



NETAJI SUBHAS OPEN UNIVERSITY

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Memo No. Reg/1117

Date: 11.09.2025

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR PH.D. PROGRAMMES OF ACADEMIC YEAR 2024-2025

(SESSION: JANUARY 2025)

On-line applications are invited for admission to the Ph.D. Programmes under Regular Mode as per vide notification F.No. 2-1/2017 (DEB-III/DEB-IV) on 19.05.2017, UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2022 and NSOU, Ph.D. Regulations, 2023 and UGC notice vide no.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/1406-48 dated 27.03.2024.

1. DISCIPLINE & CATEGORY WISE NUMBER OF VACANCY:

SL. NO.	DISCIPLINE	CODE	VACANCIES			TOTAL
			UR	SC	ST	
1.	Zoology	PHDZO	3	2	1	6
2.	Mathematics	PHDMT	1	1	1	3
3.	Geography	PHDGR	0	1	1	2
4.	Chemistry	PHDCH	3	1	1	5
5.	Physics	PHDPH	1	1	1	3
6.	Environmental Science	PHDES	0	0	1	1
7.	Botany	PHDBT	2	1	1	4
8.	Bengali	PHDBG	1	2	0	3
9.	English	PHDEG	2	0	1	3
10.	English Language Teaching	PHDLT	1	0	0	1
11.	Education	PHDED	1	0	0	1
12.	Political Science	PHDPS	1	0	0	1
13.	History	PHDHI	2	2	0	4
14.	Sociology	PHDSO	1	0	1	2
15.	Social Work	PHDSW	2	0	1	3
16.	Library & Information Science	PHDLS	0	0	1	1
	TOTAL		21	11	11	43



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Note: Final intake of Ph.D. scholars may vary from the actual vacancy list as published at the time of admission, subject to availability of research supervisor(s) in each discipline.

2. DISCIPLINE WISE BROAD AREA(S) OF STUDIES:

SL. NO.	DISCIPLINE	CODE	BROAD AREA(S) OF STUDIES
1.	Zoology	PHDZO	Neurobiology/ Stress Physiology/ Cancer biology and Immunology ; Fisheries and Ecotoxicology
2.	Mathematics	PHDMT	Differential Geometry
3.	Geography	PHDGR	Open
4.	Chemistry	PHDCH	Chemical Sciences /Inorganic Chemistry ; Chemical Sciences /Organic Chemistry ; Chemical Sciences /Physical Chemistry
5.	Physics	PHDPH	Space Physics/ Environmental Physics ; Condensed Matter Physics
6.	Environmental Science	PHDES	Ecotoxicology, Aquatic toxicology, Environmental Pollution
7.	Botany	PHDBT	Plant Physiology/Biochemistry/Ecology/Biotechnology
8.	Bengali	PHDBG	Bengali Fiction/ Partition Literature
9.	English	PHDEG	South Asian Literature/ Indian Writing in English/ Postcolonial Indian Drama ; Folklore/ Ethnomusicology/ Digital Humanities/ Comparative Literature
10.	English Language Teaching	PHDLT	Applied Linguistics/ Acquisition
11.	Education	PHDED	Educational Technology/ Teacher Education/ Curriculum & Pedagogy/ Education for Sustainable Development ; Educational Sociology/ Educational Psychology/ Education for Marginal Class
12.	Political Science	PHDPS	Autobiographical Studies/ Indian Political Thought/ Gender Studies/ Indian Politics ; Gender Studies and Politics of Representation/ Indian Politics and Comparative Political Processes/ Subaltern Studies and



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			Identity Politics/ Local Governance and Development/ Public Administration and Public Policy
13.	History	PHDHI	Social and Economic History of Modern Bengal/ Bengal's Colonial and Post-Colonial Social, Political and Cultural Development ; Modern Indian History/ Newspapers and the Freedom Struggle/ Women's Education and Social Reforms
14.	Sociology	PHDSO	Social Exclusion and Empowerment
15.	Social Work	PHDSW	Gender Issues/ Public Health/ Community Development/ Child Development ; Rural and Urban Development
16.	Library & Information Science	PHDLS	Knowledge Organisation/ Information Retrieval System/ Internet of Things/ Artificial Intelligence in LIS

3. ELIGIBILITY:

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 equivalent with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale.

Provided 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.

Or

Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale **[Kind attention to UGC notice vide Memo No. F.9-83/2023(PS/Misc.), dt. 26.12.2023].**

And

Candidates are eligible to apply following UGC notice vide no.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/1406-48 dated 27.03.2024.

