



## VARDHAMAN MAHAVEER OPEN UNIVERSITY, KOTA

Rawatbhata Road, Kota (Rajasthan) PIN: 324 021

### **Ph.D Entrance Test - 2014**

Download the form and send it to the following address: Director, Research and Development, Room No. 601, Vardhaman Mahaveer Open University, Rawatbhata Road, Kota before or on 10th March, 2014. (Forms shall be accepted only in Hard Copy till 5.00 PM)

#### **Important Guidelines for Ph.D. Programme**

##### **Conditions for Eligibility:**

- All the Candidates willing to join the programme will have to qualify the entrance test and should fulfill the following conditions: Candidates who have secured at least 55% marks in the relevant subjects (without rounding off) in Master's Degree OR equivalent examination and 50% marks (without rounding off) in Bachelor's Degree from the universities/institutions recognized by UGC/AICTE/NCTE are eligible to apply for this programme.
- A relaxation of 5 % marks (without rounding off) will be given to the candidates belonging to SC/ST categories of Rajasthan.
- The Weightage of 10 marks will be given to the following candidates in the final merit (written test and interview) who have qualified.
  - (i) Those who have qualified UGC/CSIR NET (JRF) examination /SET/GATE (with a valid score)/ Teacher Research Fellowship holder.
  - or
  - (ii) A candidate who has passed M.Phil. Course with a minimum of 65% marks from any recognized university.
  - or
  - (iii) A permanent University/College Teacher who is **appointed by RPSC/equivalent/duly constituted selection committee**, working in UGC scale and having a minimum five years teaching experience on regular basis.

##### **Entrance Examination Fee & Mode of Payment**

Application form for Ph.D. admission can be downloaded from University web site ([www.vmou.ac.in](http://www.vmou.ac.in)). The duly filled application form along with the attested marksheets/documents etc. with Bank challan of Rs. 2000/- (Rs. Two thousand only) in the name of **Vardhaman Mahaveer**

**Open University, Kota** in the office of the Director (Research) on or before the prescribed last date.

Bank detail as stated below:

<b>Bank Name</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>Oriental Bank of Commerce, VMOU Branch, Kota</b>
<b>Account No.</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>08952010000020</b>
<b>IFSC Code</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>ORBC 0100895</b>

**Subjects:**

The Ph.D. Entrance Test of 2013 will be conducted in the following subjects:

1. Commerce
2. Economics
3. Education
4. English
5. Hindi
6. History
7. Library and Information Science
8. Management
9. Political Science
10. Public Administration
11. Science (Botany)
12. Journalism
13. Physics
14. Geography
15. Computer Science

**Note :** Candidates are advised to appear in the subject of their Post Graduation only.

**General Instructions for Ph.D. Entrance Test**

1. The Ph.D. Entrance Test will be held in Kota City only. (Venue will be informed via admit card.)
2. The test would comprise of objective written test of 100 marks (40 + 60) and interview of 50 marks.

3. The time duration of the written examination will be of Three Hours.
4. The written part of Entrance Test will consist of two parts viz. Part I & Part II.
5. Question paper will be bilingual (Hindi and English).
6. Part I will be of 40 marks. This part will be compulsory for all the candidates. It will test the General Awareness/Research Aptitude of prospective researchers.
7. Part II will be of 60 marks. It will be subject specific, which intends to test the subject mastery and subject specific research aptitude of prospective researchers.
8. There will be NO Negative Marking in the written examination.
9. The aggregate qualifying marks in written examination for general candidate will be 50 and for reserved candidate it will be 45 marks.
10. Details regarding availability of the seats and specialization in a particular subject and Test dates of Ph.D. Entrance Exam will be uploaded on the university website and advertised in the regional newspapers.
11. Reservation will be followed as per the policy of the Govt. of Rajasthan.
12. Syllabus of Ph.D. Entrance Test will be according to UGC-NET/SLET/CSIR/ICAR.

