INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED TO APPLY FOR Ph.D.(July 2025 session)
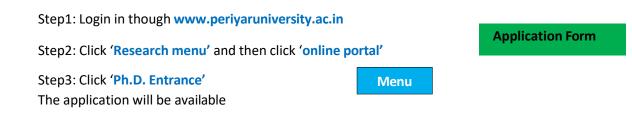
PROGRAMMES

COMMON ENTRANCE TEST THROUGH ONLINE

1. The Common Eligibility Test is only for the admission of Candidates in to Regular Ph.D. (Full time/Part Time) programmes for the Academic year 2025 – 2026 (July Session) offered in the University Departments/Affiliated Colleges and Recognized Institutions.

2. Candidates are advised to carefully read the eligibility condition given in Doctor of philosophy (Ph.D.) Regulations 2024 (Page No. 2 & 3, Para.2) which is available in the University website (www.periyaruniversity.ac.in)
(Applicant must satisfy themselves regarding their eligibility to apply for common entrance test before filling the application form)

3. Online application form must be completed in all respect as per notification.

4. To apply through online, the applicants should uploaded the scanned image of their community certificate, PG consolidated Statement of marks (or) statement of marks, passport size photograph and signature (JPEG format not exceeding 300 kb) at appropriate places.

5. Valid e-mail ID and mobile number are mandatory to apply for Common Entrance Test (CET). All communications will be sent only to the registered email ID.

6. Steps to fill the application form:

   Step1: Login in though **www.periyaruniversity.ac.in**

   Step2: Click '**Research menu**' and then click '**online portal**'

   Application Form

   Step3: Click '**Ph.D. Entrance**'
   The application will be available

   Menu

7. The application should be filled **online** and the fee can be paid only after all the information are filled completely. The Examination fee for Common Entrance Test is fixed as **Rs. 500 for** SC/ST and Differently - abled candidates and for others it is **Rs.1,000/**. The proof for original community certificate and original differently-abled certificate should be uploaded.

8. After submitting the complete details in the application, applicant can choose any one of the following modes to make payment for application fee.

   a. **Net Banking**

   b. **Debit Card/Credit Card**

9. After submitting all details including the payment, applicant has to wait for receiving the intimation. Mean while DO NOT press "Back" or "Refresh" button to avoid payment failure.

10. The applicant can edit certain fields ' if necessary ' till the last date specified.

11. After providing all the requisite information in the application and payment of fees, candidates are requested to take a printout of the filled - in application and submit the same to the University along with the copies of the self – attested certificates through post or in person.

12. Candidates can download their **hall ticket** from the University website prior to **4 days** of the CET.

13. The candidates secured a minimum of 28 out of 70 marks in CET will be eligible for applying into Ph.D. Programmes.

14 The University has the right to change the centre and date of examination without assigning any reason.

15 The decision of the University shall be final in all matters.

16 No TA/DA will be paid to attend CET.

NOTIFICATION

1. Last date for submission of online application: **27.06.2025**

2. A hard copy of the application with all the copy of certificates should reach the University on or before **30.06.2025** An envelope superscribed as "APPLICATION FOR Ph.D. COMMON ENTRANCE TEST- 2025 (SUBJECT NAME)" should be sent to the Director, Directorate of Research, Periyar University, Salem - 636 011.

Note:-

DATE OF COMMON ENTRANCE TEST, TIME & VENUE WILL BE INTIMATED LATER.

Those who have appeared for the Common Entrance Test alone will be considered for the admission to Ph.D. programmes on merit basis**.**

Candidates qualified NET (UGC/CSIR) and possessing a Ph.D. already need not apply for CET.

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Registrar (FAC)

1.	PREAMBLE
	The Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) is a research programme offered by Periyar University. Ph.D. degree is awarded to a candidate who, as per these regulations, has enrolled and fulfilled all academic requirements and finally submitted a thesis based on original and independent research in any particular discipline or involving more than one discipline (interdisciplinary) that contributes to the advancement of knowledge, which is approved by the suitably appointed examiners as required. These regulations (Periyar University Ph.D. Regulations 2024) is formulated based on the University Grants Commission (UGC) Regulations 2022 (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the award of Ph.D. degree) and hence the Ph.D. degree awarded by Periyar University is in compliance with the UGC Regulations 2022. The registration will be automatically cancelled if any of the conditions/regulations/rules framed in these regulations is not adhered by the candidate/Supervisor/Department/Research centre including the guideship and affiliation approved for the Department/Research centre.

