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PhD Admissions Notification

As per University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, [No. F. No. 1-3/2021(QIP)]

August – September 2026

Date: 06th August 2026

DES Pune University, Pune is inviting applications for admissions to PhD Programs. Please apply through the University website <https://admissions.despu.edu.in/> on or before 18th August 2026

1. PhD Programs

DES Pune University offers following PhD Programs for the Academic Year 2026-27.

- 1.1. Computer Science and Engineering
- 1.2. Electronics and Communication Engineering
- 1.3. Economics
- 1.4. Psychology
- 1.5. Humanities and Social Sciences
- 1.6. Computer Science
- 1.7. Computer Application
- 1.8. Life Sciences
- 1.9. Management

2. Eligibility Criteria

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. Programme

- 2.1 Candidates who have completed a 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after 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. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/DT-A/NT-B/NT-C/NT-D, *SEBC & OBC (Non creamy layer)/Differently abled category, Economically Weaker section (EWS) and other category of candidates as per the decision of the UGC 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.

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2.2 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/DT-A/NT-B/NT-C/NT-D, *SEBC & OBC (Non creamy layer)/Differently abled category, Economically Weaker section (EWS) and other category of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

***SEBC Reservation is subject to the final outcome at Writ Petition No. 3468/2025 filed in Hon'ble Mumbai High Court.** Reservation is applicable only to Maharashtra domicile candidates provided they submit the necessary documents for reservation before interview. Outside Maharashtra candidates will be considered in the OPEN category.

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3. Procedure for Admission

PhD Admission procedure is mentioned bellow as per the UGC guidelines.

- 3.1. The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the institution, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.
- 3.2. Candidates satisfying the eligibility criteria mentioned above shall be notified over email to appear for the Ph.D. entrance test / interview conducted at DES Pune University, Pune.
- 3.3. PhD entrance test shall be qualifying with qualifying marks as 50% provided that relaxation from 50% to 45% shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/DT-A/NT-B/NT-C/NT-D, *SEBC & OBC (Non creamy layer)/Differently abled category, Economically Weaker section (EWS) and other category of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

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- 3.4. The DES Pune University PhD Entrance Test (**DES PU-PET**) syllabus shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology, and 50% shall be subject domain as mentioned in section 8 of this document.
- 3.5. Students who have secured 50 % marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview.
- 3.6. The interview/viva-voce will be conducted by the university for the candidates who qualify the test. For selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% to the entrance test and 30% to the performance in the interview/Viva-voce shall be given.
- 3.7. Students with a valid GATE/NET/JRF/SET/GPAT/CEED score /certificate, will be exempted from **DES PU-PET** and the selection will be based on Interview.
- 3.8. The recommended candidates will be intimated through email about their selection and the candidates will be offered Ph.D. provisional admission.
- 3.9. The eligibility of a candidate is provisional as per information provided by the candidate in his/her application form and is subject to verification of minimum eligibility conditions for admission to the program, educational documents and reservation documents (if any).
- 3.10. University keeps rights to cancel admission of the Ph.D. scholars in the case of misconduct by the scholar, unsatisfactory progress/absent for consecutive two progress seminars, failure in any examination related to Ph.D., fabrication found in educational and reservation documents, candidate is found ineligible, involved in plagiarism in paper publications and thesis.
- 3.11. Provisional eligibility to appear in the selection process is no guarantee for admission to the program. PhD admission will be confirmed after successful completion of the course work as per UGC norms.

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4. Application Process

- Applicants can register using <https://admissions.despu.edu.in>
- Applicants may refer to this document to follow the steps involved in the application form.
- Applications will only be considered if they are 100% completed and submitted with all the necessary documents.

5. Research Areas

PhD Subject Specialization	Research Areas (Not Limited to)
Computer Science and Engineering	● Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning ● Wireless Networks, Network Security, Cybersecurity, Data Science
Electronics and Communication Engineering	● VLSI Design/Embedded Systems ● Signal and Image Processing ● Communication Systems ● Internet of Things (IoT)
Economics	● Development Economics ● Microeconomics
Psychology	● Health Psychology ● Yoga and Indian Psychology ● I/O Psychology ● Arts and Health
Computer Science	● Data Science ● Soft Computing ● Machine Learning ● Deep Learning
Life Sciences	● Urban Biodiversity and Green Corridors ● Ecological Niche Modelling - Threatened and Endemic Fauna ● Biodiversity In Agricultural Landscape ● Ecology and Behavior of Birds ● Biodiversity and Ecosystem Services ● Human Animal Co-Existence ● Biochemistry
Management	● Marketing Management ● HR Management ● Finance Management
Humanities and Social Sciences	● IKS ● Veda, Vedanta ● Philosophy

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6. Seats Availability

The number of seats is based on the availability of Supervisors. A stipend of ₹37,000/- will be offered to selected full-time Ph.D. scholars through the interview process. Full-time Ph.D. candidates are required to undertake a minimum course-related teaching load as per university norms.