4. RELAXATION OF MARKS:

A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, from 75% to 70% or an equivalent relaxation of grade may be allowed for those candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, following the rules of Govt. of West Bengal. The eligibility marks and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

Reservation as per Govt. Rules, and relevant Court Orders in this regard will be applicable.



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5. SELECTION PROCEDURE:

The admission will be based on the criteria as detailed in "Eligibility" section.

Selection Procedure for students who has qualified for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET or has a valid score in UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED (within period of validity):

University will circulate related notification in this regard after completion of online application form submission along with supporting documents as applicable.

List of successful candidates may be published in the admission website and or official website of the University.

6. FEES:

CANDIDATES ARE REQUESTED TO ENSURE THEIR ELIGIBILITY FOR THE PROGRAMME PRIOR TO PAYMENT OF FEES:

Fees to be paid at the time of Application excluding bank charges/ payment gateway charges as where applicable:

FEES	AMOUNT (RS.)
Application Fee	2,000/-
TOTAL	2,000/-

Important Note: If selected for the desired programme applicants have to pay all fees (like course fee, registration fee, research continuation fee, etc.) as and when notified by the University time to time.

7. TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

Event	From	To
On-line application forms will be available for the applicants	12.09.2025 (10.00 AM)	08.10.2025 (4.00 PM)
Online fees collection	12.09.2025 (10.00 AM)	08.10.2025 (4.00 PM)
Document verification and Application form submission for candidates at University H.Q. (Netaji Subhas Open University, DD-26, Sector-I, Salt Lake City, Kolkata-700064)	04.11.2025 (From 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM)	



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8. GUIDELINES:

- ✚ BEFORE APPLYING FOR THE ABOVE MENTIONED PROGRAMMES, APPLICANTS ARE ADVISED TO GO THROUGH THE UGC NOTIFICATION VIDE MEMO NO. **F.4-1 (UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648, DATED: 27THMARCH, 2024** FOR ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND THE NSOU, PH.D. REGULATION, 2023, **ADMISSION NOTIFICATION, 2025** ALL RELATED INFORMATION AS PROVIDED IN THE ADMISSION WEBSITE AND IN OFFICIAL WEBSITE OF THE UNIVERSITY.
- ✚ ALL INFORMATION REGARDING THE ADMISSION PROCESS WILL BE AVAILABLE ONLY ON THE NSOU OFFICIAL WEBSITE WHICH IS WWW.WBNSOU.AC.IN AND ON ADMISSION WEBSITE PHD.WBNSOUADMISSIONS.COM. APPLICANTS SHOULD CHECK THE ABOVE MENTIONED WEBSITES REGULARLY FOR UPDATED INFORMATION.
- ✚ BEFORE ONLINE SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM CANDIDATES ARE ADVISED TO **ENSURE THEIR ELIGIBILITY WITH THEIR TESTIMONIALS.**
- ✚ THE APPLICANTS ARE STRONGLY ENCOURAGED TO TAKE SPECIAL CARE ABOUT THE DATES OF PAYMENT OF FEES FOR ADMISSION, OTHERWISE HE OR SHE WILL BE DEPRIVED OF ADMISSION.
- ✚ IN ORDER TO AVOID ANY INCONVENIENCE, PLEASE COMPLETE ALL PROCEDURE RELATED TO ADMISSION WELL BEFORE AS MENTIONED IN THE TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE.
- ✚ UNIVERSITY ACCEPT FEES ONLY THROUGH ONLINE PAYMENT GATEWAY (SERVICE AVAILABLE AT ADMISSION WEBSITE ONLY).
- ✚ **APPLICANTS WHO WISH TO PAY THE FEE THROUGH DEBIT CARD/ CREDIT CARD/ NET BANKING ARE HEREBY DIRECTED TO USE THEIR OWN BANK ACCOUNTS ONLY. IN CASE OF FAILURE OF FEE PAYMENT TRANSACTION, THE AMOUNT SO PAID WILL GET TRANSFERRED TO THAT ACCOUNT.**
- ✚ REFUND OF ADMISSION FEES (IN CASE OF DOUBLE PAYMENT) WILL BE DONE AS PER UNIVERSITY RULES AND REGULATION IN ACCORDANCE WITH UGC REFUND POLICY.
- ✚ INCOMPLETE APPLICATION OR UPLOADING OF ILLEGIBLE DOCUMENTS ON ADMISSION PORTAL WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.



