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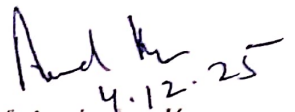
02<sup>nd</sup> December, 2025

**NOTICE**

**SUBMISSION OF DOCUMENTS TO CLAIM EXEMPTION FROM Ph.D. ENTRANCE TEST (PET) FOR ADMISSION IN Ph.D PROGRAMME (WINTER SESSION) 2025-26 IN UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF DESIGN & INNOVATION**

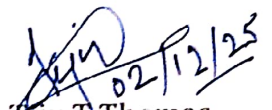
With reference to the Ph.D. Admission Brochure 2025-26 (Para no. 2: Procedure for Admission to Ph.D. programme published by the University ([http://www.ipu.ac.in/pubinfo2025/nt011225630%20\(10\).pdf](http://www.ipu.ac.in/pubinfo2025/nt011225630%20(10).pdf)), all candidates who wish to claim exemption from the Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) for admission in Ph.D. program in University School of Design & Innovation (USDI) for the academic year 2025-2026 (Winter Session) should fill the online application form w.r.t. Ph.D. Admission Brochure 2025-26 (Para No.2: Procedure for Admission to Ph.D. programme) published by the University. In addition to filling the application form the candidates are required to submit hard copies (self attested) of the following documents by email at ([dean.usdi@ipu.ac.in](mailto:dean.usdi@ipu.ac.in)) or in person latest by 8.12.2025 in the Office of Dean, USDI B Block Room no 206 (second floor) East Delhi Campus, Surajmal Vihar between 9 am to 5 pm (Monday to Friday)

1. Copy of the filled Online Application form OR proof of successful submission of application form
2. Application for Exemption from Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET)
3. Copy of valid document for Fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and other similar National Level Tests
4. Valid UGC-NET document mentioning the categories (1/2/3) in accordance with the UGC-NET circular No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 dated 27.03.2024 (copy of notice is also attached with this notice for your reference)
5. Copy of Certificate /Marksheet of the qualifying degree. Candidates appearing for final exam of qualifying degree may submit mark sheets upto the penultimate semester.
6. Undertaking that the candidate fulfil the eligibility criteria/conditions as laid down in admission brochure 2025-2026.
7. No Objection Certificate from the current organization/employer.

  
4.12.25  
Prof. Arvinder Kaur  
Dean, USDI

Copy to:

1. Director (DRC), GGSIPU, for kind information please.
2. In charge, UITS with request to upload the notice on University Website
3. Guard File

  
02/12/25  
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University Grants Commission

(शिक्षा मंत्रालय, भारत सरकार)  
(Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648

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### PUBLIC NOTICE

**National Eligibility Test (NET) as an Entrance Test for Admission to Ph.D.**

The University Grants Commission conducts the National Eligibility Test (NET) through the National Testing Agency (NTA). The NET is conducted twice a year, in June and December. Currently, the NET scores are used (a) to award Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and (b) as eligibility for appointment as Assistant Professor for those with a Master's degree.

Many universities conduct their entrance tests for admission to their Ph.D. programmes, requiring the students to write multiple Ph.D. entrance tests. To help the students with one national entrance test for Ph.D. admissions as a part of implementing the National Education Policy 2020, the UGC constituted an expert committee to review the provisions of the National Eligibility Test (NET).

Based on the expert committee's recommendations, in its 578<sup>th</sup> Meeting held on 13 March 2024, the UGC has decided that from the academic session 2024-25, the NET score can be used for admission to Ph.D. programmes in place of entrance tests conducted by the different universities/HIEs.

From June 2024 onwards, therefore, the NET candidates will be declared eligible in three categories:

- Category-1: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.
- Category-2: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.
- Category-3: Eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.

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The determination of the eligibility of NET for different categories is summarized below:

Qualified for	Eligible for		
	JRF	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. Admission
Category-1: Award of JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor	Yes	Yes	Yes
Category-2: Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.	No	Yes	Yes
Category-3: Admission to Ph.D. only	No	No	Yes

The result of NET will be declared in percentile along with the marks obtained by a candidate to utilize the marks for admission to Ph.D.

The JRF-qualified students are admitted into the Ph.D. programme based on an interview as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

For students who qualify in Categories 2 and 3, 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce.

The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Categories 2 and 3 will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D.

The notification and Bulletin of Information for the NET June 2024 will be issued by the National Testing Agency shortly at <https://ugenet.nta.nic.in>.



(Manish Joshi)