

# MAHATMA GANDHI UNIVERSITY, MEGHALAYA

*(Established under the Mahatma Gandhi University Act, 2010; Recognised by the University Grants Commission)*

## ADMISSION POLICY

### for the Ph.D. Programme

*Framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and Ordinance – 1 of 2023 of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya*

#### Approving Authority

Board of Management 45<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on date 28<sup>th</sup> March 2026 Item No. BoM-45/26/3

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Academic Council 46<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on date 20<sup>th</sup> June 2026 Item No. AC-46/26/4

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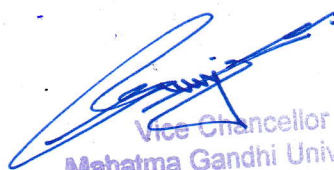
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## Preamble

Admission is the point at which the University's research standards are first tested. A doctoral programme is only as rigorous as the process by which it selects its scholars, and **Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya** ("the University") accordingly treats admission to the Ph.D. programme not as a routine administrative exercise but as an academic determination of the first importance.

This Admission Policy sets out, in a single consolidated instrument, the eligibility criteria, selection process, reservation norms, notification requirements, and registration procedure governing admission to the Ph.D. programme of the University. It has been framed in strict conformity with Regulations 3, 5 and 6 of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 ("the UGC Regulations, 2022") and with Chapters 3, 5 and 6 of Ordinance – 1 of 2023 of the University ("the Ordinance"), and is to be read as a subsidiary instrument operating within the framework of the University's Research Policy.

This Policy governs the admission of Indian nationals to the Ph.D. programme. Admission of foreign nationals is governed by the University's separate Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign Students, framed under Regulation 7 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Annexure I of the Ordinance, save that the general academic eligibility and coursework requirements set out in this Policy apply equally to foreign scholars except where that separate policy expressly provides otherwise.

## 1. Short Title, Applicability and Commencement

1. **Short Title.** This document shall be called the "Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya."
2. **Applicability.** This Policy applies to every School, Department, Centre and constituent or affiliated College of the University offering the Ph.D. programme, and to every category of applicant seeking admission thereto, whether full-time, part-time, sponsored, or self-financed.
3. **Commencement.** This Policy shall come into force on the date of its approval by the both statutory bodies i.e., Academic Council and ratification by the Board of Management, and shall apply to every admission cycle conducted thereafter.

  
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## 2. Definitions

Terms used in this Policy carry the meanings assigned in Regulation 2 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 2 of the Ordinance. In particular:

- **“Entrance Test” / “PET”** means the Ph.D. Entrance Test conducted by the University for admission to the programme, as distinct from national-level tests such as UGC-NET or GATE.
- **“Qualifying Examination”** means the Master’s degree, or equivalent qualification, on the basis of which a candidate claims eligibility for admission.
- **“Non-Creamy Layer”** has the meaning assigned to it under applicable Government of India and State Government orders governing reservation for Other Backward Classes.
- **“Admission Committee”** means the Ph.D. Admission Committee constituted under Section 6 of this Policy.
- **“Prospectus”** means the document issued by the University under Regulation 5(3)(i) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 disclosing seat matrix, eligibility, admission procedure and related information for each admission cycle.

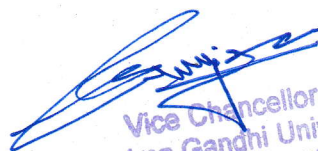
## 3. Guiding Principles

- Admission shall be based solely on merit, assessed through a transparent, pre-notified and uniformly applied process; no consideration extraneous to academic merit, research aptitude, and applicable reservation entitlement shall influence a selection decision.
- The criteria, procedure, and seat matrix for every admission cycle shall be notified in advance through a Prospectus published on the University’s website, so that no material term of the process is announced or altered after applications have been invited.
- The University shall, at all times, adhere to the reservation policy prescribed by the Government of India and the Government of Meghalaya, as required by Regulation 5(3)(ii) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapters 3.5 and 5.6 of the Ordinance.
- The number of candidates admitted in any discipline shall not exceed the number of eligible, recognised Research Supervisors available in that

  
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discipline, computed against the supervisory ceilings prescribed in the Research Policy and Regulation 6(3) of the UGC Regulations, 2022.

