

# **CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF ODISHA KORAPUT**

(Established by the Central Universities Act 2009)



**Prospectus 2024-25**  
(PhD Admission Guidelines)

## APPLICATION GUIDELINES TO PhD PROGRAMME: 2024-25

As per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for PhD Programme) Regulations, 2022 issued through THE GAZETTE OF INDIA: EXTRAORDINARY, NEW DELHI, THE 7<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER, 2022. followed by Notification No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee/2024 (NET)/14068. dated 27th March, 2024]

1. **Eligibility criteria for admission to the PhD Programme:** The following are the criteria to seek admission to the PhD programme

- 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 bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed

Or

Equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

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 Commission from time to time.

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. 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 Commission from time to time.

- II. Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the PhD programme. 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 Commission from time to time.

### 2. Duration of the PhD Programme:

- I. PhD Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the PhD programme.
- II. A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Central University of Odisha;

provided, however, that the total period for completion of a PhD programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the PhD programme. Provided further that, female PhD scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a PhD programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the PhD programme.

- III. Female PhD Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the PhD programme.

**3. Procedure for PhD admission:**

The University Grants Commission (UGC), vide its notification dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024, has decided that from the Academic Session 2024-25, the score of the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC score can be used for admission to PhD programmes in place of entrance tests conducted by the different Universities/HEIs.

Accordingly, Central University of Odisha has decided to use National Eligibility Test (NET) scores for admission to PhD programmes from the academic session 2024-25 except for the cases mentioned in Sl. No. V

Based on the scores obtained in NET, the candidates will be eligible in three categories (As per the notification of UGC dated 27<sup>th</sup> March 2024):

Qualified for	Eligible for	
	JRF	PhD Admission
Category-1: Award of JRF	Yes	Yes
Category-2: Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to PhD	No	Yes
Category-3: Admission to PhD only.	No	Yes

Table 1

- I. Admission under JRF (UGC-CSIR NET JRF (category-1) /GATE/CEED/ICAR-NET/ICAR-AICE JRF/SRF (PhD) category will be done as per University Grants Commission Notification (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of PhD Degree) Regulations, 2022, where 100% weightage will be assigned. The validity of JRF will be counted as mentioned in the JRF Award letter.
- II. For students who qualify in NET- 2024 Categories 2 and 3, 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to PhD programmes. The PhD admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce.

Qualified for	Score (70)	Interview Score (30)	Total (100)
	A	B	A+B
Category-1: Award of JRF (UGC-CSIR NET JRF / GATE / CEED / ICAR-NET / ICAR-AICE JRF / SRF)	70	Actual	Actual
Category-2: Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to PhD	$\frac{\text{Secure Score} *}{\text{Max Score} *} \times 0.70$ * NET 2024	Actual	Actual

Category-3: Admission to PhD only.	$\frac{\text{Secure Score} *}{\text{Max Score} *} \times 0.70$	Actual	Actual
	* NET 2024		

Table 2

- III. The marks obtained in the NET-2024 by the candidates in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to PhD
  - IV. Previous score of NET shall not be valid for PhD admission in Central University of Odisha for academic session 2024-25. However, the validity of JRF will be counted as mentioned in the JRF Award letter.
  - V. Candidates qualified for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED/ICAR-NET/ICAR-AICE JRF/SRF (PhD)-2024 will also be eligible for the PhD programme at Central University of Odisha.
  - VI. The period of validity of JRF/SRF shall continue till the date of admission, failing which the candidature for admission into the PhD programme shall be automatically cancelled.
  - VII. A 5% PwBD reservation (horizontal in nature) shall be provided for admission into the PhD programme. If the PwBD category is not filled on open merit under different categories, the remaining PwBD candidates shall be shortlisted on a merit basis based on the total score secured, as mentioned in Table 2. Further, the merit list shall be prepared among the PwBD candidates by considering the university as a unit and shall be placed in the respective departments.
  - VIII. Central University of Odisha may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of PhD seats available.
4. **Date of Interview:**
- The date of the interview will be finalized by the university. Date, time and venue will be notified in the University website.
5. **Reservation Guidelines:**
- I. Reservation of seats for OBC, SC, ST, EWS and Differently abled candidates will be made as per the rules of the Government of India.
  - II. In accordance with the policy of the Government of India and the guidelines of the University Grants Commission, the University has reserved 15% of seats for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes and 7.5% for those belonging to the Scheduled Tribes, with a provision for inter-changeability between these categories, wherever necessary. Candidates seeking reservation under SC/ST category shall upload/submit a copy of the certificate of their caste/tribe in the prescribed format issued by the Competent Authority, not below the rank of Tehsildar/ Mandal Revenue Officer.
  - III. In accordance with the policy of the Govt. of India and the guidelines of the University Grants Commission, 27% of the seats are reserved for the OBC (NCL) candidates. Candidates claiming reservation under the OBC (NCL, Central List) category must possess the OBC (NCL) certificate issued by the competent authority in the format prescribed by the Government of India issued **on or after 1st April 2024** without which their claim shall not be considered under OBC (NCL) category
  - IV. A reservation of 10% of seats is provided to EWS candidates. In accordance with the

