

**MGU**

**Mahatma Gandhi University**

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Research, Development and Innovation Centre (RDIC)



**Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)  
& Master of Philosophy  
(M.Phil.)**

**2019 - 2020**

## About the University

Mahatma Gandhi University is established by Meghalaya State Legislative Act, 2010. The university is empowered to offer academic program specified under the Section 22 of the University Grants Commission (UGC) Act, 1956. Since its inception, the university has grown towards realizing its vision for high quality education at low cost for masses. Inspired by the Gandhian philosophy '*education for all*', the university aims to be a model institution by combining skills, values and ethics to the conventional education framework. With energetic and dynamic team of young academic and support staff the university believes in innovation and collaboration for impact-driven higher education. The university offers a number of undergraduates, graduates, post-graduates and doctoral level academic program in different subject areas including Arts and Humanities, Management, Education, Commerce, Law, Applied Health Sciences, etc.

As per the new university strategic plan (2017-2022), the university aims to mainstream United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The university is also a member of international initiatives including Inter-University Sustainable Research Partnership (IUSRP), UN Global Compact Network India (GCNI) and UN Academic Impact (UNAI).

Mahatma Gandhi University is strategically located at 13<sup>th</sup> Mile (approx. 15 km from Guwahati on Guwahati-Shillong Highway) with State-of-the-Art infrastructure and modern facilities. It has 20 acres of campus on the lap of sylvan green hillside of Ri-Bhoi district of Meghalaya. The campus provides a supportive environment for competitive learning and working together. The university is not only confined to imparting education and skills but also looks forward creating a greater human society inspired by Gandhian principles, vision and knowledge. The endeavour is to provide education which leads to the reflection of the character and creation of a neat and peaceful society.

## From the Desk of the Vice Chancellor

During recent years, the debate on quality of Doctoral (Ph.D.) Programs has also included the issues of 'rigor' and 'relevance' of the work undertaken as a part of the research at this level. While the nature of the doctoral dissertation may vary according to the subject specific research need, however we need to standardize certain aspects of the doctoral work. The guiding philosophy of our Ph.D. program is to balance the standardization with rigor and relevance in view of the specific subject needs.

We realize that in the current scenario, the issues overlapping subject-boundaries need to be addressed adequately and in a meaningful way. The experts at our Inter-disciplinary Research, Development and Innovation Centre (RDIC) specially take care of this issue in guiding the design and organization of doctoral work of our students.

The adoption of Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) by UN member countries has challenged the conventional boundaries of academic-disciplines to develop the knowledge solutions to support the new global development agenda. This would call innovation in both the approach and methodology of the knowledge development and dissemination process. Realizing the need our doctoral students work closely with our Centre of Excellence in Sustainable Development Goals (CE-SDG). Our membership to UN Global Compact Network India (GCNI) and Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Partnership (IUSDRP) offers strategic edge to our students in terms of opportunities to work with different international and national stakeholders.

We also realize that many of the doctoral students are either working academicians or aspiring to be the one. Therefore, our doctoral program has in-built optional teaching training component for desiring students. Our state-of-the-art infrastructure in peaceful and green environment of Meghalaya makes the doctoral research a good learning experience.

I extend you a warm welcome to join the team of researchers at RDIC, Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya!

Best wishes,

**Prof. Mohan Bhattacharya**

## DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PH.D.) PROGRAM

The Doctoral Degree (Ph.D.) of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya is a tertiary program, focusing on knowledge creation and dissemination with special focus on application in sustainable development issues.

The Ph.D. program is offered through the Research, Development and Innovation Centre (RDIC) of the University. The program focuses on different specialized subjects, as specified and amended by the Research Degree Committee (RDC) of the Research, Development and Innovation Centre (RDIC). For expert consultation and knowledge inputs on inter-disciplinary subject areas linked to sustainable development, the RDIC partners with 'Centre of Excellence in North East Studies and Sustainable Development (CEX-SDG)' of the university.

In order to enhance the stakeholder engagement in the doctoral research process, the university has also partnered with international agencies like United Nations Global Compact Network India (GCNI) and Inter-University Sustainable Development Research Partnership (IUSDRP). Through these partnerships, the researchers can explore national and international engagement opportunities, available from time to time.

