



**PRESIDENCY UNIVERSITY**  
Kolkata  
**Admission Notification for Ph.D. Programme**  
Session 2026-2027 (Odd Cycle)

Ref.No. PU/FC/517/PhD/notice/2026

Date: 19/06/2026

**Online Applications** are invited from UGC or UGC – CSIR NET qualified candidates for admission to the Ph.D. Programme of Presidency University in various departments/school/institute for the session 2026-2027 (Odd). Only completed online applications will be considered. Applicants are required to pay Rs 500/- as application fee after submission of online application form within stipulated date. No application will be considered without payment of Application Fee and Printout of the online generated Application form.

**A. Essential qualification:**

- a) Candidates for admission to the Ph.D. program shall have a Master's degree with at least 55% of marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade. 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.  
*The Appearing candidates may also apply for provisional selection and admission. The appearing candidates are required to fulfil the essential qualifications by 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2026.*
- b) A relaxation of 5% of marks or an equivalent relaxation of grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST Person with Disability (PwD) as per UGC guidelines.  
UGC or UGC-CSIR NET qualified with **valid NET certificate**.

**B. Application Procedure and Important Dates:**

**Application form** will be available in <http://14.139.217.88/> . Interested candidates are required to fill up the online application form. **Application Reference number** will be generated after completion of online application. Use the system generated application number to pay the non-refundable application fee of Rs-500/- (and applicable bank charges) in SBI Collect Portal (<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/> ) under "Application fees for PhD Admission" .

**Send/ drop the Application form along with Mark-sheets/Grade cards, Certificates, Synopsis of proposed research work (500 words) and copy of the Payment Receipt** to the following address with last date:

To  
The Secretary, Faculty Councils,  
Presidency University,  
86/1, College Street,  
Kolkata-700073

No application will be considered without payment of non-refundable application fee and the hardcopy of the application form along with all the necessary documents.

**Important Dates**

Start date for applying online	: 23.06.2026
Start date for online payment	: 23.06.2026
Last date for applying online	: <b>03.07.2026 (till 12 noon)</b>
Last date for online payment	: <b>03.07.2026 (till 3 PM)</b>
<b>Last Date for receiving Hardcopy of the application</b>	: <b>07.07.2026</b>
Interview/test schedule	: Will be informed by Department/School/Institute
<b>Publication of Selection Lists</b>	: Early, August, 2026 ( <b>tentative</b> )
<b>Document Verification process for enrollment (tentative)</b>	: 2 <sup>nd</sup> or 3 <sup>rd</sup> week of August, 2026 ( <b>tentative</b> )

**C. Provisional Seat Matrix: \***

Department wise and category wise availability of seats are given below. Reservation of seats for Person with Disability (PwD) will be as per Department of Higher Education (University branch), Government of West Bengal order no 1084(20)-Edn(U)/EH/1U-89/13 dated 7th December, 2018. PwD seats are included in the total number of seats in respective department/School/Institute.

Sl. No	Department/ School Name	Category wise available seats					
		UR	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	Total
1	Chemistry	25	9	2	3	1	40
2	English	4	2	0	1	1	8
3	Sociology	4	2	0	1	1	8
4	Astrophysics	1	3	1	0	1	6
5	Political Science	4	3	0	0	1	8
6	Mathematics	16	6	1	0	3	26
7	Economics	7	3	1	1	2	14
8	Life Sciences	15	6	1	1	3	26
9	Physics	28	8	3	3	6	48
10	History	7	4	0	0	3	14
11	Geography	4	1	1	1	3	10
12	Statistics	4	1	1	2	1	9
13	Bengali	3	0	2	0	0	5
14	Institute of Health Sciences	8	4	2	0	2	16
15	Philosophy	0	2	1	0	0	3
16	Hindi	3	0	0	0	1	4
17	Geology	8	3	1	1	2	15

**D. Available Research Areas**

Department/ School/ Institute	Available Research Areas **	Specific Eligibility Requirements (if any)
<b>Bengali</b>	A. Interdisciplinary Studies (1);	NA

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>B. Partition Literature (1);</li> <li>C. Modern Bengali Poetry (1);</li> <li>D. Language Based Literary Studies (1);</li> <li>E. Translation Studies (1).</li> </ul>	
<b>English</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. Nineteenth-century Bengal; Twentieth-century literary modernities in colonial/postcolonial Bengal/India; Intellectual histories of the Empire in India. Intellectual histories of the Empire in India (2)</li> <li>B. Mythology, Science Fiction and Fantasy; Literature and the Visual Arts (1)</li> <li>C. Victorian British Literature; New Women fictions; Feminist theories of both West and East (2)</li> <li>D. Posthumanism (South-Asian Literature, Media, Culture); Literature of the Anthropocene; British Romanticism and Colonial Bengal (1)</li> <li>E. Literature and Psychoanalysis; Dalit Studies (2)</li> </ul>	NA
<b>History</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>A. The political, social and cultural history of colonial India in which the language of primary sources to be consulted is English and/or Hindi/Hindustani/Urdu.</li> <li>B. Histories of mapmaking and cartography in India and South Asia; Print and lithography; Histories of science and technology.</li> <li>C. Religious and intellectual history of modern South Asia.</li> <li>D. Eastern Himalayan Borderland and Frontiers, Darjeeling Himalaya; Tea Plantation Economies; Trans-Himalayan Trade Networks (19th–20th Century); Environmental History of Eastern India &amp; Himalayas; Medical Topography in British India.</li> <li>E. Socio-Religious Thoughts and Movement in Medieval India, Intellectual History of Islam and Muslims, History of Emotions.</li> <li>F. Life Writing Studies (including autobiographies, memoirs, diaries, and autoethnographies), Indo-Judaic Studies, Hate Studies, Modern Indian History,</li> </ul>	NA

