



KUMAUN UNIVERSITY

Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025



INFORMATION BULLETIN

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KUMAUN UNIVERSITY, NAINITAL

Kumaun University, a residential-cum-affiliating University, came into existence in the year 1973 by notification no /8651/15/75(85)/64 dated 23 November 1973 under the Act No.10 of State Legislature (U.P. State Universities Act, 1973 now adopted by Uttarakhand State). The University Grants Commission, New Delhi granted recognition to the University under section 12-B of the UGC Act,1956 and its name appears at serial No.177. Since then, Kumaun University is receiving central assistance from the UGC. It is the biggest State University of the state (Uttarakhand) which caters to the need of about 1,00,000 students by providing a high-quality educational experience in diverse learning environments and promoting the values and institutions of democracy that prepare students to lead lives of personal integrity and civic responsibility and service in a global society.

DISCLAIMER

As per the university's RDC guidelines, the Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025 is being conducted for the candidates who seek admission in the Ph.D. program of the campuses and colleges affiliated with Kumaun University, Nainital. The Bulletin of Information and the online Ph.D. portal are collections of information gathered and organized from a variety of sources within the University, including Faculties, Departments, Centres, Colleges, and other related entities. Due care has been taken to reproduce the authentic official version of rules and regulations and other relevant information provided on the Portal, as far as possible. However, it should, in no case, be construed as a warranty, expressed or implied, regarding the completeness and accuracy of the information so far provided as a ready reference. Any error, if found, on the Portal may be due to inadvertent omissions, clerical mistakes or any other reason. Candidates are responsible for regularly checking the websites for updates and admission-related policies. Grievances resulting from not having consulted this bulletin and the website/s will not be entertained.

For notifications and updates regarding Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025, please visit: www.kunainital.ac.in and <https://ukentrancephd.samarth.edu.in>

IMPORTANT INFORMATION AND DATES AT A GLANCE

EVENTS	DATES
Online registration and submission of the Application Form (complete in all respects) through the Website: https://ukentrancephd.samarth.edu.in	28.03.2026 to 06.04.2026 (Up to 11:59 pm)
Correction of Particulars of Online Application Form	07.04.2026 to 08.04.2026 (Up to 05:00 pm)
Download of the Admit card by the candidate	12.04.2026 onwards
Date of Interview	17.04.2026*
Declaration of Result (Tentative)	25.04.2026
Date of Counselling (Tentative)	30.04.2026

*The interview may be conducted on two dates, depending upon the number of candidates.

REGISTRATION FEE DETAILS

KU Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025

for General, EWS and OBC categories candidates	₹1050
for SC/ST/ PH categories candidates	₹550

*Applicable service/processing charges & GST over and above the Examination Fee are to be paid by the candidate to the concerned Bank/ Payment Gateway Integrator.

** The registration fee will not be refunded/adjusted/charged back in any circumstances.

IMPORTANT POINTS

I.	The fee, once deposited, shall not be refunded. Therefore, candidates are advised to read all the instructions and eligibility criteria carefully before submitting the online application form for the KU Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025.
II.	Before online registration, the candidates are advised to read the contents of the Bulletin of Information carefully. The Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations of Kumaun University available on websites would be binding on them.
III.	The university reserves the right to revise, amend, update, or delete any part of the Bulletin without giving any prior notice. Any change so made shall be updated on the Ph.D. Admission Portal. Changes made in any Program after the release of the Bulletin of Information shall become effective from the date it is posted on Ph.D. Admission Portal.
IV.	The candidates are advised to ascertain the Minimum Eligibility Criteria for the program(s) they are applying for. The candidate's participation in the Admission Procedure will be provisional. If, at any stage, it is found that he/she doesn't fulfil the Minimum Eligibility Criteria, his/her admission, if granted, will be cancelled ipso facto, and appropriate legal action will be taken against him/her.
V.	In case of non-compliance of any of the requirements for admission including the non- submission of relevant documents and/or non-payment of fees within the prescribed date and time, the candidate will lose his / her right to admission.

