



हिमाचल प्रदेश केंद्रीय विश्वविद्यालय

Central University of Himachal Pradesh

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Admission Notification for Ph.D. for the Academic Session 2026-27

First Stage: Admission of Candidates under UGC-CSIR NET Categories I (JRF), II & III, GATE, CEED and Other National-Level Fellowship/Eligibility Examinations

Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to the Ph.D. Programmes offered by the Central University of Himachal Pradesh for the Academic Session 2026–27. Application forms can be submitted through the university website www.cuhimachal.ac.in from 31.07.2026 to 12.08.2026 (up to 5:00 PM).

1. General Instructions

- 1.1 Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET, UGC-CSIR NET, GATE, CEED, or any other equivalent National-level eligibility/entrance examination recognised by the University Grants Commission (UGC) or any other competent statutory authority, and **who have already applied** in response to the Ph.D. Admission Notification No. COE/2-2/11/CUHP/26/9676 dated 13.07.2026, **need not apply** afresh.
- 1.2 Candidates who had applied earlier but are not eligible under the revised admission notification may seek a refund by emailing coe@hpcu.ac.in with their registration details, proof of registration, and bank account details. Alternatively, they may wait for the Second Stage of the Ph.D. admission process. If they do not apply or do not wish to participate in the Second Stage, they may also claim the refund after its completion.
- 1.3 Candidate wishing to apply for admission to **more than one Ph.D. programme** shall be required to submit a **separate application** form for each programme along with the prescribed application fee for each such programme. Candidates must ensure that they fulfil the eligibility criteria for each programme in accordance with the applicable UGC Regulations and the University rules.
- 1.4 The application fee once paid shall not be refunded under any circumstances.
- 1.5 Admission to the Ph.D. programme in **Kashmir Studies, Deendayal Upadhyaya Studies** will be done in the **Second Stage** of the admission process, based on the University Level Entrance Test.

2. Minimum Eligibility Criteria:

The following candidates shall be eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

2.1 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.

or

A 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme with 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.

2.2 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 Ph.D. 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.

2.3 An employee of any University/Institution/College/Government Department/Public Sector Undertaking (PSU)/Research and Development (R&D) organisation/industry/private industry or any other organisation, fulfilling all the prescribed eligibility conditions, may apply for admission to the Ph.D. degree programme in the concerned subject.

However, a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** issued by the employer/appointing authority shall be mandatory and shall be submitted at the time of payment of the Ph.D. admission fee. Failure to submit the NOC shall render the candidate ineligible for admission to the Ph.D. degree programme. In addition, such candidates shall be required to submit, before the commencement of the Ph.D. coursework, a sanction order granting **study leave** or **leave of the kind due** for a minimum continuous period of **six months**, issued by the employer/appointing authority. Failure to submit the same within the stipulated time shall result in the cancellation of the candidate's admission to the Ph.D. degree programme.

Further, Internal Teaching and Non-Teaching employees of Central University of Himachal Pradesh pursuing the Ph.D. Programme shall complete the prescribed coursework concurrently with their regular official duties/assignments. They shall ensure that their Ph.D. studies do not adversely affect the discharge of their official responsibilities or the teaching, administrative, or other institutional work of the University.

2.4 To be eligible (**for the first stage**), the applicant must have qualified any of the following:

- I. UGC/CSIR- JRF
- II. UGC/CSIR-NET
- III. UGC-NET (Qualified for Admission to Ph.D. only)
- IV. GATE
- V. CEED
- VI. Or any other similar National-Level Examination recognised by the UGC

2.5 The minimum eligibility criteria for admission to the interdisciplinary Ph.D. programmes, namely **(i) Remote Sensing & GIS** and **(ii) Nanoscience & Materials**, shall be as per **Annexure-A**. In addition, the applicant must fulfil all the other eligibility conditions.

3. Procedure for Admission

3.1 **Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made using the following methods.**

The selection of candidates shall be made on the basis of a composite score of 100 marks obtained by adding marks in the test portion (70% weightage) and the interview (30% weightage). The marks in the test portion shall be added as follows;

- a) Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET under Category-I (Junior Research Fellowship - JRF) or are holding a valid fellowship/scholarship under UGC-CSIR NET, GATE, CEED, or any other equivalent National-level examination recognised by the UGC or any other competent statutory authority shall be eligible to appear directly for the Interview/Viva-Voce. Such candidates shall be awarded full marks (70 marks).
- b) Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET/CSIR-NET under Categories II and III or possess a valid score in GATE, CEED, or any other equivalent National-level eligibility/entrance examination recognised by the UGC or any other competent statutory authority shall be given test marks equal to 70% of the score obtained in the respective National-level examination.
- c) NET qualified candidates prior to UGC notification dated 27.03.2024 with File no F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 shall be given 50 marks and remaining 20 marks based on Masters percentage.

3.2 All eligible applicants under both the above categories shall be required to appear for an Interview/Viva-Voce to be conducted by the concerned Department/Centre. The Interview/Viva-Voce score shall carry 30% weightage in the composite score.

3.3 The Interview/Viva-Voce will be held in the concerned Department/Centre from August 17-19, 2026.

4. Number of Seats and Reservation

- a) The Central University of Himachal Pradesh is a public-funded University and follows the Reservation Policy issued by Government of India from time to time.
- b) List of Department/Centre wise vacant seats and their category-wise distribution is given in Annexure 'B'.
- c) The number of available seats may be increased or decreased as per the decision of the University.
- d) The number of allotted seats may differ from the available vacant seats keeping in mind the infrastructural and other constraints of the University.