- No admission shall be finalised, and no candidate shall be permitted to commence coursework, otherwise than in strict accordance with the sequence of steps prescribed in this Policy.

## 4. Eligibility Criteria

### 4.1 General Academic Eligibility

In accordance with Regulation 3 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 3.1 of the Ordinance, a candidate is eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme who has:

4. Completed a One-Year/Two-Semester Master's degree programme after a Four-Year/Eight-Semester Bachelor's degree programme, or a Two-Year/Four-Semester Master's degree programme after a Three-Year Bachelor's degree programme, or a qualification declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with a minimum of **55% marks** in aggregate, or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever a grading system is followed; or an equivalent qualification from a Foreign Educational Institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency approved, recognised or authorised by a competent statutory authority in its home country;
5. **A relaxation of 5% marks**, or its equivalent grade, shall be allowed for candidates belonging to the Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer), Persons with Disabilities, Economically Weaker Sections (EWS), and such other categories as the UGC may from time to time notify.
6. A candidate who has completed a **Four-Year/Eight-Semester Bachelor's degree programme** and seeks direct admission to the Ph.D. programme thereafter (without an intervening Master's degree) shall hold a minimum of **75% marks** in aggregate, or the equivalent grade on a point scale wherever a grading system is followed, subject to the 5% relaxation described in clause 4.2 above for the categories specified therein.
7. A candidate who holds an **M.Phil. degree** with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate, or its equivalent grade, or an equivalent qualification from an accredited Foreign Educational Institution as described in clause 4.1 above,

  
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shall be eligible for admission, subject to the same 5% relaxation for reserved categories.

## 4.2 Discipline-Specific and Additional Requirements

Individual Schools or Departments may, with the prior approval of the Academic Council, prescribe additional discipline-specific eligibility requirements (such as a particular stream at the Master's level, or a minimum standing in a professional licensing examination), provided that such additional requirements are notified in the Prospectus in advance of the admission cycle to which they apply and are not used retrospectively to disqualify an applicant who met the eligibility criteria in force at the time of application.

## 4.3 Exceptional Relaxation

The condition of minimum marks at the Master's/Postgraduate level may be relaxed in exceptional circumstances by the Vice-Chancellor, having regard to the nomination of the candidate by a competent authority or to the demonstrated intellectual capacity of the candidate to undertake meaningful research, as assessed at the time of interview. Any such relaxation shall be recorded in writing, with reasons, and reported to the Academic Council.

## 5. Reservation Policy

- The University shall strictly observe the reservation policy prescribed by the Government of India and the Government of Meghalaya in respect of admission to the Ph.D. programme, including reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer), Economically Weaker Sections, and Persons with Disabilities, as required by Regulation 5(3)(ii) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapters 3.5 and 5.6 of the Ordinance.
- The percentage relaxation in qualifying marks and in Entrance Test marks available to reserved categories shall be as notified by the UGC from time to time, and shall in no case be less than 5% of the marks otherwise required.
- The seat matrix for each admission cycle, showing the category-wise distribution of available seats, shall be published in the Prospectus prior to the commencement of the admission process.
- Horizontal reservation for Persons with Disabilities and other categories recognised by applicable law shall be applied in addition to, and not in

  
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substitution for, vertical reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Other Backward Classes.

## 6. The Ph.D. Admission Committee

Every admission cycle shall be conducted under the supervision of a Ph.D. Admission Committee, constituted centrally by the University in accordance with Chapter 13.3 of the Ordinance, comprising:

| Designation on Committee | Office Held                          |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Chairperson              | Vice-Chancellor                      |
| Member                   | Dean (Academic Affairs)              |
| Member                   | Head of the Department concerned     |
| Member                   | External Subject Expert              |
| Member                   | Registrar (Administrative Oversight) |

The functions of the Admission Committee are to evaluate applications for admission, to oversee the conduct of the Entrance Test and interviews, to prepare the discipline-wise merit list, to resolve category-wise seat allocation, and to finalise admissions in compliance with this Policy and the UGC Regulations, 2022. The Committee may constitute Department-level Screening Sub-Committees, chaired by the Head of the Department concerned, to assist in the scrutiny of applications and the conduct of subject-specific interviews, subject to the Admission Committee's overall superintendence and final approval of the merit list.