VI.	If at any stage, original documents relating to the admission of a candidate are found to be fake/ non-genuine or fabricated or in any other manner defective, the said candidate will not be admitted, and if already admitted, admission will be cancelled without any prior notice in this regard. If the same is found after the completion of the Program, his / her degree will be cancelled and appropriate legal action will be taken against him/her.
VII.	Please note that applications for this examination will be accepted exclusively through the online mode. To be eligible to appear in the examination, it is imperative that candidates submit the required fees before the stipulated deadline. Applications submitted without the accompanying fee will be regarded as incomplete and shall be rejected.
VIII.	Candidates who are in their final year/semester of the qualifying examination (postgraduate) are permitted to fill the online application form, with the condition that they must have completed their qualifying examination (postgraduate) before the counselling process. During the counselling process, the student is required to submit their mark sheet (including details of marks obtained) through the online medium. However, admission will be granted only if the candidate fulfils the minimum qualification criteria prescribed by the university. If the minimum qualification criteria are not met, the candidate's candidature will be automatically cancelled, and the KU Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025 fee deposited by the candidate will not be refunded.

HELP DESK

For any general query related to admission, the candidate may:

1	Write an email to rdc@kunainital.ac.in
2	Contact Research and Development Cell, Phone: 05942-235213
3	For department-specific queries, contact the respective Department of Kumaun University.

INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING ONLINE APPLICATION FORM:

- Visit the Samarth portal at <https://ukentrancephd.samarth.edu.in>
- Log in or register by creating your profile as per the instructions provided.
- After logging in, navigate to the Dashboard and click on "Apply New." This will take you to the "Programme Selection" Tab.
- Select "Doctoral (Ph.D. Programme)."
- From the Programme dropdown menu, choose "Kumaun University Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025."
- Click on "Proceed" and carefully fill out the application form.
- Provide all the necessary details in the online registration form. Ensure that all required fields are completed accurately and completely.
- Upon completing the online registration form, submit the form and proceed to the payment section.
- Pay the required amount using the available payment options specified by the university.
- Upon successful payment, the candidate will be able to generate the payment receipt/ Application form. Save or take a screenshot of this confirmation for future reference.
- All The candidates must possess the relevant valid certificates for the categories/ claims they make. The same must be uploaded when asked.
- The Admit card can be downloaded after registration and payment of the registration fee only after the date mentioned for it in the prospectus.
- Ensure that you make a note of any unique application number or reference number provided by the system for future correspondence or inquiries.

1.	Educational Qualification for admission to the Ph.D. Programme
The candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme at the campuses and affiliated colleges of Kumaun University must have the following minimum educational qualification	
1.1	<p>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.</p> <p>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. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.</p>
1.2	<p>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.</p>

1.3	Candidates who are in their final year/semester of the qualifying examination (postgraduate) are permitted to fill the online application form, with the condition that they must have completed their qualifying examination (postgraduate) before the counselling process. During the counselling process, the student is required to submit their mark sheet (including details of marks obtained). However, admission will be granted only if the candidate fulfils the minimum qualification criteria prescribed by the university. If the minimum qualification criteria are not met, the candidate's candidature will be automatically cancelled, and the entrance examination fee deposited by the candidate will not be refunded.
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2. Eligibility Criteria for Admission to the Ph.D. Programme

The candidates possessing the required educational qualification are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme if they have at least one of the following eligibility criteria:

- (i) (i) Candidates who have qualified for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/Joint CSIR-NET or NFSC or NFOBC or NFST or any equivalent fellowship, candidates who have been awarded the INSPIRE Fellowship, and candidates who have passed the Graduate Pharmacy Aptitude Test (GPAT) or GATE or an equivalent national test or an equivalent national test or the teachers as per the Clause 1A(vi) of this ordinance, international students,. However, the candidates whose fellowship certificate has expired at the time of application will not be considered eligible for the Kumaun University Ph.D. Program Admission Test-2025.
- (ii) A permanent teacher serving in Kumaun University or the affiliated college as a regular teaching faculty, having served for a minimum period of one year on the date of notification, fulfilling the eligibility criteria for a Ph.D.
- (iii) The members of the Central Civil Services (CCS) (Group - A Category) who have completed their probation period and served their respective departments for at least five years.
- (iv) UGC-NET/ Joint CSIR-NET candidates declared eligible under Category-1 (Eligible for JRF), Category-2 (Eligible for Assistant Professor and admission to PhD) and Category-3 (Admission to PhD) within the period of validity of their marks/ fellowship (as per UGC's 578th Meeting).