provisions of the Constitution (One Hundred and Third Amendment) Act 2019, and the reference of Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment vide OM No. 20013/01/2018-BC-II dated 17<sup>th</sup> January 2019, enabling provision of reservation for the Economically Weaker Section (EWS) who are not covered under the existing scheme of reservations for the Scheduled Castes, the Scheduled Tribes and the Socially and Educationally Backward Classes, it has been decided to provide reservation in admission to educational institutions subject to a maximum of 10% of total seats in each programme. The candidates belonging to EWS, he/she has to claim at the time of filling up the online application form specified. The benefit of reservation under EWS can be availed by producing an Income and Asset Certificate issued by any of the Competent Authority in the prescribed format issued **on or after 1st April 2024**.

“The admission is provisional and is subject to the Income and Asset certificate being verified through the proper channels and if the verification reveals that the claim to belong to EWS is fake/false the admission will be Cancelled forthwith without assigning any further reasons and without prejudice to such further action as may be taken under the provisions of the Indian Penal Code for production of fake/false certificate.”

**Criteria of Income & Assets:**

Persons not covered under the scheme of reservation for SCs, STs and OBCs and whose family has a gross annual income below Rs.8.00 lakh (Rupees eight lakh only) are to be identified as EWSs for the benefit of reservation. Income shall also include income from all sources, i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc., for the financial year prior to the year of application. Also, persons whose family owns or possesses any of the following assets shall be excluded from being identified as EWS, irrespective of the family income:

- i. 5 acres of agricultural land and above,
- ii. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above,
- iii. Residential plots of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities.
- iv. Residential plots of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

The property held by a “Family” in different locations or places/ cities would be clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status. The term “Family” for this purpose will include the person who seeks the benefit of reservation, his/her parents, and siblings below the age of 18 years, as also his/ her spouse and children below the age of 18 years.

- V. 5% of seats (horizontal in nature) are provided for the PwBD candidates having a minimum degree of disability to 40% provided that their physical disability does not get in the way of pursuing the programme. The minimum eligibility requirements prescribed are relaxed in their cases as in the cases of the SC/ST candidates. i. PwBD candidates are required to submit a certificate from a Medical Board/Civil Surgeon of a Govt. Hospital indicating the extent of visual/physical disability and the extent to which the disability hampers the candidate in pursuing her/his studies. ii. The candidates under this category may have to undergo a fresh medical examination, if prescribed by the University, before being admitted.
6. Incomplete applications are liable to be summarily rejected. The rights of cancellation or admission lie with the University. The University reserves the right to restrict the number of eligible applicants to be called for interview.
7. Applicants are advised to visit our website for any update (inclusion/omission) in connection with the interview at regular intervals.

8. **Application Fee: Rs. 1000/-** for all (Non-Refundable)
9. **Online Application Procedure:** Candidates must apply through our online application system. Details of the courses, eligibility criteria and relevant information are available in the University Admission Portal - <https://cuoadmission.samarth.edu.in/index.php>
10. **It is mandatory to submit the Scorecard of the tests mentioned in section 3 of the prospectus while filling out the application form.**
11. **Tentative dates for PhD admission are as follows:**

Release of Admission Announcement	:	09.12.2024
Commencement of Online Application Submission	:	11.12.2024
Last Date for Submitting Online Application	:	05.01.2025
Notification for List of Shortlisted Candidates Called for Interview	:	10.01.2025
Date of Interview	:	20.01.2025 – 24.01.2025
Notification for List of Shortlisted candidates for admission	:	30.01.2025
Date of Admission	:	11.02.2025
Commencement of PhD Course Work	:	13.02.2025

