



COTTON UNIVERSITY

Panbazar, Guwahati, Assam-781001

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No.: CU/Acad/Ph.D Admission/2025/240/267

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NOTIFICATION

(Admission into Ph.D Program-2025)

Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission into Ph.D. Program-2025 of Cotton University in the following departments within the respective faculties.

Sl. No.	Departments	No. of Seats	Faculty
1	Anthropology	3	Human and Social Sciences
2	Arabic & Persian	5	Languages, Literature and Linguistics
3	Archaeology	1	Human and Social Sciences
4	Assamese	7	Languages, Literature and Linguistics
5	Bodo	1	Languages, Literature and Linguistics
6	Botany	2	Life Sciences
7	Chemistry	16	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
8	CSIT	4	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
9	Economics	2	Human and Social Sciences
10	Education	4	Human and Social Sciences
11	Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences	3	Life Sciences
12	Geography	2	Earth Sciences
13	Geology	2	Earth Sciences
14	Law	2	Human and Social Sciences
15	Mass Communication, Journalism and Media Studies	1	Human and Social Sciences
16	Mathematics	4	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
17	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	3	Life Sciences
18	Philosophy	1	Human and Social Sciences
19	Physics	5	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
20	Political Science	4	Human and Social Sciences
21	Psychology	1	Human and Social Sciences
22	Sociology	3	Human and Social Sciences
23	Sanskrit	6	Languages, Literature and Linguistics
24	Statistics	2	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
25	Zoology	10	Life Sciences



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The rules governing the admission shall be as per Cotton University Ph.D Regulation and the UGC Regulation (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) 2022, No. F. No. 1-3/2021(QIP) issued through Gazette Notification dated 7th November, 2022, together with the UGC Public Notice No.F.4-1 (UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET) / 140648, dated 27th March, 2024.

Eligibility Criteria and Selection Procedures:

- i. A Master's Degree or equivalent from a recognized University/Institute with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade, or an equivalent degree from a recognised foreign educational institute in a subject related to Ph.D discipline to which applied. Those otherwise eligible vide section 3 of the UGC Notification notified vide F. No. 1-3/2021 (QIP), dated 7th November, 2022 shall also be eligible to apply.
- ii. A relaxation of 5% in marks will be applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PWD (having more than 40% disability), EWS and other such categories as specified in case of admission in an institution under Government of Assam.
- iii. PG 4th Semester students are also permitted to apply for admission into the Ph.D program. However, their candidature will be considered subject to fulfilment of minimum eligibility criteria.
- iv. While determining the eligibility of a candidate subject to conditions i., ii. and iii. listed above, grace marks or points awarded in the qualifying examination, if any, will not be counted.
- v. An Entrance Test of 70 marks will be conducted for admission into the Ph.D program. Candidates securing 50% marks or above in the Entrance Test will qualify to appear for personal interview/viva voce of 30 marks to be conducted separately for each department/centre.
- vi. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the Entrance Examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Differently-abled Category (having more than 40% disability) and Economically Weaker Section (EWS).
- vii. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% Research Methodology and 50% subject-specific content.
- viii. Candidates qualified for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE, ICMR, DBT examinations and similar national-level examinations, shall be allowed to appear directly in Personal Interview/Viva-voce. In their case, selection shall be on the basis of their performance in the interview only.



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- ix. Candidates who qualify NET in Category 2 or Category 3 in the NET examination of June, 2024 or later will be exempted from the Entrance Test.
- x. The Cotton University Entrance Test/NET score shall carry 70% weightage while the Personal Interview shall carry 30% weightage in final selection of the candidates.
- xi. Candidates, who have cleared NET (before June 2024) or SLET in related disciplines, may be eligible for a 5% relaxation in qualifying marks of the entrance test.
- xii. All candidates, including the candidates exempted from Entrance Test subject to points viii. and ix., must apply for admission into the selection process within the stipulated time.
- xiii. Candidates will be shortlisted for admission into the Ph.D program considering the number of declared vacancies by the departments, research interest of the candidates and performance in the interview. **The University reserves the right to Not fill up Vacant Seat (s)** if suitable candidates are not found. Further, the University reserves the right to increase the number of seats if vacancy arises during the course of the process.
- xiv. All selected research scholars must comply with conditions of the Ph.D program. Non-adherence to this results in forfeiture of the seats. Attendance in Ph.D Coursework classes is compulsory for all research scholars. Scholars with less than 75% attendance shall be debarred from appearing in Ph.D Course-work examination.
- xv. Reservation of seats for different categories will be applicable as per Cotton University norms.

Mode of Application:

Applications may be registered ONLINE through the University Admission Portal <https://admissions.cottonuniversity.ac.in/> from 2nd Week of May, 2025 onwards. (Tentative, Exact date to be notified)

Application Fee: INR 1,200.00 (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred Only)

Payment of application fee is to be made online through UPI/Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking only at the time of filling up the online application form.

Last Date of Final Submission of Application: By 3rd Week of May, 2025. (Tentative, Exact date to be notified)

Date of Entrance Test: 31st May, 2025

Venue: Cotton University



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Due to huge volume of e-mail traffic, office does not handle individual e-queries. All interested candidates are advised to visit University website at regular intervals and carefully read the eligibility criteria and details of the admission process before applying. No ex-post facto ratification/request will be entertained. The University reserves the right to modify the admission process as and when deemed necessary.

This Notification has been issued with approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Cotton University, dated 28th March, 2025.


Academic Registrar

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2. PS to Registrar.
3. All Deans.
4. All Heads of Departments.
5. Controller of Examination for onward action.
6. Director of Students' Welfare.
7. Librarian.
8. Coordinator-NEP Cell.
9. Chairperson Ph.D Admission Committee-2025.
10. Convener- Ph.D Admission Committee-2025.
11. Joint Convener- Ph.D Admission Committee-2025.
12. Coordinator-Academic Affairs.
13. Joint Coordinator-Academic Affairs.
14. Finance Officer.
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