DAYALBAGH EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTE
(DEEMED TO BE UNIVERSITY)
DAYALBAGH, AGRA

NOTIFICATION

RESEARCH ENTRANCE TEST (RET) FOR Ph.D. (*MARCH* – 2026)

(LAST DATE FOR RECEIVING ONLINE APPLICATION FORMS: **MARCH 15, 2026)**
Online Submission Website : ***www.dei.ac.in***

Date of Research Entrance Test: 24th March, 2026 [Tuesday] at 01:00 pm

Candidates possessing the minimum qualifications with the requisite percentage of marks and academic record as mentioned below shall be eligible to appear in the Ph.D. RET & Interview.

A. Details of Qualifying Examinations:

Candidates who have completed:

i. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme (governed by NEP 2020) or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent 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 the educational institution.

Provided that a 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.

ii. For candidates with Engineering discipline: B.Tech. or an equivalent Engineering degree in concerned discipline –
   a) with at least 75% marks, or equivalent CGPA of 7.5/10; or
   b) 90 percentile or more in G.A.T.E. (Graduate Aptitude Test in Engineering); or
   c) with at least one-year relevant professional experience with one published paper in a standard journal.

For candidates possessing an M.Tech. degree, a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate or an equivalent grade on the point scale is required

iii. Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent 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. programme.

Note: **A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission (Ministry of Education, Government of India) from time to time. Candidates claiming reservation in any of the said categories are required to submit a certificate issued by the Tehsildar in the prescribed format approved by the UP State or Central Government failing which their admission shall not be considered in the above categories.**

B. Conduct of Research Entrance Test (RET):

(i) Ph.D. RET *March*-2026 for admission to Ph.D. Programme will be conducted in following disciplines only:

Drawing & Painting, English, Hindi, Home Science, Music - (Sitar/Tabla), Accountancy and Law, Applied Business Economics, Education (Foundation of Education/Pedagogical Science), Agricultural Engineering, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering (Electrical/Electronics/Computer Science), Footwear Technology, Mechanical Engineering, Botany, Chemistry, Computer Science, Mathematics, Physics, Zoology, Economics, Management, Political Science, Psychology, Sociology.

Note: 1- Admission will be subject to the availability of seats. Please check website for vacant seats.
2- Incomplete application forms will be rejected.

Such candidates, who have obtained P.G. degree in some other, or a more specialized area/discipline, are required to indicate one of the above disciplines that is closest to their area of research interest, and with their P.G. degree/specialization. They are advised to indicate the discipline in their application form itself. Such candidates will be required to qualify Ph.D. RET in the said discipline only, failing which their candidature will be cancelled.

(ii) There may be separate Ph.D. Research Entrance Test (RET) for each faculty or Groups of Departments.

(iii) In case, a large number of applications are received by a department, only a limited number of candidates will be called for Ph.D. Research Entrance Test (RET) from the list prepared on the basis of marks (or CGPA) obtained in various pre-qualifying and/or qualifying examinations.

(iv) Ph.D. RET - *March,* 2026 Exam will be held as per the following schedule:

- Date - 24-03-2026 (Tuesday)
- Venue - Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), Agra
- Timing - Written Test - 1:00 pm - 01.50 pm [Reporting Time for students at examination center at 12: 00 pm]

Note : Only written test qualified candidates shall be called for Interview and Innovation Test for which a list of qualified candidates along with schedule of venue shall be displayed separately on the DEI website (www.dei.ac.in). Candidates are advised to check the DEI website regularly after written test.

(v) The written test will be of 50 minutes duration and will have the following 2 sections:

- Section A - Questions on Research Methodology (25 questions of 1 mark each).
- Section B - Subject related questions of specialized nature related to particular discipline of Faculty. (25 questions of 1 mark each).

All the questions will be multiple-choice in nature and there will be no negative marking.

(vi) No re-evaluation of the answer books of the written test will be allowed.

(vii) The Institute reserves the right to modify the pattern of conduct of Ph.D. RET as well as minimum qualifying marks.

(viii) The reservation for admission will be applicable as per norms for the Ph.D. seats of every department for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories.

(ix) The Ph.D. RET written exam will be of 50 marks, and the interview will be of 18 marks. Final merit list will be made out of a total of 100 marks [Entrance Test (50 Marks) + Interview (18 Marks) + Co-curricular Activates (CCA) (12 Marks) + Innovation Test (20 Marks)]. The Candidates after qualifying the entrance test will be called for Interview and Innovation Test in 2nd round.