5. Application Fee:

At the time of filling the application form, the candidate will be required to pay an online application fee as mentioned below:

S. No	Category	Amount (in Rs.)
1.	General/EWS and OBC (creamy)	500/-
2.	OBC (non-creamy layer)	400/-
3.	SC/ST/Divyang	200/-

6. Important Dates:

S.	Event	Date
1.	Opening of Online Applications	July 31, 2026
2.	Last Date for submitting the application	August 12, 2026 (5:00 PM)
3.	Tentative date of Interview	17 to 19 August.2026
4.	Display of First Selection List	August 20, 2026
5.	Deposit of Fees	August 20-21, 2026
6.	Display of Second & Final Selection List	August 22, 2026
7.	Deposit of Fees	August 22-23, 2026

➤ Important Note:

- i. Students must regularly visit the University website to keep themselves informed about the status of the admission process.
- ii. For any subject-related queries, the students are advised to contact the concerned Department/Centre.
- iii. Admission to the Ph.D. programmes in **Kashmir Studies** and **Deendayal Upadhyaya Studies**, and to the vacant seats in other Departments/Centres, if any, remaining unfilled after the completion of the first stage of admissions, shall be made on the basis of a **University Entrance Test (UET)** conducted by the University (**Second Stage of Ph.D. Admissions**). For this purpose, a separate admission notification shall be issued by the University.

❖ **Admission Helpdesk:**

(On all working days, 09:30 AM to 05:30 PM)

Admission-related queries	Form related/Technical Issues
Phone No. 01892-224377 Email: admission@hpcu.ac.in	Phone No.: 01892-238008 Email: technical@hpcu.ac.in

Controller of Examinations

- **Remote Sensing & GIS:**

Stage 1: All the candidates qualifying UGC-CSIR NET, GATE or any other similar national-level examination recognized by the UGC or any other competent statutory authority in any one of the following disciplines shall be eligible for first stage of admission:

- ❖ Remote Sensing and GIS/ Geoinformatics
- ❖ Geology
- ❖ Environmental Sciences
- ❖ Disaster Management

- **Nanoscience & Materials:**

Stage I: All the candidates qualifying UGC-CSIR NET, GATE or any other similar national-level examination recognized by the UGC or any other competent statutory authority in any one of the following disciplines shall be eligible for first stage of admission:

- ❖ Physics
- ❖ Chemistry
- ❖ Nanoscience and Nanotechnology
- ❖ Electronic Science
- ❖ Environmental Science
- ❖ Material Science/Metallurgical Engineering
- ❖ Chemical Engineering
- ❖ Biotechnology
- ❖ Computer Science
- ❖ Any other relevant branch of Engineering/Technology

Ph.D. Vacant Seats for the Academic Session 2026-27

SN	Name of the Department	SC	ST	OBC	UR	EWS	PWD	Total
1.	Himachal Pradesh Kendriya Vishwavidhyalya Business School (HPKVBS)	4	2	6	11	1	1#	24
2.	Department of Commerce	1	0	1	2	0	0	4
3.	Department of Hindi	1	0	2	3	0	0	6
4.	Department of English	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
5.	Department of Sanskrit	2	1	3	4	1	1#	11
6.	Department of Punjabi & Dogri	1	0	1	2	0	0	4
7.	Department of Journalism & Mass Communication	2	1	4	5	1	1#	13
8.	Department of New Media	1	1	2	4	1	1#	9
9.	Department of Education	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
10.	Department of Tourism & Travel	1	1	3	4	1	1#	10
11.	Centre for Promotion of Ecological, Adventure, Health and Cultural Tourism	1	0	1	3	0	0	5
12.	Department of Environmental Science	1	1	2	3	0	0	7
13.	Centre of Remote Sensing and GIS	1	1	2	3	1	1#	8
14.	Department of Geology	1	0	1	3	0	0	5
15.	Department of Plant Science	1	0	1	3	0	0	5
16.	Department of Animal Science	1	1	2	3	0	0	7
17.	Centre for Computational Biology & Bioinformatics	3	2	6	9	1	1#	21
18.	Department of History	1	1	2	3	0	0	7
19.	Department of Political Sciences	1	0	2	3	0	0	6
20.	Department of Social Work	2	1	3	6	1	1#	13
21.	Department of Sociology	0	0	1	1	0	0	2
22.	Centre for Kashmir Studies*	1	0	1	2	0	0	4
23.	Centre For Deen Dayal Upadhyay Studies*	1	0	1	2	0	0	4
24.	Srinivasa Ramanujan Department of Mathematics	1	1	2	4	1	1#	9
25.	Department of Library and Information Sciences	1	0	2	3	0	0	6
26.	Department of Computer Science and Informatics	1	0	1	3	0	0	5
27.	Department of Visual Arts	1	1	2	4	1	1#	9
28.	Department of Physics & Astronomical Sciences	5	3	9	13	2	2#	32
29.	Department of Nanoscience & Materials	3	2	6	11	1	1#	23
	Total No. of Ph.D. Seats	40	20	70	120	13	13#	263

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*The admission to these programmes will be done in the second phase through the University Level Entrance Test.