Where admission of a candidate under the international/foreign-national category falls to be considered concurrently, the Dean, International Relations/Foreign Affairs shall additionally be co-opted to the Admission Committee for that purpose, in accordance with Annexure I of the Ordinance.

## 7. Notification and Prospectus

Prior to each admission cycle, the University shall publish, well in advance and on its official website, a Prospectus specifying, at minimum:

- The total number of Ph.D. seats available, and their subject/discipline-wise distribution;
- The category-wise (reservation) distribution of available seats;
- The eligibility criteria applicable for that cycle, including any discipline-specific requirements approved under Section 4.2;

- The mode(s) of admission to be used for that cycle (national-level test exemption, University Entrance Test, or both), and the weightage to be accorded to each stage;
- The syllabus and pattern of the Entrance Test;
- The schedule for application, Entrance Test, interview, and declaration of results;
- The fee structure for application, admission, and tuition, including any fee applicable to part-time or sponsored candidates;
- The list of documents required at each stage; and
- The list of recognised Research Supervisors, by Department, together with an indication of their available supervisory capacity, consistent with the public list maintained under Regulation 5(4) of the UGC Regulations, 2022.

No material change shall be made to the criteria or process notified in the Prospectus for a given admission cycle after applications have been invited, save for a change made to correct a manifest error or to comply with an intervening statutory direction, and any such change shall be published with equal prominence and, so far as practicable, communicated individually to affected applicants.

## **8. Modes of Admission**

In accordance with Regulation 5(2) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 3.2 of the Ordinance, admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made through one, or a combination, of the following methods, as notified in the Prospectus for the relevant cycle:

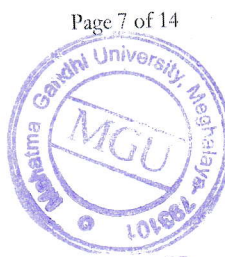
### **8.1 Exemption on the Basis of National-Level Tests**

The University may admit, on the basis of an interview alone, candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including Junior Research Fellowship), UGC-CSIR NET, GATE, CEED, or other similar national-level examinations recognised by the UGC for fellowship or scholarship purposes.

### **8.2 University Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET)**

Where admission is made through a University-conducted Entrance Test, the test shall be structured as follows:

  
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| Component of Entrance Test                        | Weightage |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Research Methodology and Analytical Ability       | 50%       |
| Subject-Specific Knowledge (concerned discipline) | 50%       |

- Candidates must secure a minimum of 50% marks in the Entrance Test to qualify for the interview stage;
- A relaxation of 5% marks in the Entrance Test shall be granted to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Differently-Abled/EWS and such other categories as the UGC may notify from time to time;
- The number of candidates called for interview from among those qualifying the Entrance Test shall be determined by the Admission Committee having regard to the number of Ph.D. seats available in the discipline concerned.

### 8.3 Weightage for Final Selection

Where selection is made on the basis of a University-conducted Entrance Test, the final merit list shall be prepared on the combined weightage set out below, in accordance with Regulation 5(2)(vi) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 3.2(d) of the Ordinance:

| Stage                                      | Weightage in Final Merit |
|--------------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Entrance Test Score                        | 70%                      |
| Personal Interview / Viva-Voce Performance | 30%                      |

## 9. Interview and Evaluation of Research Aptitude

Every candidate who qualifies the Entrance Test, or who is exempted therefrom under Section 8.1, shall be called for a personal interview conducted by, or under the supervision of, the Research Advisory Committee constituted for the discipline concerned, in coordination with the Admission Committee, in accordance with Chapter 5.4 of the Ordinance. The interview shall assess:

- The candidate's research aptitude, foundational knowledge of the subject, and clarity regarding the proposed area of research;
- The feasibility and originality of the candidate's proposed research area, where a preliminary Research Proposal or statement of interest has been sought at the application stage;

- The candidate's demonstrated capacity, through prior academic performance or professional experience, to sustain independent research over the duration of the programme; and
- Such other criteria, consistent with academic merit, as the Admission Committee may prescribe and notify in advance.