Our Ph.D. program offers a unique combination of academic innovation. A rigorous course-work, which is essential residential part of the program, adds to the research skills of our researchers before they start working on their doctoral dissertation.

The program focuses on the following objectives:

- a. To develop analytical skills in making critical judgements, as required for effective analysis of theories and practices in different knowledge areas with emphasis on sustainable development issues;
- b. To improve the scholarly investigation abilities, as required for knowledge creation and/or development in the different subject areas;
- c. To contribute to the knowledge development and execution on different subject areas related to the North-Eastern region of India under the centre of North-East Studies.

## MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY (M.Phil.) PROGRAM

The Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) degree of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya is a tertiary program, focusing on preparing researchers in different areas. The program focuses on the following objectives:

- To provide students the foundation for scientific knowledge creation in their respective subject areas;
  - To train students in applications of different tools and techniques, as required for undertaking research; and
  - To prepare students in planning and implementing the research for the scientific enquiry.
- Allied Health Sciences (Biotechnology, MLT)
  - Computer Science & Information Technology
  - Environmental Science
  - Commerce & Management
  - North-East Studies
  - Economics
  - Social Work
  - Rural Development
  - Media and Cultural Studies
  - Sociology
  - Political Science
  - Value Studies (Philosophy)
  - History
  - MIL (Boro and Assamese)
  - English
  - Education
  - Law

The degree (M.Phil./Ph.D.) will be awarded in the above-mentioned subject areas. However, the admissions will be made only in the subject areas, in which eligible supervisors will be available. Therefore, for exact number of available seats, applicants should refer to the recent advertisement, which is also available on our website.

## MODE OF STUDY

- M. Phil. program will be offered in 'Full-Time' mode.
- Ph. D. programme will be offered both in 'Full-Time' and 'Part Time' mode.
- M. Phil./Ph.D. program would be open to both the Indian and foreign students

## Duration of the Program

1. M. Phil. program shall be for a minimum duration of two (2) consecutive semesters /one year and a maximum of four (4) consecutive semesters/ two years.
2. Ph. D. program shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including coursework and a maximum of six years.
3. Extension beyond the above limits will be governed by the relevant clauses as stipulated in the Statute/Ordinance of the individual Institution concerned.
4. The women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of one year for M. Phil and two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave /Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of M.Phil./Ph.D. for up to 240 days.

## ELIGIBILITY

1. A candidate seeking admission to the M.Phil./Ph.D. degree programs of the Mahatma Gandhi University must have obtained Master's degree or equivalent in related subject area with at least 55% marks (or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale); and second division at the degree level examination from any University/ institute in India or abroad, which is established by law and empowered to grant degrees. In case of equivalent degrees, the equivalence of Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall be applicable.
2. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently-abled and other categories of candidates. However, such candidates must have secured at least second class in degree level examination.
3. Two seats will be reserved for the students of Jammu & Kashmir under the provision of Supernumerary Quota.
4. Candidates possessing a Degree considered equivalent to M.Phil. Degree of an Indian Institution, 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. Program.

5. A candidate who takes his/her Master's Degree from a University where the University does not award any division or grade (and only mentions pass/fail), shall be required to complete Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) program of the University prior to seeking admission to the doctoral program.
6. Applicants who have completed government recognized professional qualifications in accountancy, procurement or other related fields, shall be eligible for admission to Ph.D. only after completion of the Master of Philosophy (M.Phil.) program of the university.
7. Applicants with PGDM from the institutes whose post-graduate diploma programs are recognized as equivalent to MBA/ MA by the association of Indian Universities are also eligible for PH.D. program.

In case of foreign students, the same rules may be applied. However, the RDC shall scrutinize the following papers in case:

- i) A valid passport.
- ii) Academic credentials
- iii) Certificate of grade conversion formula with the application.
- iv) A foreign student must produce a medical certificate from the competent authority.
- v) The degree obtained by the foreign students must be appraised by the Associations of Indian Universities (AIU) or Associations of Common Wealth Universities.

