

**Amendment**

w.e.f. AY 2025-26

As per UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations 2022, here are the key points regarding eligibility, application procedure, admission procedure, and the structure of the Ph.D. entrance test:

**Eligibility: As per UGC PhD Regulations**

- A 1-year/2-semester master's degree program after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree program or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree program after a 3-year bachelor's degree program is required.
- The candidate must have at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in the qualifying degree. A relaxation of 5% marks is provided for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories as per UGC norms.
- Candidates with a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree program must have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.
- The subject of the Ph.D. must be related to the subject in which the candidate has obtained their master's degree.

**Application Procedure:**

- Candidates need to fill an online application form for Ph.D. program.
- The candidate must attach the necessary documents to validate their eligibility.
- Candidate must attach the required application fee with receipts.
- Latest Passport Size Photograph (white background) of the candidate ( not more than 40 kB size)

**Admission Procedure:**

- The University conducts an entrance test for Ph.D. admissions, following the norms prescribed by the UGC, 2022.
- Candidates, who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/GSET/GATE/GPAT or have passed an M.Phil. Program, are exempted from the entrance test.
- All other candidates need to appear for the entrance test .
- Candidates who have completed the coursework from another university can be exempted from coursework at ITM SLS Baroda University, but they must still appear for the university PhD Entrance Test if there is a vacancy in their desired subject.

### **Structure of Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET):**

- A. PET consists of two papers to be conducted on the same day.

Paper-I: 1 hour, 50 objective-type compulsory questions of 100 marks (general nature to assess research aptitude).

Paper-II: 2 hours, 100 objective-type compulsory questions of 200 marks based on the subject selected by the candidate. Negative marking of 0.25 marks for each wrong answer.

- B. Candidates undergo a research interaction process before admission, conducted by the Institutional Research Committee (IRC). The interaction is evaluated for 150 marks and decides the candidate's competence, suitability for research work, and contribution to new knowledge.
- Candidates need a minimum of 50% marks to qualify the test. A merit list is prepared based on the marks scored in the written test and research interaction and declared as the result of the entrance examination.

### **C. Research Interaction and Allotment:**

- Candidates can join the Ph.D. program in a subject different from their post-graduation with recommendation from the Institutional Research Committee (IRC) and approval from Research and Development Committee (RDC).
- Required documents and information needs to be submitted during interaction, including provisional name of the supervisor, mark sheets/degree certificates, qualifying certificates, contact details, etc.
- The IRC allocates research work, supervisor, co-supervisor, and approves the thesis title with prior approval from RDC.

### **Availability of Seats:**

The number of seats available for Ph.D. program admission will be decided and notified by the University as per UGC norms.

### **Fees:**

- As per the **Annexure A**: *Criteria and fee structure for PhD admission 2025-26*

### **Coursework:**

- After admission, each Ph.D. student is required to undertake one semester of coursework.
- The coursework includes four papers: Research Methodology & Pedagogy, Research Publication and Ethics, Two papers from specialisation/relevant research area.
- Credit distribution: Each of these four papers shall have 4 credits totalling to 16 credits.

### **Evaluation of Course Work**

- A candidate shall be declared to have successfully completed the course, if he/she has successfully earned 16 credits with 55 percent marks or equivalent grade.

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## **Annexure A**

### **ITM SLS Baroda University, Vadodara**

#### **The Criteria & Fee Structure for Ph.D. Admission for AY 2025-26**

##### **1. Eligibility Criteria:** As per UGC PhD 2022 Regulations

- **Educational Qualifications:** Applicants must have a Master's degree or equivalent in a relevant discipline with a minimum percentage/CGPA as specified by the UGC.
- **Entrance Examination:** Candidates have to clear a university-level entrance exam, **or** they might be exempted if they have qualified for national-level tests like UGC-NET, CSIR-NET, GATE, etc or M.Phil.

##### **2. Application Process**

- **Application Form:** Fill the online application form at the link provided by the university within the stipulated deadline.
- **Application Fee:**
  - INR 1000 - for Indian Nationals applicants.
  - USD 30 - for International applicants.
- **Supporting Documents:** Submit necessary documents such as academic transcripts, certificates, proof of work experience, research proposal, and identity proof.

##### **3. Selection Process**

**Entrance Examination:** It will comprise of two components. Component-1 will be written test for 300 marks and component-2 will be a research interaction for 150 marks. The selection shall be done from the score out of 450 marks.

###### **A. Written Test Structure:**

Under component-1, two papers (Paper-I & Paper-II) will be conducted consecutively on the same day. Both papers consist entirely of objective type questions. Negative score applies only to Paper-II, emphasizing accuracy in responses.

- **Total Marks:** 300
- **Duration:** 3 hours (Both papers will be conducted on the same day consecutively)

###### **Paper-I:**

- **Marks:** 100
- **Questions:** 50 objective type compulsory questions
- **Duration:** 1 hour
- **Question Nature:** Designed to assess the research aptitude of the candidate, testing reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking, and general awareness.

**Paper-II:**

- **Marks:** 200
- **Questions:** 100 objective type compulsory questions
- **Duration:** 2 hours
- **Question Nature:** Based on the subject selected by the candidate according to UGC-NET/CSIR-NET/GATE/ICAR/PAT, as applicable.
- **Negative Marking:** 0.25 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer.

**B. Research Interaction:**

- **Total Marks:** 150
- **Duration:** 15 - 20 min.

The candidates shall appear for their research interaction where they discuss their research interest/proposal and demonstrate their understanding of the research area and prove their potential to do quality research. The candidate shall be evaluated for 150 marks. **Candidates are advised to** prepare a detailed research outline presentation such as research objectives, methodology, literature review, and expected outcomes for the purpose of research interaction.

**4. Qualifying Criteria:**

- **Minimum Marks Required:** Candidates must score at least 50% marks to qualify the test in total. Final selection is based on the performance in the entrance test and research interaction.

**5. Fee Details (Tabulated as under):**

S.No.	Fee Name	Fee amount		Time of payment
		For Indian applicants (in INR)	For Foreign applicants (USD)	
1	Registration fee	5000-00	150-00	One time in 1 <sup>st</sup> semester
2	Research course work fee	15000-00	450-00	One time in 1 <sup>st</sup> semester
3	Course Fee (per semester)	30000-00	900-00	1 <sup>st</sup> week of every Semester until the final Thesis is submitted
4	Thesis Review, Evaluation Examination Fee	20000-00	600-00	While submitting the synopsis but before thesis.

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