The interview shall, wherever feasible, be conducted in the presence of the Head of the Department, at least one recognised Research Supervisor from the discipline concerned, and an external subject expert. Interviews may be conducted online where the Admission Committee determines that circumstances so warrant, provided that the integrity and transparency of the process are not compromised.

## **10. Research Proposal at the Admission Stage**

A candidate provisionally selected for admission shall be required, as a condition of confirmation of admission, to submit a Research Proposal in the format prescribed at Annexure II of the Ordinance, addressing the introduction, review of relevant literature, research objectives, hypotheses (where applicable), proposed methodology, and the rationale and expected usefulness of the study. The Research Proposal shall be evaluated by the Research Advisory Committee to be constituted for the scholar, which shall assess it for feasibility, originality and academic merit and shall finalise the topic of research, in accordance with Regulation 10(1)(i) of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 3.3 of the Ordinance, before registration is treated as confirmed.

Where the Research Advisory Committee finds the initial proposal to require substantial revision, the candidate shall be granted a reasonable opportunity, not ordinarily exceeding one month, to submit a revised proposal before a final determination is made on confirmation of registration.

## **11. Allocation of Research Supervisor**

Upon confirmation of admission, every scholar shall be assigned a Research Supervisor in accordance with the eligibility norms, workload ceilings, and allocation process prescribed in Section 7 of the Research Policy and Regulation 6 of the UGC Regulations, 2022. Allocation shall have regard to the supervisor's expertise in the candidate's proposed area of research, the supervisor's available capacity within the prescribed ceiling, and, so far as administratively feasible, the preference expressed by the candidate at the time of application. Where a candidate's proposed research is interdisciplinary in character, a Co-Supervisor

may be appointed at the time of allocation, in accordance with Section 7.3 of the Research Policy.

## **12. Document Verification, Fees and Confirmation of Admission**

8. **Document Verification.** Every provisionally selected candidate shall be required to present, for verification, the original academic transcripts, certificates of category/reservation status (where applicable), and such other documents as may be prescribed in the Prospectus, prior to confirmation of admission. Admission obtained on the basis of false, forged, or materially misleading documents shall be void ab initio and liable to cancellation at any stage, without prejudice to any other action available in law.
9. **Fees.** The prescribed application fee, admission fee, and tuition fee shall be paid within the timeline notified in the Prospectus. Fee concessions or waivers, where applicable to reserved categories or other notified groups, shall be governed by the University's Fee Structure and, in relation to fellowship-linked payments, by the Fellowship/Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars.
10. **Confirmation.** Admission shall stand confirmed only upon successful completion of document verification, payment of prescribed fees, evaluation and clearance of the Research Proposal by the Research Advisory Committee, and formal allocation of a Research Supervisor. A candidate who fails to complete any of these steps within the timeline notified shall forfeit the offer of admission, save where the Admission Committee, for sufficient cause shown, extends the timeline.

## **13. Part-Time Admission**

Admission to the Ph.D. programme on a part-time basis shall be permitted, subject to all other eligibility conditions of this Policy, in accordance with Regulation 13 of the UGC Regulations, 2022 and Chapter 11 of the Ordinance. In addition to the requirements otherwise applicable, a candidate seeking part-time admission shall submit a No-Objection Certificate from the competent authority of the organisation in which the candidate is employed, clearly certifying that:

- The candidate is permitted to pursue the Ph.D. programme on a part-time basis;
- The candidate's official duties permit the candidate to devote sufficient time to research; and

- The candidate will, if required, be relieved of duty to the extent necessary to complete the coursework.

A part-time scholar shall be required to complete at least six months of on-campus residency, whether continuously or in phases, for coursework, research interaction, and access to University facilities, as prescribed in Chapter 11.5 of the Ordinance, save where the University permits an alternative arrangement having regard to the nature of the scholar's research.

#### **14. Sponsored and Institutionally Nominated Candidates**

Candidates sponsored by the Central Government, a State Government, a recognised research institution, or an industry partner under a Memorandum of Understanding with the University shall be admitted through the same Entrance Test/interview process prescribed in this Policy, save that the sponsoring agency's nomination may be taken into account, alongside academic merit, in the constitution of the interview panel's assessment, and shall not by itself entitle a candidate to admission or to relaxation of the minimum eligibility or qualifying standards prescribed in Section 4.

