

B.2 : Availability of Seats

Faculty-wise seats available for and all other relevant information shall be notified on the University website two times in an academic year i.e. by 31st May for July batch and 30th November for January batch, every year.

Sr. No.	Faculty	Total Seats	Total Pursuing	Available Seats
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B.3:Categories of Admission :

Candidates admitted to the programmes at university may be categorized as follows:

1. **Full-time:** Full-time Research Scholars are those who will be able to commit themselves full - time to carry out their research on the campus. Full-time Research Scholars may (if selected) receive a scholarship from the SUN Research Grant/UGC/AICTE/any other sponsoring institute/ agency to cover expenditure on research and living expenses. Full-time scholars may also be non-stipendiary, sustaining on their own and carrying out research full-time on the campus.
2. **Part-time – Internal** - Part-time Internal Candidates are those who are employed full-time at SUN & other institutes of Sandip Foundation (SF) and are permitted to pursue Ph.D. by the management as per policy of SUN and SF.
3. **Part-time – External** - Candidates are those, who hold a full-time job in other educational institutes/industry/research organizations, and are permitted to pursue their Ph.D. with SUN.

These candidates will do the research under the supervision of SU's Ph.D. Supervisor and complete the mandatory credit requirements as laid down for the Ph.D. course work. They will meet the University's requirements for monitoring the progress of their research work. They will follow all the rules and processes of Ph.D. Programme in letter and spirit. Further, in this case, employer must expressly undertake to relieve the candidate to enable him/her to complete the Course Work. Such candidates must submit a **No Objection Certificate** from his/her organization, where he/she is serving as an employee. (Appendix B3.3).

4. **Part-time – External - Working with CRCs** : University may collaborates with other research-oriented organizations/institutes with an aim to create knowledge center to enrich the research culture and builds to mutual cooperation by sharing knowledge, expertise and resources of each other.

The employee of the CRC may be selected for Ph.D. programme after the due admission process as per norms of the part-time external candidates. They may do Doctoral research under the supervision of the recognized Supervisors and under the co-supervision of the Researchers/Scientists, who are employees of

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CRC and have been recognized by university as Co-Supervisors. They will be required to register with the University, complete the mandatory credit requirements as laid down for the Ph.D. course work and will then be permitted to continue their research work at CRC. These Ph.D. students will have to follow the Ph.D. rules of the University in letter and spirit.

B.4 :Duration of the Programme :

1. Ph.D. programme shall be of duration of minimum three years, including one semester course work.
2. Extension up to a period of one year may be given by the URC on the recommendation of the concerned supervisor and DRC. In such case the scholar shall submit the application in prescribed format for extension, through his Research Supervisor and forwarded by DRC, one month before the expiry of the registration period. The scholar shall have to pay the fee for the period of extension as per rules of the university.
3. The part time scholar, women scholar and persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed an extension of one more year beyond the extended duration stated above in point (2). In addition to the above, women scholar may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. for up to 180 days, on submission of medical certificate in this regard. The scholar shall have to pay the fee for the period of extension as per rules of the university.
4. The vice chancellor may grant the additional period of extension, up to two years, beyond the stated period of extension, as mentioned in point (2) & (3), in special condition such as financial crisis or health of scholar or any other logical/acceptable reason/s, on recommendation of URC.

B.5 :Eligibility of Candidate

A candidate seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme must satisfy any one of the following eligibility requirements:

1. Candidates shall have a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.
2. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the

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qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures. Relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/Differently-Abled categories or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991.

3. Candidates who have successfully completed the M.Phil. Degree with 55% marks or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed), shall be eligible to take admission. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/differently-abled categories.
4. Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission.
5. Master's degree or equivalent in any subject with 55% marks plus minimum of five years of work experience in the area of interdisciplinary research in which admission is being sought. Interdisciplinary research involves two or more academic, scientific, or artistic disciplines. The candidate must show evidence of his/her relevant experience in interdisciplinary area of research.
6. Candidates with professional degree such as engineering/ medical/ veterinary sciences/ management etc. (viz. B.E., B.Tech, M.B.B.S. etc.) & with professional experience in research organizations, industries project management and execution etc., with equal to or more than 20 years of experience are also entitled for admission into Ph.D. programme. Such candidates shall have a Bachelor's degree of a recognized University or equivalent with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.
7. **Reservation:** The reservation policy as laid down by the Government of Maharashtra is applicable for the available vacancies under each supervisor/department/school.

Note: International candidates (NRIs, Foreign Nationals and PIOs who have obtained Master's degree from foreign universities) are also required to qualify Ph.D. Entrance Test (SUN-PET), however they may appear in on line mode for entrance test and personal interview, which may be arranged for them on their request as per norms.

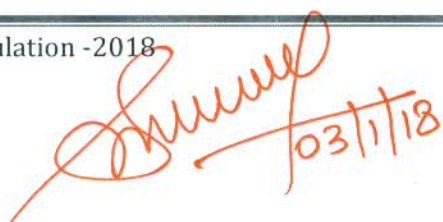
B.6 : Admission Procedure:

1. The details regarding the entrance test and the number of vacancies in each faculty shall be notified by the University in the month of May and November each year. The entrance test for admission to Ph.D. programme shall be conducted by the University two times in an academic year, i.e. in the month of June and December.

