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SHIVAJI UNIVERSITY, KOLHAPUR

Ph.D. Admission Notification 2026-2027

Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to Ph.D. programme for the academic year 2026-27. For more details please visit '**Ph.D. Admission 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 dated November 7, 2022 and the rules prescribed therein by the university authorities, from time to time.

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

- The Ph.D. Entrance Examination will be conducted by Shivaji University, Kolhapur
- A candidate should visit university website (<https://www.unishivaji.ac.in>) for detailed information regarding entrance examination, procedure for online application, 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.**
- A candidate should carefully read and understand Ph.D. Admission Notification, detailed instructions pertaining to entrance examination, subject-wise and category-wise intake capacity, the Regulations for Research Degree (RRD) contained in the prospectus 2026-27, before filling online application.
- All candidates seeking admissions to Ph.D. programme are required to apply online for a Common Entrance Test (CET) and Interview/ Viva-voce, except foreign candidates. **(Please refer R.R.D. 4.4 and 4.5 from Prospectus 2026-27 available on website).**
- Foreign candidates complying the eligibility criteria (for those who have obtained Master Degree from foreign Universities) are exempted from appearing for entrance test. However, they should appear for Interview in person / online, prior permission is required. For more details, please go through Annexure- XV of Ph.D. Prospectus 2026-27 available on university website.
- NET/JRF qualified candidates are required to fill the online application for Ph.D. entrance examination/admission, as the case may be. However, such candidates are required to read the following instructions carefully.
- In accordance to the UGC letters dated March 27 and March 28, 2024 those candidates 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.

- Candidates 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.
- Those candidates who have 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. The score of those candidates who have qualified in above examination after expiry of due date of online application will not be considered. 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.
- **A student cannot simultaneously pursue any other course of study, in regular /online/distance mode along with the Ph.D. programme. If such case is found, then the Ph. D. admission of concerned student will be cancelled without any prior intimation/notice.**

Important Instructions: -

1. A candidate must strictly adhere to all the instructions given below while filling the online application. **Any corrections required in the submitted application should be communicated by email to (phd@unishivaji.ac.in) before 21/09/2026. Corrections received after this date will not be considered.**
2. 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. Therefore, the candidates are advised to visit the university website regularly for the updates regarding entrance test and admission procedure.
3. Students should select one of the examination centres out of three viz. Kolhapur, Sangli and Satara while filling the online application.
4. 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.)
5. Please note that the university solely reserves the right to suspend/ carry out the admission process if the notified intake capacity/ seats for admission get reduced/revised. The decision of university in this regard will be binding on the candidates concerned.
6. The reservation policy of Government of Maharashtra will be followed.
7. A candidate must accurately record his/her reservation category while filling the online application. It should also be noted that no request for change in the reserved category will be accepted after submitting online application. Please note that the admission process will be carried out as per the category specified in the online application.
8. It is mandatory for the candidate to produce the caste certificate or a token of application submitted for the caste validity certificate, at the time of the interview or document verification.

9. A candidate need not to send hard copy/print out of online application (i.e. filled in application) to university. A candidate may take a printout of the online application and retain it for his/her personal records.
10. **The fee for Ph.D. entrance examination is ₹850 for candidates from the general (open) category and ₹600 for candidates from reserved category. This fee is non-refundable.**
11. The fee for entrance test shall be paid through **Online Payment Gateway** only.
12. The entrance examination application will be accepted only after the confirmation of receipt of the entrance examination fee by this office.
13. Online application also provides the option to select entrance test for more than one subject using the same application, provided the respective candidate fulfils the eligibility conditions for admission. However, the candidate will have to remit the required fee separately for each subject and has to appear for entrance test for each subject separately. The fee paid is non-refundable
14. A 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, candidates are advised to visit the university website regularly for the latest information and updates regarding the entrance examination and the admission process.
15. The Hall Ticket of entrance exam will be made available for download in personal login of respective candidate.
16. 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 detailed syllabus for entrance examination is made available on the university website.
17. The entrance examination is a qualifying test for admission to the Ph.D. programme and carries total 100 marks. It consists of 50 multiple-choice based questions, each carrying two marks. In order to qualify entrance examination, a candidate from 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.)**
18. **The examination will be conducted at the centres announced on university website.** The final merit list for Ph.D. admission will be prepared as per rules and eligibility criteria prescribed for this admission process.
19. If any technical difficulties arise while filling the online application, please contact the **Computer Centre at 0231-2609096.**
20. For further information, please contact the university PGBUTR section at 0231-2609296/9139 or send an email to phd@unishivaji.ac.in

Date: 29/08/2026
Place: Kolhapur

Dr. V. N. Shinde
Registrar