



KANNUR UNIVERSITY

(RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT CELL)

RDC-C/C1/415/2025

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NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited from eligible candidates, including candidates exempted from entrance test for admission to various Ph.D. programmes offered by Kannur University.

1. ELIGIBILITY

- i. Candidates who have completed a 1-year/2-semester Master's Degree programme after a 4- year/8-semester Bachelor's Degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester Master's Degree programme after a 3-year/6-semester Bachelor's Degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the Master's Degree by any Indian, Foreign Universities recognized by UGC and AIU respectively, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.
- ii. 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.
- iii. 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/State Government from time to time.

2. ADMISSION

2.1 Entrance Test

- i. The Entrance Test shall consist of questions based on Research methodology (50%) and the subject/broad field of study concerned (50%).
- ii. The duration of the examination shall be two hours.
- iii. The maximum marks for the examination shall be 70 and consists of descriptive and multiple choice questions.
- iv. Entrance Test will be based on the syllabus for UGC/CSIR/NET examinations

v. The Question paper shall consist of two parts

a. Part A – 35 Marks

Consisting of multiple-choice (20 Marks) and descriptive questions (15 Marks) related to research aptitude, mathematical/numerical ability/logical reasoning, English language competence and computer awareness.

b. Part B – 35 Marks

Consisting of objective type questions (20 Marks) & descriptive type questions(15 Marks) from the subject concerned.

- vi. Candidates securing a minimum of 50% marks, 45% marks in the case of SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per decision of the State government / University from time to time as the case may be, in the entrance examinations shall be called for the Interview before Department Research Committee. There will be no revaluation of answer scripts.
- vii. **Candidates qualified UGC/CSIR NET in the year 2023 and earlier sessions shall apply for the Ph.D admission under Entrance Test Category**
- viii. **Candidates who have already applied for the Ph.D. programme in response to the Kannur University Ph.D. Admission 2024-25 Notification No. RDC/C1/PhD Admn/2024 dated 01.10.2024 & 15.10.2.24 need not apply again. Those who are qualified in the NET for the 2024 session but applied in response to the aforementioned notification with a NET qualification certificate from 2023 or an earlier session must submit their June 2024 NET qualification certificate to the Research and Development Cell of Kannur University in order to be exempted from the entrance test.**

2.2 Exemption from Entrance Test

- i. The University Grants Commission (UGC), vide its public notice dated 27.03.2024 decided that the National Eligibility Test (NET) score can be used for admission to Ph.D. programs in place of entrance tests conducted by the different Universities/HEIs from the Academic Session 2024-25 onwards. Accordingly, from the academic session 2024-25, Kannur University will use the National Eligibility Test (NET) scores for admission to Ph.D. Programmes.
- ii. The determination of the eligibility of NET for different categories is summarized below,

Qualified for	Eligible for		
	JRF	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. admission
Category 1: Award of JRF and and appointment as	Yes	Yes	Yes

Assistant Professor			
Category 2: Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.	No	Yes	Yes
Category 3: Admission to Ph.D. only	No	No	Yes

- iii. For candidates qualified under category 1, the admission shall be solely based on an interview conducted by the Department Research Committee of the subject concerned.
- iv. For students who qualify in Categories 2 (2024 session) and 3, 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview 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/viva voce.
- v. **The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D.**
- vi. Candidates with a valid score in national-level tests such as GATE/CEED, etc., can apply under Category 1.

3. INTERVIEW

- i. Candidates who have been shortlisted after the entrance examination shall submit synopsis of the proposed research work before the Department Research committee. (Candidates who are exempted from the entrance test shall submit the synopsis of the proposed research work during the online application procedure itself)
- ii. In the interview/ viva-voce, the candidates would be required to discuss their research interest/area through a synopsis presentation.
- iii. The candidates will be given intimation regarding the date of conduct of interview, by conveners of Department Research Committees of respective subjects.
- iv. The interview will be conducted either online/offline/hybrid at the discretion of respective DRC convener. Candidates will be given intimation regarding the interview via e-mail/SMS/telephone as the case may be.
- v. For the candidates who have cleared the entrance test, the Interview shall consist of 30 marks. They will have to secure a minimum of 15 marks in the interview and 55% marks in aggregate to be eligible for admission to Ph.D. Programme.
- vi. For candidates qualified under category I of entrance exemption, the Interview shall carry a weightage of 100 % out of which scientific merit of the proposal, presentation skills and clarity of the proposal will be evaluated.
- vii. For candidates qualified under Categories 2 (2024 session) and 3 of entrance exemption, 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview 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/viva voce. The scientific merit of the proposal, presentation skills and clarity of the proposal will be evaluated during the Interview.