2.	ELIGIBILITY
	Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be availed by candidates two times in a year, i.e., July and December sessions.
2.1	MINIMUM EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION
2.1.1	Candidates should have obtained a post-graduate degree in one of the following pattern: (i) SSLC + HSC + UG + PG (i.e., 10 + 2 + 3 + 2) (ii) SSLC + PUC + UG+ PG (i.e., 11 + 1 + 3 + 2) (iii) SSLC +3 year Diploma+2 year UG degree (Lateral entry) +2 year PG (i.e., 10+3+2+ 2) (iv) SSLC+3year Diploma+3year UG degree+2 year PG (i.e., 10+3+3+ 2) (v) SSLC +HSC+5 year integrated programme (i.e., 10+2+5) (vi) SSLC+HSC+ 4 year UG degree (Engineering, Agriculture, etc.,) + 2 year PG (i.e., 10+2+4+2) (vii) SSLC+HSC+ 4 year UG degree (Arts and Science) + 2 year PG degree (i.e., 10+2+4+2)

2.1.2	Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme shall have a Master's degree (mentioned in section 2.1.1 or obtained a professional degree equivalent to the Master's degree by the statutory regulatory body of Periyar University, with at least 55% marks or 50% for SC/ST/OBC (Non creamy layer/ differently abled) in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade).
2.1.3	The candidates possessing PG degrees in Agriculture, Engineering and similar professional courses recommended by the PG-Board of Studies in the pattern mentioned in section 2.1.1 are also eligible for admission to the Ph.D. Programme of this University subject to the relevancy of their PG Programme. Medicine in UG and acquired PG in non-medical council programmes also eligible, provided it is related to Ph.D. programme of Periyar University.
2.1.4	CA/CS/ICWA qualified in the Institute of Chartered Accounts of India, Institute of Company Secretaries of India and Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India and having a minimum two years of experience after obtaining their professional qualification can register as a part-time scholar to pursue research under a recognized Supervisor in the Departments of Commerce, Management Studies and Economics of an approved research centres.
2.1.5	Candidate seeking Ph.D. admission should have passed NET (UGC/CSIR) or Periyar University Common Entrance Test. The candidate possessing a Ph.D. already can seek admission directly.
2.1.6	Candidates with PG degrees from other Universities shall produce eligibility certificate obtained from the Periyar University at the time of registration.
2.2	ADMISSION CATEGORIES
	Candidates can register the Ph.D. programme under Full-Time or Part-Time.
2.2.1	FULL-TIME
2.2.1.1	Any candidate with the minimum qualification as prescribed in Section 2.1 of this regulation shall pursue research as a full-time scholar under a recognized Supervisor of the Periyar University either in the University Department or in the research department of an affiliated college of this University or in an institution which was approved by the University as a research centre.

2.2.1.2	Research Fellows/Research Assistants/Project Assistants appointed in the research projects funded by recognized funding agencies / Government, operated in the Departments of this University or approved research centres of this University are also eligible to register for Ph.D. on full-time basis in the same department/research centre provided they satisfy the eligibility criteria laid down in Section 2.1 of this regulation.
2.2.2	**PART-TIME**
	Any candidate with the minimum eligibility prescribed in Section 2.1 of this regulation and falling under any one of the following subsections shall pursue research as a part-time scholar under a recognized Supervisor working in a University Department or in any of the approved research department of an affiliated colleges/research institutions of this University.
2.2.2.1	A faculty member working in a University Department or in an affiliated college of this University or any institution located within the Periyar University jurisdiction affiliated to any technical institution/university.
2.2.2.2	A teacher working in a Higher Secondary School or High School located within Tamil Nadu with a minimum two years of continuous service.
2.2.2.3	A candidate (other than a teacher) in a regular job, within Tamil Nadu with a minimum two years of continuous service after the qualifying degree.
2.2.2.4	Research assistant, Technical assistant and non-teaching staff working in the Periyar University office/departments with a minimum two years of continuous service.
2.2.2.5	Full-time guest lecturers working in University Departments / Government / Government Aided Colleges Affiliated to this University having a minimum of two year experience are eligible for admission.
2.2.2.6	Candidates already holding a Ph.D. degree in a discipline/subject specialization are also eligible to register for Ph.D. programme in another discipline/specialization subject to the fulfillment of the conditions stipulated for admission/registration in this regulation. Such Ph.D. holders can seek admission directly (without CET).
2.2.2.7	Candidates seeking registration for Ph.D. programme under part-time category shall submit 'Service Certificate' and 'No Objection Certificate' from their respective Head of the Institution/Employer.