## **Syllabus of Ph.D. Entrance Test**

### **Part I**

The main objective of this part is to assess the research capabilities of the candidate. Therefore, the test is aimed at assessing the general / research aptitude as well as their awareness. The candidates are expected to possess and exhibit cognitive abilities (which include comprehension, analysis, evaluation, understanding the structure of arguments and inductive and deductive reasoning). They are also expected to have a general awareness and knowledge of sources of information.

The Part I will consist of 40 objective type questions in the form of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) under following sub-heads:

- Language Comprehension and vocabulary.
- Information and Communication Technology Awareness:
  - ICT: Meaning, advantages, disadvantages and uses
  - General abbreviations and terminology
  - Basics of internet and e-mailing
  - Social Networking and Search engines
  - Latest Software for Data Interpretation for Research purposes

- General Research Aptitude  
Research: Meaning, characteristics and types  
Methods of research  
Research ethics  
Methods of Writing Bibliography and References  
Paper, article, workshop, seminar, conference and symposium  
Thesis writing: Its characteristics and format
- General Knowledge of Indian Higher Education System  
Structure of the institutions for higher learning and research in India  
Formal and Distance education  
Professional / Technical and General Education  
Latest policies, commissions and latest trends in Indian Higher Education System

## **Part II**

Part II will also have 60 marks multiple choice objective type questions dealing with the core of respective subjects.

**Note:** The syllabus will be the same as that of UGC/CSIR NET examination available on the UGC/CSIR websites.

UGC website link: <http://www.ugc.ac.in/inside/syllabus.html>

CSIR website link: [http://www.csirhrdg.res.in/mcs\\_netexam\\_notice.htm](http://www.csirhrdg.res.in/mcs_netexam_notice.htm)

**Note:** The subject specific syllabi for core papers and elective papers would be as per the latest UGC-NET syllabus. The core papers intend to **test the objective ability** of the candidate in the respective subject.

### **Time Allotment of Ph.D. Entrance Test Total 03 Hrs.**

- Instruction Reading : 05 minutes

### **Marks Allotment of Ph.D. Entrance Test**

For Written Test: 100 marks

- Part I : 40 marks 40 questions
- Part II : 60 Marks 60 questions

### **For Interview: 50 Marks**

Research Board & Experts of Subject concerned will interview the qualified candidates.

## **Total Marks (Written & Interview): 150**

The qualifying percentage in written test as well as in the interview for general candidate will be 50% and for reserved candidate it will be 45%. However the final selection will be based on the merit in each subject as per the available seats.

### **Validity of Test**

The candidate qualifying the test would be eligible to be invited for the interview.

### **Interview**

- (i) The candidates declared qualified in the entrance test would be invited for an interview to be conducted by the Research Board. At the time of interview the expert panel will assess through a write up which is to be submitted by them on their proposed research problem and understanding of research skill. They are expected to discuss their research proposal & presentation.
- (ii) **The candidate would have to produce the original documents at the time of interview.**

### **Registration in Ph.D.:**

- In case of tie between successful candidates in any subject in the final merit, it will be resolved by comparing the P.G. marks. If the tie is not resolved then further the marks obtained by the candidates in U.G. will be compared to determine the final merit.
- The number of students shall be decided by the university. **The University shall follow the rules of the reservation policy in granting such admissions.**
- **In case of in-service candidates, 'No Objection Certificate', from the employer will have to be submitted at the time of admission.**

#### **(a) Allocation of Supervisor**

The allocation of the supervisor of the selected student shall be done by the Research Board keeping in view the number of vacant seats available with the faculty members, and the available specialization among the faculty supervisors.

#### **(b) Course work and Preparation of Synopsis**

After having been admitted to the Ph.D. programme, each student shall be required to undertake course work for six months. The course work shall be treated as pre-Ph.D. preparation. It shall include two papers, one on research methodology including quantitative methods and computer applications and the other one shall be an intensive review of available literature/ research techniques relating to the proposed research area of the Ph.D. scholar.

Candidates undergoing course work are required to obtain a certificate from Director (Research and Development) that he/she has successfully completed the course work.