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2. The Candidate shall apply online for admission to Ph.D. programme on the University's website as per the admission notification.
3. The candidate shall also upload the 'Proposed Research Idea' along with the application. The "Proposed Research Area" shall detail the proposed research and the plan of action in the format given in (Appendix B6.3).
4. Candidates eligible and interested in availing the University's Junior Research Fellowship (SUN-JRF) shall mark the specified section of the admission form. However, it is the sole discretion of university to admit the students under this category.
5. Admission to Ph.D. will be two stage Process:
 - a) SUN's Ph.D. Entrance Test (SUN-PET) and
 - b) A Personal Interview.
6. The syllabus of the Entrance Test (SUN-PET) shall consist of 50% of the content related to Research Methodology and 50% shall be subject-specific. The entrance test for the Ph.D. programme shall be multiple choice questions for 100 marks (50 marks for each part) and for the duration of two hours. The Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Centre(s) notified in advance. The structure of the entrance test may be changed time to time as per recommendation of URC and approved by academic council and the same will be notified in University's web site.
7. Candidates who have cleared NET/SET/SLET/GATE/JRF/M.Phil. in the relevant discipline or are UGC/CSIR/ICMR DBT/RGNF/MANF/DST Inspire& NBHM, may be exempted from the Entrance examination during the period of the validity of the concerned test. They will be required to appear for the Personal Interview. However, it is mandatory for them to fill the online application form along with the required fee.
 - DBT - Department of Biotechnology
 - RGNF - Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship
 - MANF - Maulana Azad National Fellowship
 - DST - Inspire - Department of Science & Technology
 - NBHM - National Board for Higher Mathematics
8. Candidates secured 50% in SUNPET and the candidates exempted as per above mentioned clause (7) will be called for Personal Interview.
9. In the personal interview, the shortlisted candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Departmental Research Committee (DRC) of the Faculty.
10. The DRC will prepare the merit list of successful candidates who are eligible for provisional admission on the basis of the scores obtained out of Aggregate Marks (100) consist of:
 - a) SUN's Ph.D. Entrance Test (SUN-PET) or equivalent- 50 marks



- b) The equivalence of PET marks of exempted candidates will be prepared by DRC as per approved specified norms.
 - c) Personal Interview Performance -50 marks
11. The final merit list as prepared by the DRC will be declared on the website of the University.
 12. Candidates from the merit list will be offered, provisional admission as per the availability of seat and as per rules.
 13. The DRC shall also prepare a separate list of selected for SUN-JRF as per the criteria laid down by the University time to time.
 14. After submission and verification of all eligibility documents and payment of the prescribed fee by the due date, the letter of provisional admission will be officially conveyed to the candidate by Student Section of office of the Registrar.
 15. Provisionally admitted candidates will identify and the Research Supervisors from the list of recognized supervisors available at SUN's website with vacancies in respective areas. Candidates will contact the Supervisor and after discussion and mutual agreement, the candidate will submit a letter of consent to signed by the Research Supervisor, approved by chairman DRC and Dean (Research) to the Ph.D. section.(Appendix B6.15).
 16. After the Ph.D. Supervisor has formally consented to supervise the scholar, all communication about the work/progress/issues related to the scholar will be done through the Supervisor.

Part – C :

This part of the regulation includes the details of the pre Ph.D. course work, final registration, approval of title, progress monitoring, thesis submission & evaluation, plagiarism policy and award of degree.

C.1 : Ph.D. Course Work :

1. The Ph.D. course work of minimum 12 credits is a prerequisite for Ph.D. preparation. All Ph.D. Research Scholars shall undertake and complete the Course Work of minimum 180 hours of contact (in one stretch or in modular pattern), which may be completed minimum in one semester and maximum in four semesters. However; after satisfactory report from supervisor, the scholar may start their research work, after six month from the date of provisional admission. However, on recommendation of supervisor, the scholar may have to opt course-4, depending upon the requirement of research area. In such condition the scholar will have to acquire 16 credits. Although, it is essential, for the scholar to acquire the minimum 12 credits (or 16 credits if suggested by supervisor) within four semesters, failing to which his/her

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NOTIFICATION**Sandip University Ph.D. REGULATIONS, 2018**

[In pursuance of University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D Degrees) Regulations, 2016]

Amendment – 2

Reference – F.No.1-1/2002(PS)Exempt(PtFl.III) Vol-II, New Delhi, Dated – 16th October, 2018

In view of UGC, New Delhi, Notification vide F.No.1-1/2002(PS)Exempt(PtFl.III) Vol-II, Dated – 16th October, 2018, the Sandip University Nashik.

These regulations may be called as (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) (2nd Amendment) Sandip University Ph. D REGULATIONS, 2018.

The following provision shall be added to the clause B6 in point '10' of (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil/Ph.D. Degrees) Sandip University Ph. D REGULATIONS, 2018.

“provided that for selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% to the entrance test and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given.”

All the remaining clauses of the Regulation 2018 shall remain as it is.

Date: 1st November, 2018




Registrar 01/11/18
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