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- ✚ ALL IN-SERVICE APPLICANTS, NEED TO ATTACH “NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE” FROM THE EMPLOYER AT THE TIME OF SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION.
- ✚ AS PER CIRCULAR NOS. BC-16014/1/82-SC dt.06/08/1984 & BCD-1, D.O.12017/11/89-SCD(R.CELL) dt.09/01/1990; letter No.1510-SCW dt.31/05/2007 and no. 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09.07.2019 OF THE GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL, THE SCHEDULED CASTES/ THE SCHEDULED TRIBES/ ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS (EWSS) OF THE STATES OTHER THAN WEST BENGAL ARE NOT ENTITLED TO GET THE BENEFIT OF RESERVED QUOTA IN EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS IN WEST BENGAL UNLESS THEY CAN PRODUCE DOMICILE CERTIFICATE AS A PROOF FOR RESIDING IN WEST BENGAL FOR AT LEAST 10 YEARS ISSUED BY THE COMPETENT AUTHORITY.
- ✚ WHILE ADMITTING SCHOLARS FOR NEXT ACADEMIC SESSION, THE UNIVERSITY WOULD ADHERE TO RELEVANT ORDERS ON RESERVATION ISSUED BY H.E. DEPTT., GOWB AND/OR ANY OTHER COMPETENT AUTHORITY, INCLUDING RELEVANT COURT ORDERS IN THIS REGARD.
- ✚ IN THE EVENT OF ANY INFORMATION BEING FOUND INCORRECT/ FALSE/ MISLEADING/ FORGED CONTRARY TO HIS/HER ELIGIBILITY AT ANY STAGE OF ADMISSION OR AFTER ADMISSION OR EVEN AFTER CONFERMENT OF DEGREE THE ADMISSION AS WELL AS THE DEGREE WILL BE CANCELLED BY THE UNIVERSITY AND APPLICANTS/ STUDENT SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO GET REFUND OF ANY FEE PAID TO THE UNIVERSITY.
- ✚ SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION WILL NOT ENTITLE THE RIGHT TO ADMISSION AS THE SAME WILL DEPEND ON ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA AND AVAILABILITY OF SUPERVISOR(S).

10. ADMISSION OF FOREIGN CANDIDATE:

Foreign applicant (applicants holding passports of countries other than India, including people of Indian origin who have acquired the nationality of a foreign country, are considered foreign or international applicants) should have equivalent eligibility (eligibility criteria as detailed in the “Eligibility” section) 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. Programmes under Regular Mode as per vide F.No. 2-1/2017 (DEB-III/DEB-IV) on 19.05.2017, UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2022 and NSOU, Ph.D. Regulation, 2023.

Foreign applicant should have valid foreign Passport and Permission of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India.



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10.A. APPLICATION SUBMISSION:

Scanned copy of all relevant testimonials along with duly filled out application form (available in admission website), a Statement of Purpose and/or Research Proposal (within 3000 words) **must be sent to the Ph.D. Section mail ID (phd@wbnsou.ac.in) within 08.10.2025.**

10.B. SELECTION PROCEDURE:

After basic screening of applications, candidates may be called for interview (online/offline) on the basis of (a) Statement of Purpose and/or Research Proposal (within 3000 words) and (b) letters of recommendations as received from the referees, applicant may be called for the interview which may be conducted by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) concerned.

After which, and satisfactory performance in the interview conducted by the Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of Netaji Subhas Open University candidate may be provisionally selected to get admission in the Ph.D. programme.

10.C. DOCUMENT TO BE PRODUCED:

Foreign Candidates have to produce the following documents in original (along with all documents related to educational qualification) at the time of admission (after selection procedure as mentioned in 10.B) failing which the admission may be cancelled:

- Permission of Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India
- Valid foreign passport
- Financial undertaking
- Migration/Transfer Certificate
- Valid Student Visa mentioning the programme name (e.g. Ph.D. in Bengali) and name of “**Netaji Subhas Open University**”
- Attestation of all educational documents by Indian High Commission
- NOC from employer (if applicable)
- Any other document(s), if any required, by the authority at the time of admission

N.B.

For all notification, other guidelines and updated information please regularly visit admission website **phd.wbnsouadmissions.com**.



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DISCLAIMER

Admission is provisional subject to determination of eligibility by the concerned Research Advisory Committee of this University. If any discrepancy is revealed later, responsibility will rest on the applicant and his/her application will be cancelled and no claim for refund of fees will be entertained. Applicants are, therefore, advised to satisfy themselves as regards their eligibility before application and payment of fees.

Sd/-

Registrar (Add'l Charge)