The mode of examination regarding course work would be decided by the Director (Research and Development)

**Candidates on jobs must ensure that they will get study leave from their employer to complete the six months course work as the university does not offer Ph. D. programme through distance mode.**

**(c) Details of Ph.D. Fee**

Tuition Fee	Rs. 25,000/- per year
Registration Fee	Rs. 5,000/-
Library Caution Money	Rs. 1,000/-
Library Fee	Rs. 3,000/-
Laboratory fee for research (Only scholars using laboratory Facilities including computer)	Rs. 3,000/-
Thesis Submission & Evaluation Fee	Rs. 10,000/-
Re- Registration Fee (For Extension of One year respectively)	Rs. 10,000/-

**(d) Registration and Synopsis Submission through Supervisor -**

- (a) The selected candidates for the degree of Ph.D. shall apply for registration in the prescribed application form obtainable from the University on payment of prescribed fee. Application for Ph.D. registration should be along with the proposed research work including the theme and methodology to be followed, objectives and importance/relevance of the proposed work, bibliography and other details. The candidate will have to deposit the prescribed registration fee and submit the synopsis to the Director, Research and Development as per scheduled date. The Registration process shall be initiated only when synopsis is submitted. The candidate shall intimate the date of his/her joining the research to the Director, Research and Development through the supervisor.
- (b) The synopsis would be submitted, with in a period of three months from the date of the interview, and during course work duly approved by the supervisor. It shall have to be submitted through the concerned School.

### **General Instruction for Ph.D. Scholars:**

1. If the outline of the proposed research work is approved, the Director, Research and Development shall notify the candidate concerned regarding the approval of outline of work and ask him/her to initiate the research work.
2. If the supervisor considers that the knowledge of a particular language is necessary for doing research, the candidate shall be permitted only after he/she submits a certificate of passing the required language form any University or recognised Institution.
3. The candidate registered for Ph.D. degree shall not be allowed to take up any other University Examination. However, in exceptional cases, the Vice-Chancellor may grant such permission in the interest of research, on the recommendation of the supervisor.
4. Every candidate registered for the Ph.D. degree shall submit yearly progress report to the University through his Supervisor, who will record his observation about the progress of the research work of the candidate on the report and will send a copy of the same to the Director, Research and Development through the Director of School of the University.

It must be a piece of research work characterized by the discovery of facts or by fresh approach towards the interpretation of facts or theories or an applied work of great significance. In either case, it shall substantiate the capacity of the candidate for critical examination and independent judgment. It should also be satisfactory so far as its presentation is concerned and must be suitable for publication.

5. A candidate ordinarily shall not be permitted to change his Supervisor, subject/topic during the course of his/her research, if, however, an occasion arises due to some technical difficulties, the Vice-Chancellor may, on the recommendation of the Research Board (RB), permit any modification in the subject/topic.
6. If a University Teacher retires, he/she will continue to submit the Ph.D. thesis of his/her candidates.
7. The candidate must have two research papers published/accepted to his/her credit in reputed journals bearing ISSN as enlisted by the subject convener before submission and also he/she has to present a pre-submission seminar before the School/Departmental Research Committee.
8. The minimum period required to submit the Ph.D. thesis is two years from the date of registration provided that the candidate has successfully completed his/her course work and submitted the Certificate.
9. In case a candidate fails to submit his/her thesis within 3 years, he/she may, in special circumstances on the recommendation of the supervisor and duly forwarded by the concerned Director of School, be permitted an extension of one year and further by one more year i.e.

after completing five years in total he/she will have to apply for re-registration. After getting re-registration, he/she will have to submit his/her thesis within a period of two years otherwise he/she will not be allowed to work after seven years in total.

10. A candidate whose registration for Ph.D. has been cancelled once, and if he/she so desires may apply for fresh registration, but will again appear as fresh candidate and go through the whole process of admission including Ph.D. entrance test.
11. The candidate shall submit through proper channel four printed or typed copies of his/her Ph.D. thesis, which shall comply with the above conditions.
12. The Candidate will have to abide by all the ordinances and directives with regard to Ph.D. programme and provisions of the University Act and Statutes.
13. During the registration for Ph.D. programme Candidate will have to maintain discipline and obey the instructions issued by the concerned officers of the University from time to time.

