

Admission Guidelines for Ph.D. Programme

1. GENERAL ELIGIBILITY

1.1 Master's Degree from a University or any other qualification recognized as equivalent thereto in the fields of study notified from time to time by the University. Specific educational qualifications are given in Clause 2.

1.2 A minimum of 55% marks or CGPA of 5.5 on a 10 point scale in the qualifying examination. In case of SC/ST/Differently - abled candidates, 50% marks or CGPA of 5.0 on a 10 point scale.

2. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATION

Sl.No.	Programme	Qualification for Admission
(i)	Ph.D. Degree in Engineering/ Technology	M.E./M.Tech./M.S. (By Research) in the relevant branch of Engineering or Technology
(ii)	Ph.D. Degree in Science and Humanities	M.Sc. / M.S. (By Research) in the relevant branch of Science and Humanities / M.C.A/ M.A. (English/ Communication/ Mass Communication/ Journalism/ Media Arts)
(iii)	Ph.D. Degree in Management Sciences	MBA / Post Graduate Diploma in Business Management or Administration awarded by Indian Institute of Management (IIM) / M.S. (By Research) in Management Sciences
(iv)	Ph.D. Degree in Architecture and Planning	M.Arch./M.Plan. / M.S.(By Research) in Architecture and Planning

Note : Candidates should have the required qualification in the order of studies - 10th, HSC (or) Diploma, UG/PG degree or its equivalent qualification.

3. Ph.D. PROGRAMME

Two categories of Ph.D. programme available are: Full-time and Part-time. Candidates who satisfy the eligibility criteria as mentioned above in Si.No. 1 & 2 are eligible to apply for Ph.D. Programme.

3.1 Full-Time Ph.D. Programme

3.1.1 Candidates under Full-time shall do research work in the University Departments / Constituent Colleges / Colleges affiliated to the University which are approved research departments. Candidates should be available during the working hours for curricular and related activities.

3.1.2 Candidates who clear the selection criteria of the Ph.D. admission of the University and working in the projects undertaken from State / Central / Quasi Government and fully funded projects in the University Departments / University Colleges / Colleges affiliated to the University shall register for the research programme under the supervision of the Principal Coordinator / Investigator of such projects. Such supervisors should be regular teaching faculty as well as recognized supervisors of this University. The scholar should be appointed in a project sanctioned by a funding agency/organization atleast for a period of two years. Part Time employments in different spells or in different projects are not permitted. The Department/ Centre where the project is undertaken should be the recognized research centre of the University and also the working place of the Scholar.

3.1.3 Candidates in employment, who want to pursue Full-time study, should be sponsored by their employer and should avail leave for the minimum duration of the programme (Clause 10 of Anna University Ph.D. Regulations) and should get formally relieved from their duty to join the research programme.

3.1.4 Candidates who are sponsored by AICTE under Quality Improvement Programme for teachers of Engineering Colleges and who satisfy the eligibility conditions shall apply for Full-time category only, in the Specializations as notified in the AICTE guidelines.

3.1.5 Candidates who are selected at National level Fellowship programmes or by any recognized bodies and who satisfy the eligibility conditions as per the regulations shall apply for Full-time category in the respective Specialization.

3.1.6 Foreign Nationals sponsored by the Government of India or their respective Governments on any exchange programme and who satisfy the eligibility conditions as per the Regulations - 2020 shall apply for Full-time category in the respective Specialization.

3.1.7 Full-time scholars shall have to sign in the attendance register on all working days at the respective place of research.

3.2 Part-Time Ph.D. Programme

The following categories of candidates are eligible to apply under Part-time programme.

3.2.1 Part-Time Internal Scholars

Full-time teaching faculty of University Departments / University Colleges of Anna University and regular teaching faculty of Government Engineering Colleges / Government aided Engineering Colleges / Government Polytechnic Colleges / Government aided Polytechnic Colleges of Tamil Nadu. The nomenclature shall continue for the above scholars till they are in service in the above Institutions.

3.2.2 Part-Time External Scholars

- i. Full time teaching faculty of Self financing Engineering colleges affiliated to the University / Self-financing Polytechnic Colleges / Colleges affiliated to other UGC recognised Universities.
- ii. Candidates working in Industrial Units / R&D Departments / National Laboratories / Units of Government / Quasi Government or any other research laboratories within Tamil Nadu, which are recognized by the University as Research Centre and sponsored by the respective employer. The nomenclature shall continue for the above scholars till they are in service in the above Institutions.
- iii. Candidates working in Industry are eligible to apply for Ph.D. under Part-Time mode and supervisor should be from university departments (CEG, ACTECH, MIT & SAP Campuses) of Anna University- Chennai, University College of Engineering - BIT Campus Trichy, AU Regional Campus- Coimbatore, GCT-Coimbatore, GCE-Salem, ACTECH- Karaikudi, PSG Tech-Coimbatore, CIT-Coimbatore and Thiyagarajar College of Engineering- Madurai. [\(Click here to view the norms for Ph.D. admission of the scholars from Industry\)](#). The candidates shall enclose the NOC from employer as per the format.

3.2.3 The place of research of the Scholar mentioned in the clauses 3.2.1 and 3.2.2 shall be the working place of the Supervisor.

4. MODE OF SELECTION

4.1 The candidates desirous of registering for Ph.D. Programme shall apply by filling all the relevant details mentioned in the online application form available in the University website and submit online with the approval of the supervisor on or before the due date as indicated in the notification

issued from time to time. University shall issue notification for Ph.D. admission twice every year.

4.2. Incomplete applications and applications with false information in any respect shall be summarily rejected without any intimation to the candidate.

4.3. The Centre for Research shall screen the applications as per the eligibility norms, and the Centre for Entrance Examinations shall conduct the written test for eligible candidates. Candidates appearing for the written test should obtain minimum marks as specified by the University to qualify for the interview process. The final selection of the candidate for the Ph.D. admission shall be based on the overall marks secured by the candidate in the Written test(60% weightage) and Interview(40% weightage). The syllabus for the Written test is given in the Centre for Research Website. The syllabus of the Written Test consists 25% of research methodology (Part I) and 75% of core subject (Part II) selected by the candidate. The duration of the Written Test will be 2 hours and for 100 marks. The successful candidates selected for Ph.D. admission shall be shortlisted based on the cut-off marks fixed by the Research Board.

5. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

Sl.No.	Programme	Minimum duration(years)		Maximum duration(years)
		Full-time	Part-time	Full-time/ Part-time
1.	Engineering/Technology/ Architecture and Planning	2	3	6
2.	Science and Humanities	3	4	6
3.	Management			
	(a)Engineering Qualification	2	3	6
	(b) Science Qualification	3	4	6