Note:

(A) A Ph.D. candidate is expected to pursue research in the same subject as his/her Master's degree. However, if the Research Degree Committee (RDC) of a particular subject determines that the candidate has the necessary qualifications, he/she may also be permitted to conduct research in related subjects within the same or different faculty.

(B) Candidates who have been penalised in any criminal proceedings through any court of law shall be deemed ineligible for this examination. Such candidates are not eligible to apply for the Kumaun University Ph.D. Program Admission Test-2025.

3.

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

Candidates seeking registration in the Ph.D. degree program will be selected through the following procedure:

1. The applicants who have filled the application form within the stipulated time, will have to appear for an interview before a duly constituted Interview Committee, failing to which his/her name will not be considered for further admission process.
2. The interview will be of 30 marks, which will be divided as follows:
 - (i) Academic understanding with subject knowledge
 - (ii) Critical thinking and problem-solving aptitude
 - (iii) Communication Skills and Collaboration Potential
3. Marks of all the candidates will be converted to marks out of 100 as per the following method:
 - (a) For the Category-2 (Eligible for Assistant Professor and admission to PhD) and Category-3 (Admission to PhD) candidates within the period of validity of their marks, (as described in Eligibility criteria Clause 2(iv) of this prospectus), the marks obtained in the NET will have 70% weightage, and 30% weightage will be of the marks obtained in the Interview.
 - (b) For all other eligible candidates: marks obtained in the Interview will be converted to 100.
4. A combined merit will be prepared subject-wise according to the seats available for admission, following the reservation policy.
5. The merit list will be published on the Kumaun University website and the Samarth Portal.
6. The applicants on the merit list will be called for document verification and counselling. The appearance of a name on the merit list would not guarantee admission to a Ph.D. Program. Candidates must meet the prescribed criteria for their education and eligibility with relevant documents.

4.	SCHEDULE OF INTERVIEW
	The Interview will be held as per the schedule and at the venue given in the admit card. Any change in the schedule or venue will be notified to the candidates via emails. So, all the candidates are advised to check their emails regularly.

5.	INTIMATION REGARDING ADMISSION
5.1	The results of the KU Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025 will be notified on the University's website: www.kunainital.ac.in and the Samarth portal.
5.2	Selected candidates are required to furnish the necessary documents at the time of admission.

6.	RESERVATION POLICY
Ph.D. seats will be allocated based on the Reservation Policy of the State of Uttarakhand, as applicable from time to time, based on intake in a given academic year. Only candidates who hold domicile and category certificates from Uttarakhand will be eligible for reservation. Category certificates from other states will not be taken into consideration. Candidates from other states will be treated as unreserved candidates. Also, the reservation not claimed at the time of filling the registration form will not be entertained later on during admission.	

7.	LEGAL JURISDICTION
	All disputes pertaining to the conduct of the Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2024, including Results, shall fall within the jurisdiction of Nainital only. Further, any legal question arising out of the Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2024 shall be entertained only when raised within 30 days from the declaration of the result.

8. Subject-wise tentative vacancy for KU Ph.D. Program Admission Test 2025

S.N.	Subjects	Tentative number of vacancies*
1.	BIOTECHNOLOGY	7
2.	BOTANY	13
3.	CHEMISTRY	19
4.	COMMERCE	8
5.	COMPUTER SCIENCE	4
6.	ECONOMICS	8
7.	EDUCATION	6
8.	ENGLISH	3
9.	GEOGRAPHY	5
10.	GEOLOGY	4
11.	HINDI	6
12.	HISTORY	6
13.	HOMESCIENCE	3
14.	LIBRARY & INFORMATION SCIENCE	2
15.	MATHEMATICS	6
16.	MUSIC	4
17.	PHARMACEUTICAL SCIENCE	6
18.	PHYSICS	19
19.	POLITICAL SCIENCE	4
20.	PSYCHOLOGY	3
21.	SANSKRIT	6
22.	SOCIOLOGY	7
23.	TOURISM	2
24.	ZOOLOGY	5

*The number of seats is liable to change due to the transfer of faculties.

* The faculty-wise availability of research vacancies will be made available before counselling.



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