#### **15. Lateral and Mid-Session Admission**

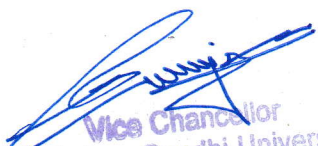
Save in respect of candidates admitted under the international/foreign-national category (for whom Annexure I of the Ordinance permits admission at any point in the academic session, with submission of the synopsis prior to commencement of coursework), admission to the Ph.D. programme shall ordinarily be conducted once, or at most twice, in an academic year, on dates notified in advance in the Prospectus. Requests for admission outside the notified cycle shall not ordinarily be entertained, save where the Vice-Chancellor, for compelling academic reason recorded in writing, permits an exception.

#### **16. Publication of Admission List and Website Disclosure**

- The final list of candidates admitted, discipline-wise, shall be published on the University's website upon confirmation of admission.
- The University shall maintain, and update at least once every academic year, a public list of registered Ph.D. scholars - showing the scholar's name, topic of research, Research Supervisor, and date of admission - together with a list of recognised Research Supervisors and their designation and Department, as required by Regulation 5(4) of the UGC Regulations, 2022.

  
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## 17. Cancellation and Withdrawal of Admission

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- Admission may be cancelled, at any stage prior to or after confirmation, where it is found to have been obtained through misrepresentation, suppression of material fact, or use of a forged or fraudulent document, without prejudice to any other action available in law.
- A candidate may voluntarily withdraw from admission by written notice to the Registrar; refund of fees paid, if any, shall be governed by the University's Fee Refund Policy in force at the relevant time.
- Cancellation of admission on academic or disciplinary grounds after registration is confirmed shall be governed by the relevant provisions of the Research Policy and the procedures applicable to cancellation of registration under Regulation 10(3) of the UGC Regulations, 2022, and not by this Policy.

## 18. Grievance Redress in Admission Matters

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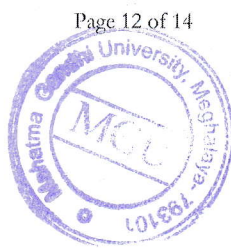
A candidate aggrieved by any step in the admission process - including the conduct of the Entrance Test, the outcome of the interview, or the preparation of the merit list - may seek redress in accordance with the University's Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars. A grievance relating to the admission process shall ordinarily be raised within fifteen (15) days of the publication of the relevant result or list, and the University shall endeavour to dispose of such a grievance before the commencement of coursework for the cycle concerned, so far as is administratively feasible.

## 19. Relationship with Other University Policies

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This Policy operates as part of the same regulatory architecture as the University's Research Policy, the Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign Students, the Fellowship/Scholarship Policy for Ph.D. Scholars, the Constitution of the Ethics Board, the Constitution of the RAC and DRC, and the Policy for the Grievance Redress Mechanism of Scholars. In the event of an apparent conflict between this Policy and any of those instruments, the matter shall be referred to the Research Degree Committee for reconciliation and, failing resolution there, to the Academic Council, whose decision shall be final, subject always to the overriding force of the UGC Regulations, 2022.

  
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## 20. Amendment, Review and Interpretation

11. **Periodic Review.** This Policy shall be reviewed by the Research Degree Committee at least once every three (3) years, or earlier where warranted by amendment of the UGC Regulations, 2022 or other binding statutory direction, and any resulting amendment shall be placed before the Academic Council and the Board of Management for approval.
12. **Interim Directions.** Pending formal amendment, the Vice-Chancellor may issue such interim directions as are necessary to bring an ongoing or imminent admission cycle into conformity with a change in the UGC Regulations, 2022 or other binding statutory instrument, such directions to be ratified at the next meeting of the Academic Council.
13. **Interpretation.** Where any doubt arises as to the interpretation of this Policy, the matter shall be referred to the Vice-Chancellor, whose decision, taken in consultation with the Admission Committee, shall be final, subject to the overriding authority of the Board of Management.
14. **Effective Date.** This Policy shall take effect from the date of its approval by the Board of Management and shall apply to every admission cycle commencing thereafter.

