



Doon University, Dehradun
Office of the Registrar

Admission Announcement for Ph.D. programs for the session 2026-27

No. Admission/Ph.D./2026-27 Date- 22nd September 2026

Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission in various Ph.D. programs of Doon University. Details of programs, seats available, Eligibility and mode of admission is given below:

1. Details of subject and no. of seats are given as under:-

S.N.	School & Programme of Study	Mode & Duration	Details of Seats
1	Ph.D. Environmental Science	Full time, 3/6yrs	13
2	Ph.D. Management	Full time, 3/6yrs	20
3	Ph.D. Physics	Full time, 3/6yrs	06
4	Ph.D. Mathematics	Full time, 3/6yrs	09
5	Ph.D. Chemistry	Full time, 3/6yrs	08
6	Ph.D. Computer Science	Full time, 3/6yrs	14
7	Ph.D. Media and Communication Studies	Full time, 3/6yrs	08
8	Ph.D. Economics	Full time, 3/6yrs	02
9	Ph.D. Psychology	Full time, 3/6yrs	02
10	Ph.D. Geology	Full time, 3/6yrs	06
11	Ph.D. Geography	Full time, 3/6yrs	10
12	Ph.D. English	Full time, 3/6yrs	03
13	Ph.D. German	Full time, 3/6yrs	02
14	Ph.D. French	Full time, 3/6yrs	03
15	Ph.D. Spanish	Full time, 3/6yrs	03
16	Ph.D. Japanese	Full time, 3/6yrs	08
17	Ph.D. Biological Sciences	Full time, 3/6yrs	04
18	Ph.D. Hindu Studies	Full time, 3/6yrs	06
19	Ph.D. Design*	Full time, 3/6yrs	03
20	Ph.D. Urban Development Management**	Full time, 3/6yrs	06
21	Ph.D. under Dr. Ambedkar Chair***	Full time, 3/6yrs	04

Note: Reservation will be applicable as per the State Govt. Rules.

2. The National Eligibility Test (NET) scores for admission to Ph.D. Programs will be used by the University as per the University Grants Commission (UGC), notification dated 27.03.2024
3. The following will be the key eligibility requirements for Admissions in various Ph.D. programs at the University:
 - i) Candidates with National Level Examinations: Candidates who have qualified national level exams like JRF (UGC/CSIR), NET (UGC/CSIR).
 - ii) Candidates with NET Qualification (Ph.D. only): Candidates who have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) for Ph.D. (Category-3).

Note: Entrance Test will be conducted for admission in Ph.D. Design (**for those who have not qualified CEED/GATE**) and Ph.D. Urban Development Management (**for those who have passed M.Sc. Urban Development Management/ M.A. in Urban Studies/M.A. in Development Studies**)

4. Based on the scores obtained in NET, the candidates will be eligible in three categories.

Qualified for	Eligible for		
	JRF	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. Admission
Category-1: Award of JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Category-2: Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.	No	Yes	Yes
Category-3: Admission to Ph.D. only	No	No	Yes

In accordance with the above table, Ph.D. Admissions will be given as below:

- i) JRF- Qualified students may be given admission into the Ph.D. Programme. The Candidates with valid UGC NET with JRF shall be called for interview.
- iii) The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Category 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D. Programs.

***Ph.D. Design:**

1. Eligibility

[A] Master's degree with at least 55% marks (50% for reserved categories as defined in Doon University PhD Ordinance)

OR

[B] 4-year Bachelor's degree with minimum 75% marks

2. Mode of Admission

Since UGC or CSIR does not conduct NET examination in design, there will be two modes of admission:

[A] For those who have qualified CEED / GATE:

Such applicants will be exempted from appearing in the entrance examination. They will be invited directly to appear in an Interview/Viva-Voce examination. Final merit will be prepared by giving 70% weightage to CEED / GATE score and 30% weightage to the performance in the Interview/Viva-Voce examination.

[B] For those who have not qualified CEED / GATE:

Such applicants will appear in the entrance examination. The test will consist of 50% questions related to research methodology and 50% questions related to the discipline. Those who qualify in the entrance examination will be invited to appear in an Interview/Viva-Voce examination. Final merit will be prepared by giving 70% weightage to their performance in the entrance examination and 30% weightage to the performance in Interview/Viva-Voce examination

3. Specialization Available

- Industrial Design
- Transportation Design

****Ph.D. Urban Development Management**

1. Eligibility

[A] M.A./M.Sc. Degree in M.Sc. Urban Development Management/ M.A. in Urban Studies/M.A. in Development Studies with 55% marks.

[B] M.A./M.Sc. with 55% marks and **GATE/NET** in Urban Planning/ Urban Infrastructure/Regional Planning/Environmental Planning/ Geo-Informatics/Geo-Spatial Science/Remote Sensing and GIS/Geography/ Disaster Management/ Environmental Studies/ Economics/ Sociology.

2. Mode of Admission

[A] For those who have passed M.Sc. Urban Development Management/ M.A. in Urban Studies/M.A. in Development Studies with 55% marks will appear in the entrance examination. The test will consist of 50% questions related to research methodology and 50% questions related to the discipline. Those who qualify in the entrance examination will be invited to appear in an Interview/Viva-Voce examination. Final merit will be prepared by giving 70% weightage to their performance in the entrance examination and 30% weightage to the performance in Interview/Viva-Voce examination

[B] Candidates who have qualified M.A./M.Sc. and **GATE/NET** in Urban Planning/ Urban Infrastructure/Regional Planning/ Environmental Planning/ Geo-Informatics/Geo-Spatial Science/ Remote Sensing and GIS/ Geography/ Disaster Management/ Environmental Studies/ Economics/ Sociology will be exempted from Entrance Test.