(x) For the interview, the candidates are required to produce relevant original certificates, such as NSS, Games & Sports, Other Co-curricular Activities, Community Service, Additional Academic Qualification, Participation in Workshops/Seminars/Conferences, Publications in Journals/ Proceedings, etc.

(xi) If a candidate has any specific queries/issues regarding the screening or selection process of Ph.D. Admissions, the same may be addressed to the Chairman, Arbitration Committee of the Institute by submitting an application on plain paper at Window No. 1 of the Central Administrative Office (CAO) of the Institute.

(xii) If a candidate who has been admitted after selection and payment of all dues, remains absent continuously for more than seven days without permission, during the first two weeks, his/her admission will be cancelled.

(xiii) Admission granted to a student in the Institute shall be cancelled if it is discovered at a later date even after the completion of the course of study, that the student had obtained admission by fraudulent means or by misrepresentation of facts. In such a case, he/she shall forfeit all the accruing benefits and if the degree/diploma has been awarded, it shall be cancelled.

(xiv) All such candidates for whom the result of final year of the qualifying degree in the subject concerned are still awaited or those who have not attached final year mark sheet, may be given provisional permission to appear in the Ph.D. RET based on the details submitted in the application form. They are required to show the final year's/semester's mark sheet (original) up to one hour before the commencement of the Written Test/Interview, failing which their candidature will be cancelled.

(xv) The option for undertaking the Ph.D. programme on part-time or full-time basis shall be provided in the application form. Once the option is exercised in the application form, it shall not be altered subsequently during the course of Ph.D. research work. However, the exemption from mandatory residential requirement shall be considered as per rules of the Institute as previously but it cannot be claimed as a matter of right.

(xvi) Ph.D. coursework is mandatory as per UGC guidelines; hence no exemption shall be granted for possessing an M.Phil. degree. Coursework will have to be undertaken afresh on the advice of the Departmental Research Committee, and no exemption shall be given on the basis of coursework completed at another Institute.

(xvii) Part-time candidates, if employed, shall be allowed to join the Institute only after submission of a *No Objection Certificate (NOC)* from their serving institution in the prescribed format as mentioned in the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

(xviii) The result of Ph.D. RET March, 2026 will be declared by 02nd April, 2026, and registration and fees submission will take place on 02nd-15th April, 2026. The regular schedule for research work will commence immediately after registration in the respective departments.

C. Exemption from Ph.D. Research Entrance Test (RET)

A candidate who fulfils one of the following requirements may be considered for admission to Ph.D. without appearing in the Ph.D. RET. However, they will have to appear for the interview with marks components as defined below and obtain minimum marks (to be specified) in the interview.

- A candidate who has qualified UGC National Eligibility Test as Category-1 (NET-JRF Junior Research Fellowship eligibility), Category-2 (Assistant Professor eligibility and Ph.D. admission) and Category-3 (Ph.D. admission only). For candidates qualified under the Category-2 and Category-3, the marks obtained in the NET will have 50% weightage and 50% weightage will be based on the performance in the components other than NET weightage such as Interview (18 Marks) + Co-curricular Activates (CCA) (12 Marks) + Innovation Test (20 Marks) to be conducted by the Institute. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the other components as defined above. For admission to Ph.D., the marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Category-2 and Category-3 will be valid for a period of one year from the date of declaration of the result of UGC NET. Candidates belonging to Category-1 shall be exempted from appearing in the Written Test and Innovation Test; however, they will be required to appear for the Interview
- Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineering (GATE) of current session will be considered for admission to discipline under Faculty of Engineering only.
- A candidate who is a recipient of fellowships of government/semi-government organizations such as Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), and similar national-level organizations, which are awarded through an All India selection procedure conducted by the agency/organization concerned. However, candidates selected in the research project funded by such organizations shall not be considered under Ph.D. RET exempted category.

D. Direct Admission

Those candidates of the Institute who have (A) been awarded Director's Medal in their post-graduate qualifying examination (B) passed the post-graduate qualifying examination from respective departments of Dayalbagh Educational Institute (Deemed to be University), and (C) scored CGPA of 9.0/10 or above may be granted direct admission to the Ph.D. Programme. In the absence of an applicant with Director's Medal, the best candidate of the discipline concerned satisfying criteria (B) and (C) may be considered, subject to availability of seats. Number of seats in such cases shall be treated as supernumerary subject to a maximum 20% of the total available seats.

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