

Ph.D. Admission Information Bulletin, 2026-27



Kashi Naresh University Bhadohi

(A State University of Uttar Pradesh)
Estd. 2026

Research Entrance Test 2026-2027

**Ph. D.
Entrance Information Brochure**

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Important Notice

- 1. Kashi Naresh University, Bhadohi, will conduct the Research Entrance Test (RET) for the academic session 2026-2027 on the scheduled date and time determined by the University.**
- 2. The Research Entrance Test for admission in all subjects will be conducted on the same day and at the same time.**
- 3. Candidates are therefore advised to apply for admission to research in only one subject.**

Ph.D. Research Entrance Test 2026-2027

Important Dates

Details	Start Date	Last Date
Date for filling the entrance examination application form on the university website, and the fee payment date through the online payment gateway	20.10.2026	15.11.2026

Fee Details for Ph. D. Research Entrance Test 2026-2027

For General, EWS and OBC Candidates	Rs. 1500/-
For Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Candidates	Rs. 1000/-

Ph.D. Research Entrance Test Information
Academic Session 2026-2027

Research Entrance Test (RET) will be held for the following subjects for the academic session 2026-2027. The University will provide information regarding the entrance examination through its website.

1. Subject, Subject Code and Number of Vacant Seats

S.N.	Subject Name	Faculty/Department/ Institution	Seats
1.	Political Science	Faculty of Arts	07
2.	Ancient history		00
3.	Medieval and Modern History		06
4.	Sociology		05
5.	Economics		11
6.	Geography		04
7.	Philosohy		02
8.	Psychology		02
9.	Home-Science		04
10.	Hindi		11
11.	Sanskrit		07
12.	English Literature		06
13.	Physical Education		00
14.	Drawing and Painting		02
15.	Music		00
16.	Botany	Faculty of Science	18
17.	Chemistry		21
18.	Physics		15
19.	Zoology		15
20.	Mathematics		05
21.	Commerce	Faculty of Commerce	02
22.	B. Ed. – Education	Faculty of B. Ed. (Education)	08

Note: The University reserves the right to change the above seat numbers

2. Eligibility Conditions for Research

1.	Candidates who have completed a 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree programme followed by a 1-year/2-semester Master's degree programme, or a 3-year Bachelor's degree programme followed by a 2-year/4-semester Master's degree programme, or qualifications declared equivalent to a Master's degree by the relevant statutory body, or an equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency recognised/authorised by the competent authority; with at least 55% marks or an equivalent grade on a point scale. Candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Persons with Disabilities/EWS and other categories may be granted a relaxation of 5% marks or an equivalent grade, as permitted by the University Grants Commission from time to time. Candidates seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree must have a minimum of 75% marks, or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever a grading system is followed. SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Persons with Disabilities/EWS and other categories may be granted a relaxation of 5% marks or an equivalent grade as permitted by the University Grants Commission from time to time.
2.	Candidates who have passed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks, or equivalent grade where grading is followed, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign educational institution, are eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.
3.	Permanent/regular teachers of Kashi Naresh University and its affiliated colleges (after completion of probation and regularisation) shall be exempted from the written entrance examination, but they must appear for the interview. During the research period, the rules specified for regular research scholars shall apply to matters concerning the extension of time for the completion of research.
4.	Candidates who have qualified UGC/CSIR JRF/NET (under Category-2 and Category-3) or equivalent, GATE or equivalent examinations shall be exempted from the University's written entrance examination, but must appear for the interview.

3. Admission in Research

3.1. First Stage

Research Entrance Test (RET)	1. The written examination will consist of 150 multiple-choice questions, carrying 300 marks. The paper will last 3 hours. (The syllabus for the Research Entrance Test (RET) will be based on the
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	prescribed syllabus for the NET exam.) 2. There will be no negative marking in the examination. 3. The entrance examination will be conducted at examination centres determined by the University. 4. For General category candidates, obtaining 40% marks is mandatory. 5. SC/ST/PwD/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/EWS and visually impaired candidates will receive a 5% relaxation in the total marks obtained.
Exemption from Research Entrance Test (RET)	1. Regular teachers who are teaching in the University or an affiliated college and have completed their probation period. 2. Foreign candidates (including NRIs), subject to the rules and conditions regarding admission, fees, etc., prescribed from time to time by the Central Government and the University. 3. Candidates selected for JRF/CSIR/ICMR/SLET or any such other fellowship by the U.P. Government, or the Government of India, or a Central Government institution. 4. Candidates who have obtained at least 75% marks in GATE. Candidates who have qualified for the NET (under Category-2 and Category-3) will also be exempted from the entrance examination. The certificate will remain valid only until the date mentioned on the certificate. 5. Candidates whose certificate remains valid up to the date of issue of the Research Admission Notification shall also be considered exempt from the entrance examination. Notes: Candidates who have qualified SLET/SET of another State must appear for the Research Entrance Examination.