# PROCEDURE FOR AWARD OF PH.D. IN MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEGHALAYA

The university will accept admission to the Ph.D. program through MGURT, the common entrance test for taking admission into the Ph.D. program.

## I) MGURT (Mahatma Gandhi University Research Test)

All applicants seeking admission to the PH.D. program of MGU shall apply in prescribed form for appearing the MGURT. The common entrance test of MGU will be held through written test. The written examination will carry 50 marks-consisting of two components

General Awareness	= 20 marks
Research Related	= 30 marks
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Total	= 50 marks

1. The university will decide when the entrance examination will be held.
2. The applicants who have qualified National or State Level Eligibility Tests conducted by the University Grants Commission (UGC)/ State level agencies in last 5 years would be exempted from appearing MGURT.
3. For international applicants, MGURT may be organized online or at any of the centres in their respective countries, preferably at a public university/institution.
4. The students who have completed government recognized equivalent professional qualifications, as described in eligibility section shall be considered to take admission into M.Phil. program of the university. However, such candidates would also be required to appear in MGURT.
5. The maximum duration for completion of the course-work and proposal development is 1 year 6 months from the date of admission.



# PROCEDURE FOR AWARD OF PH.D. IN MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEGHALAYA

## II) COURSE WORK

The eligible candidates who have cleared the MGURT shall have to confirm their admission into the Ph.D./M.Phil. program by depositing admission fees within a stipulated time. With the confirmation of admission they get registered for the Ph.D. course work to be done within the first six months.

The process for Course Work:

1. The credit assigned to the Ph.D. Course shall be 16 credits.
2. 4 credits can be assigned to Research Methodology I and another 4 credits can be assigned to Research Methodology paper II (tools and technologies) including computer application, statistical techniques, quantitative methods, research tools, review of literature etc.
3. The remaining credits shall be assigned to subject specific paper.
4. There will be course work examination held for each course at the end of six months.
5. Course work certificate will be issued based on the examination results.
6. A Ph.D. student must pass the Ph.D. course work within one academic year.

## III) Proposal Seminar (Synopsis Seminar)

After completion of the course work, the student concerned will be allocated the major supervisor who in turn will constitute the RAC (Research Advisory Committee) for the student. Accordingly, the scholar should present the Synopsis seminar in front of RAC within six months.

The constitution of RAC:

1. Major supervisor/Guide (Chairperson)
2. Co-supervisor (Member)
3. HOF (Head of the Faculty) Concerned (Member)
4. Faculty from external dept. (Member)

## IV) Periodical Report

A scholar has to submit a report in prescribed form on the progress of his/her research work through the supervisor at the end of every six months preferably on or before 30<sup>th</sup> June and 31<sup>st</sup> December, every year. The progress report of the scholar shall not exceed 1000 words. Non-submission of progress report beyond a period of one year may lead to the cancellation of registration.

## V) Thesis Seminar (pre-viva) Presentation

A scholar has to present Thesis Seminar 6 months prior to the submission of the thesis.

- Modification of Thesis Title

The modification of the thesis title will not be allowed after the Thesis seminar (pre-viva) presentation.

- Academic Pre-requisites

Every scholar has to publish at least two Research papers on his/her research work in a peer reviewed/referred journal co-authored by the supervisor before Viva-Voce and should produce evidence of the same in the Viva-Voce presentation.

## VI) Submission of Thesis

The scholar should submit five copies of the thesis and the softcopy of the same along with prescribed form to the research department of the University within 6 months after the Thesis seminar.

## VII) Examination of Thesis

After the submission of the thesis, the thesis will be sent for peer review.

## VIII) VIVA VOCE

After the receipt of the satisfactory thesis report from the reviewers, the candidate will be asked to appear in the viva-voce examination to be conducted by the RAC in presence of an external examiner. The external examiner should preferably be one of the Reviewers.

## PROCEDURE FOR AWARD OF M.PHIL. IN MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEGHALAYA

The admission procedure for M.PHIL. degree will be same as per Ph.D. regulation excepting for the duration of the course. However, after completion of the course work, the student concerned will have to submit a dissertation in consultation with the RAC preferably within a period of 6 months.