- viii. Final ranked list will be published by the Department Research Committees and selected candidates will be given admission to course work leading to Ph.D. programme.
- ix. M.Phil Degree holders (awarded within five years before the date of implementation of Kannur University Ph.D. Degree Regulations, 2022 i.e. 03.06.2023) will be eligible for exemption from the Course work upon specific recommendation by the Department Research Committee (DRC). Such candidates are required to pass four papers - Research & Publication Ethics, Subject Specific Paper, Review of Literature and Broad area of Research.

4. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

- i. Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years including course work and maximum of six years.
- ii. Women candidates and candidates with disability of more than 40% may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration.

5. PROCEDURE FOR APPLICATION

- i. Applications may be submitted **ONLINE** from **17.02.2025 to 28.02.2025** through the link provided in the official website of Kannur University (www.kannuruniversity.ac.in)
- ii. The applicants are advised to submit only one application.
- iii. The application fee of Rs. 680/- shall be remitted online through SBI e-pay in the University Website.
- iv. Application process will only be completed if applicable fee is remitted. The amount of fee once remitted will not be refunded.
- v. Any incomplete/erroneous applications will summarily be rejected.
- vi. Candidates are strongly advised to apply well in advance without waiting for the last date of submission of online application.
- vii. The application process is completely online, candidates **NEED NOT SEND** any hardcopies. However, it is advisable to keep a printed/soft copy of the completed application form for future reference.

6. OTHER TERMS AND CONDITIONS

- i. Admission of candidates for interview shall be provisional. Qualifying in the DRC interview alone does not imply that the candidates have become eligible for Ph.D registration in the University which will be subject to verification of the original certificates, fulfilling other eligibility criteria at the time of DRC Interview, the vacancies existing under each subject and existing terms and conditions prescribed by the University.

- ii. The University reserves the right to reject any application for proper reasons adduced therewith without prior notice.
- iii. Admission is possible only against the available vacancy. Tentative vacancy position in different subjects and list of supervisors are attached as annexure. Vacancies are subject to variation on account of arising new vacancy/approval of Research Supervisors/de-recognition of Research Supervisors/Transfer & Retirement.
- iv. The candidates (entrance exempted category) shall upload research proposal (synopsis) of the proposed work during online registration.
- v. The Research proposal of 3000 words in A4 size paper to be submitted as detailed below.
 - a) Details to be included on the facing sheet of the Research Proposal: Shall be superscribed as RESEARCH PROPOSAL
 - Name and address of the candidate
 - Discipline
 - Title of research work (in boldface)
 - Area of research.
 - b) Introduction including related studies
 - c) Importance / Rationale of the study
 - d) Objectives / Hypothesis
 - e) Methodology including methods, sample and design of work
 - f) Tentative work schedule (semester wise)
 - g) Bibliography / Reference
- vi. The research proposal (synopsis) shall be in the following subject line – Name of the Candidate, Subject and Title of the proposed research work.
- vii. Reservation as per Government rules will be given to eligible candidates.
- viii. Ph.D. programme will be governed by the "Kannur University Ph.D. Degree Regulations, 2022" and the Regulations/Guidelines prescribed by Kannur University/UGC for Ph.D. Programme amended from time to time.

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ANNEXURE I – Subjects to which application is called for

Sl. No.	Subject/Discipline
1.	Anthropology
2.	Arabic
3.	Botany
4.	Chemistry
5.	Commerce
6.	Economics
7.	Education
8.	Geography
9.	Geology
10.	Hindi
11.	History
12.	IT/Computer Science
13.	Kannada
14.	Library and Information Science
15.	Life Science (Biotechnology & Microbiology)
16.	Malayalam
17.	Mathematics
18.	Molecular Biology
19.	Physical Education
20.	Physics
21.	Political Sciences
22.	Psychology
23.	Sanskrit
24.	Statistics
25.	Travel and Tourism Management
26.	Wood Science & Technology
27.	Zoology