**NOTE:** In the event of failure to take admission by the stipulated date, Candidate's claim for admission will automatically come to an end for which no petition whatsoever will be admissible. The seat remaining vacant because of 'non-reporting'/'cancellation of allotment' will be allotted to the next candidate in the waiting list. Admission of any candidate can be cancelled on the following or the other similar grounds;

- a) failure to pay the prescribed fee;
- b) unsatisfactory performance of research-work;
- c) defiance/violation of rules/directives/instructions/ordinances at any level;
- d) any act of indiscipline;
- e) non-completion of course-work in two attempts, and/or
- f) failure to submit the thesis within the prescribed time limit etc.





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## Office of Director (Research & Development)

### APPLICATION FORM FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME- 2014

1. Subject Applied For: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Name of the Candidate: \_\_\_\_\_

(As per mark-sheet in block letters)

3. Mother's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

4. Father's /Husband's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

5. Guardian's Name in case

Mother/Father/Husband is not alive: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Date of Birth : (As entered in the

High School Certificate) \_\_\_\_\_

7. Nationality: \_\_\_\_\_

8. Gender: Male / Female

9. Category (Tick one) : Gen / SC / ST / OBC

10. Marital Status: Married / Unmarried

11. Whether a differently abled person: YES / NO

12. Employment status: (a) Employed/ Unemployed/ Partially employed/

(b) Nature of Employment: Permanent/Regular/Temporary/Tenure/Contract

(c) Others (specify) \_\_\_\_\_

13. Whether awarded/eligible for any Scholarship/Fellowship: YES / NO, if yes specify

14. Address for correspondence (do not give PO Box No. Provide full address.)

Name : \_\_\_\_\_

Address : \_\_\_\_\_

City/District : \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Numbers

with STD code : \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile Number : \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail ID : \_\_\_\_\_

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- 15. Particulars of educational qualifications:** clearly calculate your percentage of marks in two decimal points.

Sl.No.	Name of Examination	Year of Passing	Major Subjects Studied	Percentage of Marks	Board/University
1.	Secondary or equivalent				
2.	Sr. Secondary or equivalent				
3.	B.A./B.Sc./B.com.				
4.	M.A./M.Sc./M.Com./M.Ed.				
5.	M.Phil				
6.	NET/SLET/JRF				

- 16. Specify details of Bank Challan of Rs. 2000/- (Two Thousand only) in favour of VMOU payable at Kota to be submitted towards Prospectus, application, processing and entrance examination fee.**

Transaction No.	Amount (Rs.)	Name of the Bank	Date/Place
	Rs. 2000=00	Oriental Bank of Commerce	

#### **DECLARATION**

I declare that the statements made in this application form are true and complete to the best of my knowledge and belief and none of my close relative is Supervisor in the subject I am applying for. I am aware that if at any stage it is found that the statements made are not true or misleading, the admission/registration if made will be cancelled and I shall not be entitled to refund of any fee paid by me to the University. Further, I have carefully studied the Rules/Regulation/Instructions as given on the University's Website. I accept these Rules/Regulation/Instructions and I undertake to abide by the same.

**Date:**

**Place:**

**Signature of the Candidate**

**Name:**

**Checklist : (Tick the relevant boxes)**

1. Certificates in support of educational qualification(s)

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2. Date of birth Certificate (Age Certificate)

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3. Category certificate for SC/ST/OBC/PH (if applicable)

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4. Work Experience (Certificate compulsory for Employed partially person)

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**Note: Tick/Write the correct option wherever applicable and strike off the option not applicable.**



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### ADMIT CARD

Roll No.(Allotted by Office): .....

Name of Candidate: .....

Subject : .....

Date : 30<sup>th</sup> March, 2014

Time : 11.00 AM to 2.00 PM

Centre : University Campus, Kota.

Affix latest  
photograph

(Signature of the Candidate)

Director (Research)



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