  
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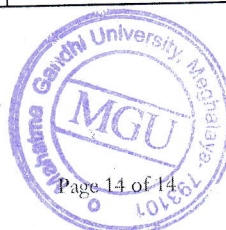
**Annexure A: Admission Process at a Glance**

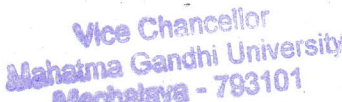
| Step | Action                                                        | Responsible Authority                                      |
|------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1    | Publication of Prospectus and notification of seats           | Admission Committee / Registrar                            |
| 2    | Receipt and scrutiny of applications                          | Admission Committee / Departmental Screening Sub-Committee |
| 3    | Conduct of Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET), where applicable        | Admission Committee                                        |
| 4    | Declaration of PET results; shortlisting for interview        | Admission Committee                                        |
| 5    | Conduct of interview / research-aptitude assessment           | Admission Committee with RAC / Department                  |
| 6    | Preparation and publication of discipline-wise merit list     | Admission Committee                                        |
| 7    | Document verification and fee payment                         | Registrar's Office                                         |
| 8    | Submission and evaluation of Research Proposal                | Research Advisory Committee                                |
| 9    | Allocation of Research Supervisor (and Co-Supervisor, if any) | RAC / Head of Department                                   |
| 10   | Confirmation of registration and commencement of coursework   | Registrar / Dean (Academic Affairs)                        |

**Annexure B: Cross-Reference to Governing Instruments**

| Subject                                          | UGC Regulations, 2022 | MGU Ordinance - 1 of 2023 |
|--------------------------------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|
| Eligibility criteria                             | Regulation 3          | Chapter 3.1               |
| Admission process                                | Regulation 5          | Chapters 3.2, 5           |
| Reservation policy                               | Regulation 5(3)(ii)   | Chapters 3.5, 5.6         |
| Research Advisory Committee (interview/proposal) | Regulation 10         | Chapters 3.3, 5.4, 6.6    |
| Research Supervisor allocation                   | Regulation 6          | Chapter 6                 |
| Part-time admission                              | Regulation 13         | Chapter 11                |
| Public disclosure of supervisor/scholar lists    | Regulation 5(4)       | -                         |
| Ph.D. Admission Committee                        | -                     | Chapter 13.3              |

  
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## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION

**45<sup>th</sup> Meeting of the Board of Management**

**Date:** 28 March 2026

**Item No.:** BoM-45/26/4

### **ADMISSION POLICY FOR THE PH.D. PROGRAMME FOR FOREIGN / INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**

The Dean (Research), in consultation with the Dean (International Relations/Foreign Affairs), placed before the Board the draft “**Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign / International Students**”, framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, Annexure I of Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya, and the applicable Government of India guidelines governing admission of foreign nationals to Indian Universities, for consideration and approval.

The Board examined the draft Policy in detail and observed that it establishes a comprehensive institutional framework governing admission of foreign and international scholars by prescribing eligibility criteria, recognition and equivalence of foreign qualifications, admission procedures, constitution of the Foreign Student Admission Committee, supervisory allocation through supernumerary seats, fee structure, visa and immigration compliance, documentation requirements, disciplinary jurisdiction, interpretation and institutional responsibilities while ensuring full compliance with the applicable statutory and regulatory framework.

### **RESOLVED THAT**

The Board of Management hereby approves the “**Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign / International Students**” as the official institutional policy governing admission, registration and academic administration of foreign and international scholars admitted to the Ph.D. Programme of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

### **RESOLVED FURTHER THAT**

The provisions of the approved Policy shall apply to every foreign national and every ward of an Indian national employed in Gulf-region countries admitted under the category specified therein, subject to the provisions of the University Grants Commission Regulations, applicable Government of India guidelines, immigration laws and other statutory requirements.

### **RESOLVED FURTHER THAT**

The Vice Chancellor is hereby authorised to issue such administrative directions, implementation guidelines, operational procedures, admission formats, equivalence verification procedures, fee notifications and other consequential administrative orders as may be necessary for effective implementation of the approved Policy.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT**

The Dean (International Relations/Foreign Affairs), Dean (Research), Dean (Academic Affairs), Registrar, Finance Officer, Foreign Student Admission Committee, Research Degree Committee and all other authorities concerned shall discharge their respective functions strictly in accordance with the provisions of the approved Policy.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT**

The Registrar shall issue the necessary notification, preserve the authenticated master copy of the Policy, circulate the same amongst all Schools, Departments, Research Centres and administrative offices of the University, publish the Policy on the official University website and take all consequential administrative action necessary for its implementation.

