

General Instructions for PhD applicants for the academic year 2020

Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates for the Research Aptitude Test for determining eligibility for admission to Full-time/Part-time research leading to PhD Degree in Health Sciences. Postgraduate level knowledge of the subject and aptitude for research are expected of the candidates. Candidate should satisfy himself / herself that he / she fulfill the eligibility requirements prescribed for the admission.

It is mandatory for all aspiring candidates to Register & Confirm the Online Application Form through login portal by him or herself on website. (Offline applications will not be accepted).

It should be noted that all documents are required to be uploaded online at the time of application for PhD program through the portal. Candidates are advised to keep the necessary original documents ready at the time of Document Verification as notified by the University.

Finalize Research Proposal in prescribed format & upload online.

Pay fee online using option.

Candidates can save & download Application form for their own record.

Eligibility rules as specified in notification shall be strictly followed and shall not be relaxed under any circumstances. Candidates may exercise caution while filling up the application form online and must provide all the required documents during application & subsequent document verification. University will not be responsible for failure of uploading documents or verification on part of the candidate.

Admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the University, the guidelines / norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory bodies, and taking into account the reservation policy of the State Government applicable to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), differently-abled and other categories of candidates.

Shortlisted candidates will have to appear for a Research Aptitude Test, which will comprise of a written test and / or interview.

Based on the test results shortlisted candidates will be notified to appear for the interview as per schedule. No separate communication will be sent to candidates for Interview.

Qualifying in the Research Aptitude Test alone does not automatically imply that the candidates have been granted admission or have attained a right for such admission in to the PhD program under the University.

*Conditions of Eligibility:

Master's degree from a recognized University with not less than 55% marks or grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale with relaxation of 5% of marks (from 55% to 50%), or an equivalent relaxation of grade to those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer)/differently-abled & other categories.

Eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to those belonging to SC/ST/OBC(non-creamy layer) /differently-abled and other categories of candidates will be confirmed based on verification of documents uploaded by candidates.

Scanned copy of relevant certificate issued by State Government in the case of SC/ST candidates, Community certificate in case of OBC non-creamy layer (recently issued within one year) and

certification for differently-abled candidates must be uploaded online & furnished during verification process.

In case of failure or incomplete document verification, candidate shall not be allowed to appear in Entrance Examination / Interview conducted by the University, application shall stand cancelled and no further correspondence in the matter shall be entertained.

Exemption from Entrance Test:

The following categories are exempted from qualifying PhD entrance test conducted by the University: Candidates qualified in National level eligibility tests or WBUHS RAT 2019.

Candidates seeking Exemption from Entrance test are directed to upload a scanned copy of UGC/CSIR-JRF /DBT-JRF / NET / SLET / ICMR / DST INSPIRE award certificate endorsed by the Head of the Department / Institute specifying the details of Fellowship offer.

The validity period of any of such qualifications are counted for granting Exemption / Waiver from PhD Entrance Test.

Admission of exempted candidates will be based on qualifying marks obtained in PhD Interview conducted by University, pass requirement in Interview / Viva-Voce is minimum 50% marks for General Category and 45% each for SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-able students will be applicable.

Procedures for granting Admission:

Candidates eligible for admission to PhD program shall be decided by a two stage process- Research Aptitude Test and Interview.

Interview shall be conducted by the University in such a way that the candidates would be required to discuss their research interest/area through a brief presentation.

Research Supervision:

Eligibility criteria Research Supervisor / Co-supervisor: Only regular faculty shall be permitted to continue as research supervisors for the purpose of registration of PhD candidates.

Only a full-time teacher who is in regular service of the university / affiliated institutions / research laboratories of Central/State Government, located in the geographical jurisdiction of the University, can act as Research Supervisors.

Any regular Professor of the university/ affiliated PG Institute with at least 5 research articles in referred / indexed/ National journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor.

Any regular Associate / Assistant Professor of the university/ affiliated PhD research institution with a PhD degree and at least 2 research publications in referred / indexed/ National journals may be recognized as Research Supervisor.

Provision of co-supervisor: The co-supervisor should satisfy qualification requirements of Supervisors. The principal Supervisor may recommend additional co-supervisors from additional disciplines /Faculties for valid academic reasons for conducting PhD research.

In cases where guide has less than 3 years to retire, a co-guide shall be mandatory.

The number of PhD scholars, to be admitted to each subject of study at the University affiliated PG Departments shall be based on number of available eligible research supervisors and other academic / physical facilities available in accordance with the norms regarding the scholar-teacher ratio (as indicated under the UGC Minimum Standards Procedure for the award of PhD Degree, 2016).

The enrolment to PhD program shall be granted only on the basis of merit and subject to the availability of the supervising teachers and as per the norms and regulations framed by the University in accordance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for the Award of MPhil/PhD Degrees) Regulations 2016.

The verification of candidates' eligibility conditions in relation to qualifying degree, compliance with eligibility of the Supervising teachers as per the norms and regulations framed by the UGC & other formalities will be taken up when the candidates apply online for admission.

Final consideration of the candidature is subject to fulfillment of the eligibility criteria & all relevant documents proving qualification to be verified at the time of Document verification conducted by the university.

The University reserves the right to reject any application for proper reasons adduced therewith.

Duration of the Program:

PhD program shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years.

Women candidates and candidates with disability of more than 40 per cent may be allowed a relaxation of two years for PhD in the maximum duration.

Registration for research granted shall be automatically cancelled on the date of expiry of the maximum period specified.

LAST DATE:

The last date for receipt of applications online is 14.03.2020.

NOTE:

No refund will be made if once submitted the application form and later deleting or not appearing for test or duplication of application forms.

For candidates pursuing PhD Program, there is no scholarship / grant or any other pecuniary support from the University.

All notices/shortlists will be put on University website only. Candidate is advised to visit www.wbuhs.ac.in regularly & check for any subsequent Addendum/Corrigendum /Updates/Information which will be uploaded / updated on the website only.

The registration for PhD shall be granted subject to availability of supervising teachers in respective disciplines of PhD research institute and as per the norms and regulations framed by the UGC.

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Registrar, WBUHS