**Sd/-**  
**Controller of Examinations**  
**Central University of Odisha**

## INTAKE CAPACITY FOR ADMISSION TO PhD PROGRAMME

Sl. No.	Name of the Department	Area of Specialization (If Any)	Total Intake					TOTAL
			UR	OBC	EWS	SC	ST	
01	Department of Odia Language and Literature	Ancient/Medieval and Modern Literature	2	2	1	1	0	6
02	Dept. of English Language and Literature	Indian literature and translation studies Post colonial/decolonial literature, Drama/Theatre and performance studies, African literature in English, Afro-American literature, Asian American Studies, Caribbean literature, English Language Teaching and Learning, Translation Studies, Linguistics, Communicative English, Pedagogy of English and Indian English Writing, Comparative Literature and Translation Studies, American Literature, Environmental Literature, Indian English Literature and Postcolonial Literature, Dalit and Tribal Literature	4	2	1	1	1	9
03	Dept. of Hindi	Madhyakalin Hindi- Odia Ramkavya, Sakshatakar Sahitya, Tulnatmak Sahitya, Comparative study, Odia - Hindi folk literature, Translation from Odia, Hindi, Bengali, Nepali, Indian Poetic, Katha Sahitya, Jainendra Aur Yashpal ke Upanyason Mein Abhivyakt Stri Chetna : Ek Tulnatmak Adhyayan, Women discourse in Modern Hindi Literature, Comparative Study, Literary Criticism, Translation Bengali to Hindi , Hindi-Bengali Katha Sahitya, Tulnatmak Sahitya. Comparative Study Hindi-Bengali Literature, Rabindra Sahitya.	4	2	0	2	1	9
04	Dept. of Sanskrit	Vedic Literature, Indian Philosophy, Buddhism, Art & Architecture, Literature, comparative religion and philosophy	4	3	1	1	0	9
05	Dept. of Sociology	Gender and Society, Economy and Society, Social change and Development, Technology and Society, Rural Society, Indian	4	3	2	2	1	12

		Sociology, Sociological Theories, Tribal Sociology, Social Movements, Environmental Sociology, Sociology and crime Deviance, Urban Sociology, Politics and Sociology, Cultural Studies, Social Psychology, Civil society						
06	Dept. of Anthropology	Socio-Cultural Anthropology, Developmental Anthropology, Tribal Studies, Molecular Anthropology, Medical Anthropology, Nutritional Anthropology, Bio-cultural Study, Biochemical Anthropology, Biological Anthropology, Biosocial Study	1	1	0	0	1	3
07	Dept. of Economics	Economics of Natural Resources, Environment Economics, Agricultural Economics, Development Economics, Tribal Economics, Rural Economics, Gender Economics, Industrial Economics, Public Policy	3	1	0	1	0	5
08	Dept. of Journalism & Mass Communication	Health Communication, Media Technology, Social Media, Journalism & Mass Communication, Communication for Development, Folk & Tribal Communication, Theory & Research, Film, Theatre & Gender Studies, Culture and Communication, Development Communication	3	3	1	1	1	9
09	Dept. of Education	Education	5	4	2	2	1	14
10	Dept. of Mathematics	Non-Linear Dynamics, Biomathematics, Bifurcation Theory Complex Analysis, Optimization Using Computer Aided Design (CAD), Geometry Function Theory	2	0	0	1	0	3
11	Dept. of Computer Science	Blockchain Technology, IoT, Cloud/ Fog/ Mist Computing, Model Checking, Decentralized AI, GIS, Federated Learning	2	1	0	0	0	3
12	Dept. of Biodiversity and Conservation of Natural	Conservation Biology, Faunal Diversity, Distribution and Ecology in Forest Ecosystem, Ethnozoological studies, Marine & Coastal Biodiversity,	1	1	0	1	0	3



	Resources	Coastal Zone Management, Climate Change, Carbon Sequestration, Aquaculture and Remote Sensing and GIS, Agrobiodiversity, Stress physiology, Biodiversity assessment of floral groups., Phytochemical analysis of Medicinal plants.						
13	Dept. of Business Management	General Management, Supply Chain Management, Operations Management (Industry-based)	0	1	1	0	1	3
14	Dept. of Statistics	Sampling Theory, Applied Statistics, Machine Learning, Demography, Distribution Theory, Lifetime Distributions, Statistical Inference, Bayesian Inference	2	1	0	1	0	4
15	Dept. of Agriculture	Soil and water Conservation, Remote sensing and GIS, Farm Machinery, Renewable energy, Plant Pathology, Extension Education, plant breeding and genetics	4	2	1	1	1	9
16	Dept. of Forest Management	Silviculture and Agroforestry	1	1	0	0	0	2
17	Dept. of Animal Husbandry	Animal Nutrition, Dairy Microbiology	2	1	1	1	0	5
			<b>44</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>08</b>	<b>108</b>

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