**Certified to be a True Resolution**

  
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## BOARD OF MANAGEMENT EXTRACT OF RESOLUTION

Extract of the Minutes of the 45th Meeting of the Board of Management

Date: 28 March 2026

Item No.: BoM-45/26/4

**Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign / International Students**

**RESOLVED THAT** the Board of Management approved the “**Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme for Foreign / International Students**”, framed in conformity with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, Annexure I of Ordinance No. 1 of 2023 of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya and the applicable Government of India guidelines governing admission of foreign nationals, as the institutional policy regulating admission and academic administration of foreign and international Ph.D. Scholars.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Vice Chancellor shall issue such administrative directions as may be necessary for operationalisation of the approved Policy.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Registrar shall notify and implement the approved Policy throughout the University.

**Certified to be a True Extract of the Minutes**

  
Ex-officio Secretary, Board of  
Management

**Registrar**

Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya

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Vice Chancellor  
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## ACADEMIC COUNCIL RESOLUTION

46th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 20 June 2026

Item No.: AC-46/26/4

### ADMISSION POLICY FOR THE PH.D. PROGRAMME

The Dean (Academic Affairs) and the Dean (Research) placed before the Academic Council the draft **"Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme"** for consideration and academic approval.

The Council examined the draft Policy in detail and observed that it establishes a transparent and academically rigorous framework governing doctoral admissions by prescribing eligibility standards, reservation policy, constitution and functioning of the Ph.D. Admission Committee, admission through national-level examinations and the University Ph.D. Entrance Test, interview and evaluation of research aptitude, Research Proposal assessment, Research Supervisor allocation, confirmation of admission, regulation of part-time and sponsored scholars and publication of admission information, thereby strengthening academic quality and ensuring compliance with the UGC Regulations, 2022.

### RESOLVED THAT

The Academic Council hereby approves the **"Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme"** from the academic standpoint and recommends the same to the Board of Management for statutory approval.

### RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

Upon approval by the Board of Management, the Policy shall form an integral part of the University's academic and research governance framework and shall govern every admission to the Ph.D. Programme conducted by the University.

### RESOLVED FURTHER THAT

The Dean (Academic Affairs), Dean (Research), Research Degree Committee, Ph.D. Admission Committee and Research Advisory Committees shall periodically review implementation of the Policy and recommend amendments whenever necessitated by changes in the University Grants Commission Regulations, Government policy or institutional academic requirements.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT**

The Registrar shall place the approved Policy before the Board of Management for statutory approval and thereafter undertake all consequential administrative action for implementation.

**Certified to be a True Resolution**



**Ex-officio Secretary, Academic Council**



**Chairman, Academic Council**

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## ACADEMIC COUNCIL EXTRACT OF RESOLUTION

Extract of the Minutes of the 46th Meeting of the Academic Council

Date: 20 June 2026

Item No.: AC-46/26/4

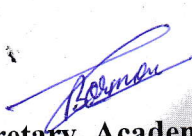
### Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme

**RESOLVED THAT** the Academic Council approved the “**Admission Policy for the Ph.D. Programme**” and recommended the same to the Board of Management for statutory approval as the institutional policy governing admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme of Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya.

**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** upon approval by the Board of Management, the Policy shall be implemented throughout the University.

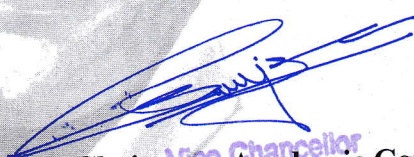
**RESOLVED FURTHER THAT** the Dean (Academic Affairs), Dean (Research) and the Registrar shall take all necessary academic and administrative action for implementation of the approved Policy.

**Certified to be a True Extract of the Minutes**

  
Ex-officio Secretary, Academic Council

Registrar

Mahatma Gandhi University, Meghalaya

  
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