2.3	**ELIGIBILITY FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS**
2.3.1	Candidates from abroad are permitted to register for full-time Ph.D. programme as mentioned in Section 2.2.1 provided the candidate possesses academic requirements equivalent to academic qualifications mentioned in section 2.1. Once they apply with the necessary documents, the University shall decide on their eligibility and subsequent admission process.
2.3.2	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 to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions. The same may be verified and certified by Dean, Research, Research Coordinator and PG Board Chairman.
2.3.3	There is no need for entrance examination or other qualifying tests for admission.
2.3.4	**INTERDISCIPLINARY RESEARCH:** For Interdisciplinary research, the proposal under interdisciplinary research should be submitted in the prescribed format **(Annexure-1)** duly approved by the Departmental Committee consisting of the members of the concerned departments along with the minutes forwarded by the Supervisor and the Head of the Department concerned to the University. For interdisciplinary research, a candidate may have a Co-Supervisor.

3.	**DURATION**
3.1	**DURATION:** The minimum and maximum period of the Ph.D. programme is counted from the date of registration (as per the notification by the Research Section of this University) and the durations are as follows:

Mode	Category	Minimum Period	Maximum Period
Full-time	With M. Phil.	2 years	5 years
	Without M. Phil.	3 years	5 years
Part Time	With M. Phil.	3 years	6 years
	Without M. Phil.	4 years	6 years

4.	ADMISSION PROCEDURE
4.1	The candidate shall be given admission for Ph.D. programme twice a year during July and December. The admission shall be based on Common Entrance Examinations (CET) of Periyar University and by an interview. Candidates who have qualified NET (UGC/CSIR) and those who possess Ph.D. already are exempted from writing CET.
4.2	The applicants aspiring to join Ph.D. in a University Department or Research Centre of an affiliated college or an approved Research Centre of this University shall submit their applications online to Research Section Management (RSM) portal. Call for applications for the CET will be advertised in newspapers/University website during May/October every year.
4.3	The CET carries 70 Marks while the interview carries 30 Marks. CET shall be conducted for 70 marks comprising of 70 multiple choice questions to be answered in 90 minutes and interview shall be conducted for 30 marks. Those candidates who secured at least 28 marks in the written test will be declared eligible to apply for Ph.D. and attend interview. The candidate shall secure 50% marks out of 100 marks altogether (CET 70 + interview 30) are eligible for Ph.D. admission. The awarded marks in the common entrance test shall be valid for one more session (one year) shall be permitted to register for the Ph.D. programme.
4.4	The marks obtained in the NET examinations shall be given 70% weightage while the remaining 30% for the interview shall be considered for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview (totally not less than 50%).
4.5	The candidates who are declared eligible in the entrance test or having NET marks to apply for Ph.D. registration through the Research Section Management (RSM) portal of this University. The call for submission of application will be advertised in the University website during May/October.
4.6	Based on the submission of the application for Ph.D. registration, personal interview will be conducted for 30 marks to identify the candidate's research interest/knowledge in the area of research through a presentation before the interview committee consisting of all approved Supervisors. The interview committee shall also check the applicant's competence for research.

4.7	Candidates securing at least 50% marks altogether (entrance test or NET marks and interview) are eligible for admission. The final rank list shall be prepared by taking into consideration of CET score or NET score and interview marks (50 %) and marks in P.G (50%).
4.8	Candidates qualified UGC-NET-JRF, UGC-CSIR-NET-JRF or sanctioned with national fellowships like DST-INSPIRE Fellowship, UGC-Rajiv Gandhi National Fellowship (RJNF), DBT-JRF, ICAR-JRF and ICMR-JRF) and state level research fellowship like Chief Minister Research Fellowship are exempted from writing CET and shall be admitted directly at any time during the year. However, these candidates have to apply and appear for an interview at the respective research centres and preference will be given in the admission.
4.9	Project fellows working in Major Research Projects shall be admitted after qualifying in CET and interview.

5.	ELIGIBLITY FOR ADMISSION OF Ph.D. DRAVIDIAN LITERATURE AND JOURNALISM		
5.1	**Course Name**	**Eligibilty**	**Duration of the Course**
	Ph.D. IN DRAVIDIAN LITERATURE AND JOURNALISM [Part Time] திராவிட இலக்கியம் மற்றும் இதழியல் - பகுதி நேர முனைவர் பட்டம்	Working journalists with Master's degree in Tamil/Journalism and Mass Communication discipline with a minimum of the three years of Full Time industrial experience are eligible to seek amdimssions in the Part Time Ph.D. in Dravidian Literature and Journalism Programme which is offered by the Thamizhavel Muthamizh Arignar Kalignar Mu.Karunanidhi Research Centre of Periyar University. The cadidates can select their supervisors from the Department of Tamil / Department of Journalism and Mass Communication of the University Department relying to their field of study. The candidates admitted in the Part Time Ph.D. in Dravidian Literature and Journalism Porgramme will be governed by Periyar University Doctor of Phiolosophy (Ph.D.) Regulations 2022 and there upon.	As per University Rules