3.2. Second Stage

Candidates who qualify the entrance examination and those exempted from the entrance examination must appear for the second stage — interview/oral examination—for admission to research. The marks obtained by a candidate in the viva-voce/interview (PowerPoint presentation) will be the basis for selection for admission to research. The process shall be as follows:

1.	Candidates who are successful in the Research Entrance Examination and those exempted from it shall complete the application form issued by the University for the
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	second stage and deposit the prescribed fee: ₹ 500/- for Unreserved and OBC categories, and ₹ 250/- for SC/ST and PwD candidates.
2.	Candidates who qualify for the entrance examination and those exempted from it must submit all their academic certificates, reservation-related certificates, and a copy of their research proposal (original copy and a CD/pen drive for the PowerPoint presentation) to the respective department by the specified date. Presenting the proposal on the date set by the department will be mandatory for everyone.
3.	The viva-voce/interview (PowerPoint presentation) shall carry 30 marks. A descending merit list of successful candidates shall be prepared based on marks obtained in the viva-voce/interview, and the admission process shall be completed in that order.
4.	A category-wise merit list of successful candidates in the second stage shall be prepared and published on the University website.

4. Instructions Regarding Filling the Application Form

1.	Before filling the prescribed online application form for the entrance examination, candidates must carefully read and comply with all instructions given on the University website. Candidates shall be responsible for any errors made in the application form.
2.	Codes have been prescribed for each category. The application form must be filled out carefully according to the instructions. Candidates shall be responsible for errors made in the form.
3.	Before filling the online application form, candidates should scan and keep a recent, clear photograph (10 KB to 500 KB), signature (10 KB to 500 KB), and other relevant certificates (10 KB to 500 KB), as these may be required during the online form filling.
4.	The fee deposited by a candidate will not be refunded under any circumstances.
5.	The admit card may be downloaded from the University website three days before the examination.
6.	At the time of admission, the candidate must compulsorily submit the migration certificate and an affidavit in the format prescribed by the University.
7.	If one seat is vacant and two or more candidates obtain equal marks in the entrance examination, the candidate obtaining higher marks in the qualifying examination shall be selected.

8.	If, due to an error, a candidate who is not eligible to appear in the entrance examination is permitted to sit for the examination and an admit card is issued, the University shall have the right to cancel the permission to appear or the examination result.
9.	At the time of counselling, the original marksheets, certificates of the qualifying examination, other academic certificates, and the reservation-related certificate must be produced.
10.	Rules/regulations amended from time to time by the University or the State Government shall apply to research scholars.

5. Reservation

Reservation	
1.	Reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Class and Economically Weaker Section candidates shall be provided according to the latest policy of the State Government applicable at the time of admission. To avail reservation, the candidate must enter the category and category code in the application form as specified in the relevant table. Selected candidates must produce the original caste certificate at the time of admission. For OBC/EWS categories, certificates issued according to the Government of Uttar Pradesh orders shall be valid.
2.	The benefit of reservation shall be available only to candidates who are original residents of Uttar Pradesh. For women candidates, the caste certificate must be issued in the father's name; a certificate bearing the husband's name shall not be accepted.
3.	For OBC candidates, caste certificates issued before 1 October 2022 shall not be valid. A certificate in the newly prescribed format must be submitted; otherwise, the benefit of reservation will not be granted.
4.	EWS candidates must produce an EWS certificate for the financial year 2026–27 issued by the competent authority at the time of admission.

Horizontal Reservation	
1.	A total of 5% of seats in the relevant category shall be reserved category-wise for candidates with disabilities, including blindness/low vision, hearing impairment and locomotor disability/cerebral palsy.
2.	A total of 2% of seats shall be reserved category-wise for dependents of freedom fighters, and 5% for dependents of serving soldiers/ex-servicemen/personnel posted in

	Jammu & Kashmir, paramilitary personnel, or displaced citizens of Jammu & Kashmir, as specified.
3.	For the dependents (wife/husband/son/daughter) of permanent teaching and non-teaching employees of Kashi Naresh University, seats shall be reserved category-wise under the relevant category, as per the provisions of the Ordinance.
4.	20% of seats shall be reserved category-wise for women candidates. Of the total reserved seats for women, 2% shall be reserved category-wise for widowed/divorced women.

Notes:

1. Horizontal reservation shall be permissible according to the latest Government Order issued by the Government of Uttar Pradesh.
2. Candidates with disabilities must produce, at the time of admission, a countersigned disability certificate issued by the Chief Medical Officer after assessment of the disability to receive the benefit of reservation.

