with a Ph.D. Degree will be the Chairperson. In case a Department, Institute or Centre has no teacher with a Ph.D. degree, then the Academic Registrar may entrust the Dean of the respective faculty as the Chairperson of the DRC of that Department, Institute or Centre subject to the approval of the Vice-Chancellor.
3. Under Section 4.2 (Number of Scholars under a research Guide) the following may be incorporated as (iii):
 - (iii) A supervisor may be allowed to admit any UGC-CSIR JRF qualified candidate or any other exempted candidate on a supernumerary basis, provided that the maximum number of Ph.D. supernumerary scholars shall not be more than 2, 2, and 1 at any point of time under a Research supervisor who is a Professor, Associate Professor, and Assistant Professor (or equivalent positions), respectively.
4. Section 5.1 (Admission Procedure) to be modified to incorporate the following:
 - (i) The admission to the Ph.D. Programme in Gauhati University would be primarily based on the UGC Public Notice No. F.4-1 (UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024 (NET)/140648, dated March 27, 2024, whereby UGC-CSIR NET qualified candidates would be given admission in consonance with the provisions of the Gauhati University Ph.D. Regulations, 2023, as below:
 - (a) The UGC-CSIR JRF-qualified candidates (Category-1) are admitted into the Ph.D. programme based on interview of the candidates as per the Gauhati University Ph.D. Regulations, 2023.
 - (b) For the CSIR-UGC NET candidates who qualified for appointment as Assistant Professor (Category-2) and those who qualified for Admission to Ph.D. only (Category-3) 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks (70%) and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce (30%).
 - (c) Provided that the marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to the Ph. D. programme.
 - (d) GU-RET shall be conducted for the departments of GU whose vacancies for the Ph.D. programme could not be filled up because of (i) lack of UGC-CSIR NET qualified candidates or (ii) the subject being outside the scope/list of UGC CSIR list of subjects in which the NET is conducted; provided that the final decision regarding GU-RET shall be taken by the Ph.D. Admission Committee.
5. In section 5.3 (Eligibility) a clause (vi) be inserted:

Professional/Non-academics who have the required qualifications and/or have cleared JRF/NET in course of their careers and/or have established scholarly interests may also apply for admission to the Ph.D. programme. The DRC after examination of such application(s) will forward the same with its observation(s)/recommendation to a committee constituted centrally with all Deans, Registrar, Academic Registrar and three Professors, to be nominated by the Vice Chancellor. Admission of any candidate under



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this category shall have to be approved by the central committee, provided that:

- a. A department can admit a maximum of two candidates under this category; and
 - b. Applications of such scholars shall be considered for admission on supernumerary basis.
6. The following words be added at the end of Clause (vi) of Section 6.1.1 (Structure of Ph.D. Course Work) –
- provided that the same may be conducted in blended, i.e., both offline and online mode
7. In section 7.1 (Annexure 1: Guidelines for preparing the Ph.D. thesis), articles xii and xiii are inserted as below:
(xii) The scholar is also required to submit a Clearance certificate, wherever necessary from the Institutional Ethics Committee indicating that all ethical norms have been adhered to while undertaking the research involving human subjects, animal(s) and biosafety.
(xiii) Theses on topics having any relevance with Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) may be mapped accordingly and the same be included as a separate report in the thesis.
8. Clause (ii) of Section 3.5.1 (composition of the FRC) be modified as below
a. All heads of departments having Ph.D. programme
b. All Ph.D. Research Guide.
9. A separate section (appendix) be inserted to incorporate the admission norms and process for admission to the M.Phil and Ph.D. programmes at the Lokopriya Gopinath Bordoloi Regional Institute of Mental Health (LGBRIMH).

The above has approval of the Hon'ble Vice Chancellor, GU, dated 10.07.2025.

Sd/-
Academic Registrar
Gauhati University.

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1. All Deans of Faculty, Gauhati University.
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