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SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR

Ph.D. Admission Notification 2026-2027

Shivaji University, Kolhapur invites online application from eligible candidates for admission to Ph.D. programme for the academic year 2026-27. For more details please visit the '**Ph.D. Admissions 2026-27**' link on the official website of university at www.unishivaji.ac.in.

The admission procedure will be carried out as per the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2022 dt. November 7, 2022 and the rules and regulations therein prescribed by the university authorities, from time to time.

Online application Link:-<https://sukapps.unishivaji.ac.in/phd-entrance/#/login>

- Students should visit University website (<https://www.unishivaji.ac.in>) for detailed information regarding entrance examination, online application process, intake capacity, examination centres and Ph.D. regulations. Online **application will be available from 29/08/2026 from 12:00 noon onwards to 19/09/2026 till 12:00 midnight.**
- The detailed schedule for the entrance examination, as well as the hall ticket, will be made available in the students' respective personal login.
- The Ph.D. 'Entrance Examination' will be conducted by Shivaji University, Kolhapur
- Entrance examination criteria is not applicable to international students. (Please refer to Section 4.4 of the information brochure.) Detailed information regarding the admission of international students is provided in Annexure- XIII of the Ph.D. Information Brochure 2026-27.
- NET/JRF qualified student are required to fill out the online application for Ph.D. entrance examination. However, such candidate is required to carefully read the instruction at Sr. no 8 to 10.
- Students should carefully read and understand Ph.D. Admission Notification, detailed instructions pertaining to entrance examination, subject-wise and category-wise intake capacity, rules/regulations and also the Regulations for Research Degree (RRD) contained in the information brochure before filling online application. No emails or letters requesting corrections/ modifications in online application will be entertained once it's been finally locked and/or submitted.

Important Instructions: -

- Students must strictly adhere to all the instructions given below while filling the online application. **Any corrections required in the submitted application should be communicated via email to (phd@unishivaji.ac.in) before 21/09/2026, corrections received after this date will not be considered.**

- The detailed schedule for the Ph.D. entrance examination will be made available on the University website and the Hall Ticket will be made available for download via the students' personal login in due course.
- The Ph.D. entrance examination will be conducted in offline mode and instructions regarding the same will be published on university website, from time to time.
- Students should select one of the examination centres out of three viz. Kolhapur, Sangli, Satara, while filling the online application.
- A student cannot pursue any other course of study in regular /online/distance mode along with the Ph.D. programme. If any such case is found, then the Ph. D. admission of concerned student will be cancelled without any prior intimation/notice.
- In accordance to the UGC letters dated March 27 and March 28, 2024, those students who have qualified in NET and exempted from the Ph.D. entrance examination are required to participate in the Ph.D. admission process by filling online application.
- Those candidates who are qualified in examinations such as NET, SET, GPAT, or GATE are required to enter the score of respective examination at the time of filling the online application for Ph.D. admission. They are also required to select the appropriate option (Yes/No) for other relevant examination/s. If the candidate fails to do so then he/she will not qualify for further process of admission. Please note that no changes or corrections will be permitted once the online application is submitted.
- Students holding M.Phil., JRF/SRF, GPAT, GATE, or NET/SET/SLET qualifications prior to the issuance of the UGC Public Notice dated March 27 and 28, 2024, are mandatorily required to appear for the Ph.D. entrance examination.
- The reservation policies, rules and provisions implemented from time to time by the State Government of Maharashtra will be applicable.
- Students should carefully check the available intake capacity for particular subject and category (open /reserved) before filling the online application for the Ph.D. entrance examination. (The subject-wise and category-wise intake capacity has been published along with the admission notification.)
- Please note that the University solely reserves the right to suspend/ carry out the admission process in the event of any revision or reduction occurs in intake capacity/ seats for admission. The decision of university in this regard will be binding on students.
- Students must accurately record their caste category while filling the online application. Students should note that no request for change in the reserved category will be accepted, once the online application is submitted. It is mandatory for students to produce the caste certificate or a token from the Caste Certificate Scrutiny Committee at the time of the interview or document verification i.e. at the time of actual admission process.
- **Students will be eligible for the admission process only for the category specified in their online application for Ph.D. admission process. They will not be eligible under any other category.**

- The final merit list for Ph.D. admission will be prepared based on the rules and eligibility criteria prescribed for this admission process.
- Students are not required to submit a printed copy of the online application to the University. However, they should take a printout of the submitted online application and retain it for their own records.
- **The fee for the Ph.D. entrance examination will be ₹850 for candidates from the general (open) category and ₹600 for candidates from reserved categories. This fee is non-refundable.**
- The entrance exam fee can be paid via online payment gateway facility.
- The entrance examination application will be accepted only after the confirmation of receipt of the entrance examination fee by this office.
- Those students who are willing to apply for entrance examination in more than one subject, can apply online by using a single/same application, provided he/she fulfils the eligibility criteria for Ph.D. admission in that particular subject. However, such student must pay a separate examination fee for each subject and the fee so paid is non-refundable.
- The detailed schedule for the Ph.D. entrance examination will be made available on the university website (www.unishivaji.ac.in) under the '**Ph.D. Admissions 2026-27**' link. Therefore, students are advised to visit the University website frequently for the latest information and updates regarding the entrance examination and the admission process.
- The entrance examination is a qualifying test for admission to the Ph.D. programme and carries a total of 100 marks. It will consist of 50 multiple-choice based questions, each carrying two marks. In order to qualify entrance examination, a candidate from the open category must secure a minimum of 50% marks, whereas candidate from reserved category must secure a minimum of 45% marks. **(There will be no negative marking for incorrect answers.)**
- Generally, the entrance examination will comprise questions based on research methodology (carrying 50 marks) and questions based on the relevant subject (carrying 50 marks). The examination will be conducted at the centres announced on the university website. The detailed syllabus for the entrance examination has been made available on the university website.
- If any technical difficulties arise while filling the online application, please contact the **Computer Centre at 0231-2609096**. For further information, please contact the University PGBUTR section at 0231-2609296/9139 or send an email to phd@unishivaji.ac.in
- Online application is available on the website <https://sukapps.unishivaji.ac.in/phd-entrance/#/login> and detailed admission notification & information Link: <https://www.unishivaji.ac.in/admission/PhD-Admission-2026-2027>

Date:- 29/08/2026.
Place: Kolhapur

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Registrar