6 . Process of Registration in Research

1.	Candidates who are successful in the second stage shall appear before the Head of the Department/Dean of the Faculty with their original certificates for verification. After verification and on the recommendation of the Head of the Department/Dean of the Faculty, the Research Section shall issue permission to pay the Research Admission Fee (Course Work).
2.	After obtaining admission permission, the candidate shall deposit the prescribed research fee. If the candidate deposits the fee within three weeks of receiving permission for admission, registration shall be completed, and the candidate shall be deemed registered as of the date of fee payment. If the research scholar does not deposit the fee within this period, the admission permission shall automatically stand cancelled.
3.	After payment of the research admission fee and registration, the scholar shall become eligible for coursework and shall submit the prescribed application form, along with ten copies containing the required details and the supervisor's recommendation, for approval at the meeting of the Research Committee of the concerned subject. The research proposal must clearly state the subject matter, the literature review, the

	objectives, the hypotheses, the research methodology, the research plan, and the academic significance of the research.
4.	The Research Committee shall also consider the proposed topic and may approve it as submitted or in a modified form. Ordinarily, within one week, the Department/Faculty Committee shall forward the approved proceedings and approved applications to the Research Section.
5.	A separate affidavit shall be submitted for the six-month coursework. Working candidates must submit the certificate relating to the six months' leave in advance. All certificates shall be deposited in the concerned department/faculty.
6.	Before depositing the registration fee, all candidates shall submit an affidavit in the concerned department/faculty.

6. Important Instructions Regarding Course Work

1.	The University/institution/director/principal shall ensure that, where PhD coursework in a subject is conducted at the study centre, the teachers associated with that subject treat participation in the smooth conduct of the coursework as an academic duty.
2.	Classes and other activities shall be conducted by the Head of the Department/Dean of the Faculty of the concerned subject according to the timetable and work plan provided by the office of the study centre established in the University/institution/college.
3.	If necessary, classes may also be conducted on holidays. On days when classes are held, the relevant research scholar must sign the attendance register for each period.
4.	During the relevant period, research scholars must sign the attendance registers for the computer laboratory and the library, as applicable.
5.	Separate attendance registers shall be prepared for each period.
6.	The Head of the Department/Dean of the Faculty for each subject shall authenticate the attendance register with his/her signature and submit it to the Study Centre Coordinator; after being countersigned by the authorised officer, it shall be submitted to the University every month.

7. Course Work:

1.	All admitted research scholars, including those exempted from the entrance examination, must complete six months of coursework after taking leave from their respective institutions.
A	The six-month coursework shall serve as preparation for the PhD research and shall

		include Research Methodology, Quantitative Methods, Computer Applications, and a review of books published in the relevant field of research.
	B	The Head of the Department/Dean of the Faculty shall arrange the timetable, the teaching-learning process, continuous assessment, and internal examinations for the coursework. The coursework syllabus shall be prepared by the Head of the Department/Dean of the Faculty with the assistance of the Departmental Committee and the Board of Studies.
2.		To appear in the coursework examination, a minimum of 75% attendance in all classes (written and practical) of each paper is mandatory. If attendance is lower because of illness, participation in sports or other activities, the following rules shall apply: A shortage of up to 5% in attendance may be condoned by the Coordinator/Head of Department/Director. • Up to 10% shortage may be condoned by the Vice-Chancellor on the recommendation of the Coordinator/Head of Department/Director. • Even after such condonation, a minimum of 65% attendance is mandatory.
3.		The University shall conduct the coursework examination along with the University's other examinations under the guidance of the Head of the Department/Dean of the Faculty. To pass the coursework examination, every student must obtain 55% marks in each paper and in the aggregate, including internal assessment.
4.		If a student fails the coursework, one additional opportunity shall be given to pass the examination in the next batch.
5.		A student who does not record the minimum required attendance in the coursework shall not be given another opportunity.
6.		Coursework shall be conducted strictly according to the prescribed syllabus for each subject.
7.		The University shall provide the coursework syllabus to each study centre.
8.		The coursework shall be conducted by the concerned Head of Department/Coordinator (RDC) in accordance with the approved timetable, teaching instructions, internal examinations, assignments, and instructions issued by the University from time to time.
9.		The Head of Department of the concerned subject shall provide the Study Centre Coordinator with the list of experts to be invited to deliver lectures.
10.		Supervision of coursework activities at each centre shall be ensured by the Head of Department/Coordinator (RDC), the Dean of the concerned subject and the

	officer/teacher/committee nominated by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.
11.	The University shall provide the required forms relating to the operation of the centre.

Note: All research scholars are subject to the rules and regulations amended by the Government/University from time to time. Every decision in this regard shall strictly conform to the provisions of the applicable Research Ordinance of Mahatma Gandhi Kashi Vidyapith, Varanasi.