Department/ School/ Institute	Available Research Areas **	Specific Eligibility Requirements (if any)
	Interfaith Relations, Minority Studies, Mass Violence Studies, Literary History, South Asian Popular Culture, South Asian Diaspora Studies.	
<b>Hindi</b>	Open	NA
<b>Sociology</b>	Open	NA
<b>Philosophy</b>	A. Issues in Justice B. Ethics	NA
<b>Political Science</b>	A. International Relations/ Indian Foreign Policy B. Culture and Politics in India/ Socio-cultural-intellectual history C. Electoral politics/ health politics/ political communication/ political economy of public policy/ Public Health D. Democratic Theory/ Public Policy & Governance/ Political Thought, Transparency and Information Rights/ E. Multiculturalism and Identity Politics/ Dalit Politics and Social Justice/ Political Ideologies and Nationalism F. Migration and Politics of Ethnicity/ North East India/ Region and Domestic in India's External Relations.	NA
<b>Geography</b>	A. Geography of Tourism, B. Geomorphology, C. Climatology, D. Soil Geography, E. Environmental Geography, F. Sustainable water resource management, G. Natural Hazard, H. Tectonics, I. River Dynamics, J. Political Geography	NA
<b>Life Sciences</b>	A. Transgenic and genome editing approaches for crop improvement (1) B. Understanding Light-sensing Transcription Factors or DNA Repair Enzymes Using Tools From Biochemistry and Biophysics (2) C. Bioinformatics, Computational Biology (3) D. Neuroimmunology (1) E. Fish Endocrinology/Reproductive toxicology/ immuno-endocrinology (1) F. Algal Biotechnology (1) G. Neurophysiology(1)	NA

Department/ School/ Institute	Available Research Areas **	Specific Eligibility Requirements (if any)
	H. Cancer cell signalling and cancer immunology (2) I. Functional genomics of biocontrol fungi, Molecular plant pathology, Bioinformatics (1) J. Collective cell migration (1) K. Heart Development and Disease Biology (1) L. Molecular endocrinology and Reproductive physiology (4) M. Microbiology (2) N. Marine ecology (1) O. Cancer metabolism and cellular signalling (1) P. Integrative Proteogenomic and Chronobiological Mechanisms in Cancer Progression (2) Q. Chemical Ecology (1)	
<b>Mathematics</b>	Cryptography, Functional Analysis and Operator Algebra, Geometry and Topology, Optimization Techniques and Operations Research, Mathematical Physics and General Relativity, Mathematical Analysis (in Fractal Geometry), Complex Analysis, One Variable Real and Holomorphic Dynamics, Rings of Continuous Functions, Differential Equations and its Applications (Dynamical Systems, Relativity and Cosmology, etc.), Nonlinear Dynamics in Population Biology.	NA
<b>Physics</b>	A. Quantum optics, B. Graviation, C. Nuclear reactions, D. Material science, E. Energy from waste	NA
<b>Statistics</b>	NA	Candidate has to qualify NET in <b>Mathematical Sciences</b> (CSIR) or <b>Statistics</b> (UGC)
<b>Astrophysics</b>	A. Cosmic Microwave Background, B. Large Scale Structure, C. Galaxy Evolution, D. Numerical Simulations, E. Active Galaxies, F. Multiwavelength Astronomy, G. High Energy Astrophysics.	Candidate has to qualify NET in <b>Physical Sciences</b>

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<b>Chemistry</b>	A. Synthetic Organic Chemistry B. Synthetic Inorganic Chemistry C. Material Chemistry D. Theoretical Chemistry E. Energy Storage F. Spectroscopy G. Polymer Science H. Medicinal Chemistry I. Catalysis J. Environmental Chemistry	NA
<b>Economics</b>	Any area of theoretical and applied Economics.	Candidates must have a Master's degree in Economics/Applied Economics.
<b>Institute of Health Sciences</b>	A. Nano biotechnology (1); B. Antimicrobial therapeutics (1); C. Tumor Virology (1); D. Cancer Genomics (1); E. RNA Biology (1); F. Peptide based biostimulants in crop Plants (2); G. Nanomedicine, Biomaterials and Bioengineering, Biomedical Imaging (2); H. Antimicrobial resistance (1); I. Immunometabolism in Parkinson's disease (1); J. RNA Viral Immunology (1); K. Synthetic and Medicinal Chemistry (2); L. Micro-RNA modulation in cervical cancer (1); M. Micro-nutrient homeostasis in crop plants (1)	Candidates must have a Master's degree with at least 60% of marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in any branch of <b>Life Sciences or Chemistry</b> . A relaxation of 5% of marks as per UGC guidelines/ Govt. order
<b>Geology</b>	NA	NA

**\*\* Note:** Number and/ or Category, mentioned within parenthesis against any research area, represents number of vacancy under the specified category (if any) for the specified research area.