7. Details of the DES Pune University PhD Entrance Test (DES PU-PET) and Interview

Candidates are requested to check the emails from DES Pune University for the **DES PU-PET**. Candidates will receive the details of the platform, Exam login credentials, process to be followed during the exam. Candidates should appear for the demo test as per the schedule mentioned in the mail.

DES PU-PET is Online AI Proctored MCQ based Exam. Kindly arrange two camera devices for appearing PET. (Details of the arrangements will be mailed by 12th August 2026. Exam will be conducted based on two sections as mentioned below.

Interviews will be conducted for candidates who have cleared the **DES PU-PET** or are exempted from **DES PU-PET** as per the section 3.7.

DES Pune University PhD Entrance Test (DES PU-PET)	
Date of Entrance Test	August 23 rd , 2026
Section 1 – Research Methodology (Max 1 Hour)	10.00 AM – 11.00 AM
Section 2 – Subject Specific (Max 1 Hour)	11.00 AM – 12.00 PM
Results	August 24 th , 2026
Interviews (Schedule will be informed through mail)	August 25 th to 27 th , 2026

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8. Syllabus for the PhD Entrance Test and Interview

8.1. Research Methodology (Common section for all Applicants)

Data Analysis, Intellectual Property, Creativity in Research, Overview of Research, Literature Survey and Technical Writing and Presentation, Design of Experiments, Modelling Skills, Theoretical Research

8.2. Computer Science and Engineering

Computer Networks, Theory of Computation, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Design and Analysis of Algorithms, Data Structures, Discrete Mathematics, Software Engineering, Probability

8.3. Electronics and Communication Engineering

Signal and Image Processing, Electronics Circuits, Digital Systems, IOT, Microcontroller & Embedded System, Communication Systems, VLSI

8.4. Computer Science

Data Structures and algorithms, Operating system, Database systems, Computer Organization and architecture, Software Engineering, Computer Networks, Programming basics, Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning.

8.5. Economics

Basics of Economics, Development Economics and Microeconomics

8.6. Psychology

Basics of Psychology, Personality, Motivation and Emotion, Clinical Psychology, Industrial/ Organizational Psychology, Applied Psychology, Cognitive Psychology, Indian Psychology

8.7. Life Sciences

Environmental Sciences, Animal Sciences, Plant Sciences, Microbiology, Genetics, Biochemistry, Cell Biology, Molecular Biology, Analytical Techniques.

8.8. Management

Principles and Functions of Management, Organizational Behaviour, Human Resource Management, Marketing Management, Financial Management, Operations and Supply Chain Management, Strategic Management, Entrepreneurship and Innovation, Corporate Governance and Business Ethics, Business Analytics and Digital Transformation.

8.9. Humanities and Social Sciences

Fundamental Understanding of IKS; Oral Tradition of India; Caturdaśa Vidyāsthānam; Indian Performative and Intellectual Traditions; Various Research Activities in IKS. Sanskrit: Fundamental Understanding of Upāya Śāstra (Vyākaraṇa, Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā) and Sanskrit Literature. Vedic Literature: Rgbhāṣyabhūmikā of Sāyaṇa, Fundamentals of Six Vedāṅgas, Western approaches to the Vedas. Vedānta Philosophy: Fundamentals of Indian Philosophy, Fundamental Understanding of Upāya Śāstra (Vyākaraṇa, Nyāya and Mīmāṃsā).

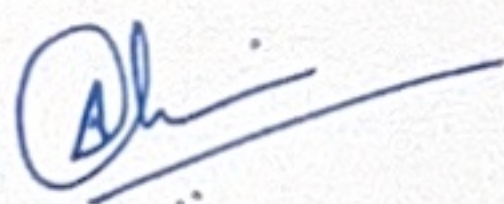
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9. Fee Structure

Fee type	Indian Nationals (INR)	International Students (INR)
Entrance exam application (One Time)	1080	2250
Course Work (One Time)	15000	22500
Tuition fee (Per Year)	60000	90000
Final Defense Fee (One Time)	8000	12000

10. Admission Timeline / Process

Online Applications (Apply here - https://admissions.despu.edu.in)	August 8 th to 18 th , 2026
Display list of eligible candidates for DES PU-PET on website	August 21 st , 2026
DES PU-PET (Online AI Proctored)	August 23 rd , 2026
Notification to shortlisted candidates for Interviews	August 24 th , 2026
Interviews	August 25 th to 27 th , 2026
Notification to selected candidates for provisional admission	September 1 st , 2026
Admission and fee payment, Verification of Documentation and Eligibility	September 1 st to 6 th , 2026



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