## APPLICATION FORM AND FEES

Application forms can be downloaded from the university website link [www.mgu.edu.in/research](http://www.mgu.edu.in/research).

Applicants are required to submit the application form in prescribed template with scanned copies of the required documents (as mentioned in the application-form) to [research@mgu.edu.in](mailto:research@mgu.edu.in) or through post to

**Director - Research,  
Research Development and Innovation Centre  
Mahatma Gandhi University, 13<sup>th</sup> Mile, Khanapara  
Ri Bhoi – 793101, Meghalaya (India)**

Applications must be received on or before the due date mentioned in the MGU advertisement. Applications received after the due date will be automatically considered for the next admission cycle.

Residents of India are required to pay application-fee of INR 3000.00 (non-refundable) along with the application.

Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) and foreign applicants would be required to pay application fee of 100.00 USD. Application fee should be paid through bank transfer to the following Account:

### Program Fee

The year-wise Ph.D. program tuition-fee would be as under:

First Year	Fee	Category of Students	
		Indian Candidate	Foreign Candidate
➤ 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	INR 50000.00	INR 100000.00	USD 3500.00
➤ 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	INR 50000.00		
<b>Second Year</b>			
➤ 3 <sup>rd</sup> semester	INR 50000.00	INR 100000.00	USD 3500.00
➤ 4 <sup>th</sup> semester	INR 50000.00		
<b>Third Year</b>			
➤ 5 <sup>th</sup> semester	INR 50000.00	INR 100000.00	USD 2800.00
➤ 6 <sup>th</sup> semester	INR 50000.00		
<b>Total Ph.D. Tuition Fee</b>		<b>INR 300000.00</b>	<b>USD 9800.00</b>

For each subsequent year of extension, the fee would be INR 30000.00 and USD 1050.00 for Indian and NRI/foreign students respectively.

First Year	Fee	Category of Students	
		Indian Candidate	Foreign Candidate
➤ 1 <sup>st</sup> semester	INR 70000.00	INR 140000.00	USD 4700.00
➤ 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester	INR 70000.00		
<b>Total M.Phil. (Tuition Fee)</b>		<b>INR 140000.00</b>	<b>USD 4700.00</b>

For each subsequent year of extension, the fee would be INR 30000.00 and USD 1050.00 for Indian and NRI/foreign students respectively.

In addition, at the time of Admission, students would be required to pay admission fee (Non-refundable) of INR 40,000 (USD 1400 for NRI/Foreign students), a sum of INR 10,000 or equivalent USD prior to viva-voce as examination fee (Non-refundable) and INR 1000 as a cultural and sports fee.

Candidates having M.Phil. degree will be given relaxation of Rs. 50,000 in the total Ph.D. course fees. The same is applicable to the candidates opting for integrated (M.Phil. + Ph.D.) program at MGU.

#### **MODE OF PAYMENT: For NEFT**

**Name of Account:** MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY

**Account No.:**36099169863

**IFS Code:** SBIN0002035

**Swift Code:** SBININBB159

**Bank Branch:** State Bank of India, Byrnihat Branch

**For Draft: In favour of Mahatma Gandhi University  
Payable at Shillong**

### **Scholarships**

For **international students** up to 75% 'need based merit based' tuition-fee waiver will be available. For Indian students, up to 50% (merit based) tuition-fee waiver will be available for full-time students.

For **female full-time students** (both Indian and foreign) special 'MGU women education empowerment' scholarship will be available that may cover up to 50% of the tuition fee-waiver.

However, the exact amount of the scholarship would be decided by an independent scholarship committee depending on the assessment of the need and students' suitability for the scholarship under the different categories.

In addition, selected Teaching Assistantship opportunities would be available for full-time students working as Teaching Assistant in the different departments of the University. This may include stipend of INR 15000.00 per month for Indian students and USD 250.00 per month for foreign full-time students.

## HOSTEL

Hostel can be arranged by the university for full-time students. The accommodation can also be arranged for part-time students during course-work period. Hostel-fee with boarding (three meals/day with internet facility) may be approximately INR 10000.00 per month for Indian students and USD 250.00 per month for NRI/Foreign students.

## Contact

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