



Notification regarding Research Entrance Test-2026

Subject: Clarification regarding Exemption from the Ph.D. Entrance Test based on UGC-NET/JRF Qualification and Assessment of Candidates Exempted from the Ph.D. Entrance Test

1. Exemption from Ph.D. Entrance Test

In accordance with the applicable UGC guidelines regarding the use of UGC-NET qualifications for admission to Ph.D. programmes, the following categories of candidates shall be considered for exemption from the Ph.D. Entrance Test as shown in Table 1:

Table 1- Exemption from Ph.D. Entrance Test

S. No.	Category	Exemption from Ph.D. Entrance Test
1	Category-I: Junior Research Fellowship (JRF)	Yes
2	Category-II: Qualified for NET (Assistant Professor) and Admission to Ph.D. (UGC-NET June 2024 onwards) Note : Prior to NET June 2024 Candidate have to take Research Entrance Test- 2026 (RET-2026) of the University	Yes, subject to one-year validity of the "Admission to Ph.D." eligibility. Example: If the UGC-NET result is declared on 04.02.2026 , the eligibility for Admission to Ph.D. shall remain valid up to 03.02.2027 .
3	Category-III : Admission to Ph.D. only	Yes, subject to one-year validity of the "Admission to Ph.D." eligibility. Example: If the UGC-NET result is declared on 04.02.2026 , the eligibility for Admission to Ph.D. shall remain valid up to 03.02.2027

2. Assessment of Candidates Exempted from the Ph.D. Entrance Test

Candidates exempted under **Category I, Category II, and Category III** must submit their **UGC-NET Score Card** issued by NTA.

- **UGC-NET Score:** 70 Marks (converted on a pro-rata basis)
- **Interview/Viva-Voce:** 30 Marks

3. Conversion Formula

Marks out of 70 = [(UGC-NET Marks Obtained) / (UGC-NET Maximum Marks)] * 70

Illustration: If a candidate secures 162 out of 300 marks in UGC-NET.

- Marks out of 70 = $(162 \div 300) \times 70 = 37.80$
- Final Merit = 37.80 (UGC-NET) + Interview Marks (out of 30)



Table 2- Component in Final Merit List

Component	Maximum Marks	Marks Awarded
UGC-NET Score (converted as per score card basis)	70	37.80
Interview/Viva-Voce	30	As awarded by the Interview Board
Total	100	37.80 + Interview Marks

Important Note:

- (i). The same provisions shall apply to candidates qualified through **UGC-CSIR NET, GATE and other equivalent national-level tests**, wherever applicable.
- (ii). Candidates are advised to **verify their eligibility carefully**. The responsibility for claiming the appropriate exemption category rests entirely with the candidate.
- (iii). If, at any stage of the admission process or thereafter, it is found that **a candidate does not fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria**, has claimed exemption incorrectly, or has submitted false or misleading information/documents, the candidature/admission shall be **liable to be cancelled at any point of time, without prior notice**.

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