3. Available Specialization for Ph.D. Urban Development Management

- Urban/Regional Planning; Smart City, Urban Governance and Reforms; Urban Service and Sanitations; Housing; Slum Development; Urban Infrastructure Planning; Sustainable Tourism Development Planning.

- Urban Environment Urban Micro-Climate Urban Transport Application of Remote Sensing Geoinformatics for Urban Studies
- Application of Geo-Informatics in Urban Studies, Mapping and Monitoring; Spatio-Temporal Changes Using Remote Sensing; Urbanization in Hilly Region; Use of Sensors in Solid Waste Management; Environmental Impacts and Risk Assessment; Urban Hydrology; Urban Disasters; Tourism; Sustainable Urban Development

Note: Entrance Test for Ph.D. Design and Ph.D. Urban Development Management will be conducted only in Doon University, Dehradun itself.

*****Ph.D. under Dr. Ambedkar Chair**

Disciplines

Ph.D. research opportunities will be in the following disciplines:

- Economics
- Social Work / Sociology
- Psychology
- Anthropology

Admission will be given in the Ph.D. programs under Dr. Ambedkar Chair as per the criteria given in point no. 2 and 3 above.

Doctoral Fellowship

Two candidates selected based on merit and research proposal will receive a Doctoral Fellowship at par with UGC fellowship provided by the Dr. Ambedkar Foundation, Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment, Government of India.

Broad Thematic Areas of Research

Applicants are encouraged to submit research proposals addressing issues related to the Chair's thrust area, including, but not limited to:

- Socio-economic development and livelihood opportunities of SC/ST communities
- Social exclusion, discrimination and barriers to inclusion
- Educational access, attainment and inequalities
- Economic empowerment, employment and entrepreneurship
- Empowerment and well-being of marginalized women
- Gender dimensions, social inequality and empowerment
- Access to healthcare, social security and welfare programmes
- Political and social participation of marginalized communities
- Indigenous communities, culture, identity and development
- Psychological well-being, resilience and social inclusion
- Migration, livelihoods and changing socio-economic conditions
- Impact and effectiveness of government policies and welfare interventions
- Digital inclusion, financial inclusion and access to opportunities
- Community development and participatory approaches to empowerment
- Any other interdisciplinary issue directly relevant to social inclusion and empowerment of SC/ST communities and marginalized women in Uttarakhand

Eligible candidates will be required to make a presentation at the time of interview, clearly demonstrating:

- The research problem and its relevance to the thrust area of the Dr. Ambedkar Chair;
- Objectives and research questions;
- Proposed methodology and study area;
- Expected contribution of the research to social inclusion and empowerment; and
- Relevant literature and preliminary references.

5. After concluding the process of filling of online application form, candidates will be called for interview and merit list will be prepared as per UGC Regulations and Doon University Ph.D. Ordinances. For which information will be notified through the university website.

6. Candidates are required to fill the online application form by visiting the University website.

Link for filling form: <https://doonuniversityadm.samarth.edu.in/>

7. Registration/Application Fee

- i. The candidates seeking admission are required to deposit application fee of Rs. 800/- (Rs. 400/- for Uttarakhand SC/ST candidates).
- ii. Application fee shall not be refundable and no correspondence shall be entertained in this regard.

❖ **University reserves the right to withdraw any programme if the situation so warrants. Seats can be increased or reduced.**

❖ **The admission in the academic program is subject to fulfillment of the eligibility criteria. The University reserves the right to cancel the admission at any point of time, if the provided information by the candidate is found to be incorrect/ misleading.**

8. Tentative Schedule for the admission process is as under:

S.N.	Particulars	Date
1	Commencement of filling online application form	26 th September 2026
2	Last date for filling Application Form in the University	30 th October 2026
3	Date of Entrance Test for Ph.D. in Design and Ph.D. in Urban Development Management	During November 3 rd week
4	Interview	During December 1 st Week
5	Admission	During December 2 nd /3 rd week
6	Commencement of classes	January 2026 2 nd Week

9. Fee Structure

(i) Common Fee (irrespective of academic programs):

1. Admission Fee (one time – non-refundable):	Rs. 2000.00
2. Caution Money (One Time-Refundable):	Rs. 5000.00
3. Degree Fee (one time for one degree- non-refundable):	Rs. 750.00
4. University Magazine Fee (on annual basis):	Rs. 100.00
5. Student Council Fee (on annual basis)	Rs. 100.00

(ii) Hostel Fees

1. Lodging (per semester):	Rs. 6600.00
2. Electricity, water, utilities charges (per semester):	Rs. 2200.00
3. Mess Caution Money (One time- refundable):	Rs. 2000.00

Mess charges: Actual as per tender rates for food.

(iv) Tuition and other fees (per Semester):

Tuition Fee- Rs. 10,000 and Other Fee- Rs 10,000 (Total Rs. 20,000/- per semester)

Important information:

1. For more details, please contact at 0135-2533136 & 2533137.
2. Final Admission in the program will be subject to verification of necessary documents.

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Date: 22nd September 2026