### E. Reservation of Seats for SC/ST/EWS/PWD/OBC

The reservation policies of West Bengal State Higher Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2013 and West Bengal State Higher Education Institutions (Reservation in Admission) Act, 2014 will be followed for admission in reserved seats for SC/ST/ EWS/PWD/OBC along with any extent orders as applicable at the time of admission.

Candidates claiming such seats must submit relevant Certificate issued by the competent Authorities as given below.

The certificate is to be produced during interview, admission etc. If the certificate is then found to be invalid, the candidate will lose the opportunity of admission in reserve category and will be treated as General category.

#### **Reservation of seats for PWD candidates**

- a) According to Section 2(r) of the RPWD Act, 2016, **“persons with benchmark disabilities”** means a **person with not less than forty percent (40%) of a specified disability** where specified disability has not been defined in measurable terms and includes a person with disability where specified disability has been defined in measurable terms, as certified by the certifying authority.
- b) Accordingly, reservation in PWD seats will be available for the following types of disabilities, percentage of disability being not less than 40%.
- i. Locomotor disability as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.
  - ii. Visual impairment as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.
  - iii. Hearing impairment as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016.
  - iv. Speech & language disability as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016
  - v. Intellectual disabilities as specified in the Schedule of RPWD Act, 2016
  - vi. Mental illness.
  - vii. Disabilities caused due to chronic neurological conditions and blood disorder.
  - viii. Multiple disabilities including deaf blindness.
- c) PWD certificates are to be issued by any of the authorities as given in the Order No. 289-HF/O/PHP/IR-05/2017 dated 29.08.2018 by the Government of West Bengal, Health & Family Welfare Department (PHP Branch).

#### **Competent Authorities for the issuance of SC/ST Certificate for WB domicile candidates claiming under such reserve category of seats**

SC/ST Certificates are to be issued by any of the following authorities:

- (i) Sub-Divisional Officers for all districts except Kolkata  
District Welfare Officer, Kolkata & Ex-Officio Joint Director, B.C.W. Dept. in case of Kolkata Municipal Area [as defined in clause (9) of Section 2 of K.M.C Act, 1980]

#### **Competent Authorities for the issuance of OBC Certificate for candidates claiming under such reserve category of seats (as per the extant Govt. Order in this regard):**

As per Notification vide No. 374(71)-TW/EC/MR-103/94 dated 27/7/1994, read with Memorandum No. 1204-SBCW/MR-67/10 dated 27/7/2015 issued by Backward Classes Welfare Department, Government of West Bengal, the Sub-Divisional Officer of a Sub-Division in a District is the certificate issuing authority. In Kolkata such certificate is issued by such an officer as the State Government by notification authorizes. Accordingly, the District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio Joint Director, BCW has been notified to act

as the certificate issuing authority in respect of Kolkata covering the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

**Competent Authorities for issuance of EWS Certificate for WB domicile candidates claiming under such reserved category of seats and others.**

As per Office Memorandum No. 325-PAR(AR)/3P-1/2019 dated 09<sup>th</sup> July 2019 issued by the Personnel & Administrative Reforms Department (Administrative Reforms Cell), Govt. of West Bengal read with Memorandum No. 959-BCW/MR-52/2019 dated 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023 issued by Backward Classes Welfare Department, Govt. of West Bengal, EWS Certificates are to be issued by any of the following authorities:

- a) District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate
- b) Sub-Divisional Officers
- c) District Welfare Officer, Kolkata and Ex-officio JD, BCW & TD in respect of Kolkata covering the jurisdiction of the Kolkata Municipal Corporation.

N.B. For eligibility and other details, please follow the Memorandums mentioned above.

## **F. Selection Procedure**

All applicants are required to submit **a research proposal within 500 words**. Applicants may be shortlisted by the department/school/institute based on the research proposals/area of availability of guide in the proposed research areas and other academic criteria. All eligible candidates will have to appear at test & interview / interview, conducted by the Departmental Ph.D. Selection Committees of the University following the UGC guidelines. In interview, the candidates will be expected to discuss their research interests. Following the selection procedure, a list of qualified candidates will be published and displayed by the University through the official website. Candidates selected for the Ph.D. Programme will be attached to the respective Department/ School/ Institute at the time of their provisional selection and will be required to take admission on payment of a non-refundable fee, determined by the University.

***Ph.D. Coursework will be exempted for the candidates who will fulfil the exemption criteria on the date of selection interview and if the Departmental Ph.D. Selection committee accepts & recommends the exemption. No request for Ph.D. coursework exemption will be entertained after the date of interview under any circumstances.***

Meeting the bare minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee call for interview/ selection.

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**Secretary, Faculty Councils, Presidency University**