



Maa Shakumbhari University

Punwarka, Saharanpur, Uttar Pradesh

Ph.D. Admissions Guidelines 2025-26

Important Instructions for Online Application for Ph.D. Admission 2025-26

1. Maa Shakumbhari University, Saharanpur hereby commences the process of admission to Ph.D. program in **Full-Time/Regular** mode in various disciplines (See Annex-II) running in the departments of Affiliated Colleges as per Ph.D. Ordinance 2022 of Paternal University CCS University, Meerut, UGC Guidelines and MS University, Saharanpur research policy.
2. All the interested candidates willing to take admission in the relevant Ph.D. program are advised to apply online. The online application form of **MSU Ph.D. Admission** for **Session 2025-26** and required details are available on university website <https://www.msuniversity.ac.in>.

Important Dates: -

Date of Commencement of Online Application	30.06.2025
Last date for Online Application	15.08.2025
Last date to receive hard copy of application form at university by registered post only with self-attested documents	20.08.2025

DOCUMENTS REQUIRED:-

The candidates are required to bring following documents in original at the time of admission.

- a. 10th Class Mark sheet
- b. 12th Class Mark sheet
- c. Graduation Marks sheet All years/ semester
- d. Graduation Degree Certificate
- e. Post-Graduation Marks sheet all years/ semester
- f. Post-Graduation Degree Certificate
- g. JRF/NET/UPSLET/M.Phil. /Valid fellowship/Scholarship Certificate/Qualify for Ph.D. Admission category through NTA exam/GATE score card at least 95 percentile Certificate.
- h. EWS/OBC/SC/ST/PWD Certificate (if applicable)
- i. Regular and confirmed service teaching experience certificate (if applicable)
- j. Publication details, if applicable
- k. Valid OBC - NCL certificate and EWS Certificate (issued by competent authority)
- l. Any other relevant documents

ADDRESS FOR COMMUNICATION: -

**Registrar,
Maa Shakumbhari University,
Punwarka, Saharanpur – 247 120
Email: registrar@msuniversity.ac.in**

01. GENERAL INFORMATION: -

1. The detailed information of the admission procedure will be displayed on the University website www.msuniversity.ac.in. Candidates are advised to check the University website regularly for updates.
2. After declaration of the merit list a copy of the list will be displayed on the University website. The candidate will have to check his/her merit number from the merit list. The merit list will not be published in the newspaper. Fee deposited at the time of registration will not be refunded under any circumstances.
3. As directed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court, action will be taken against the students who indulge in incidence like ragging during studentship.
4. Those candidates who have been expelled from any University/College/Institution or found guilty under “*Indian Penal Code*”/“*Bhartiya Nyay Sanhita*” are not eligible for admission to any course in the University.
5. Reservation will be given as per State Government policies and University guidelines.
6. Candidates claiming benefit of reservation will have to produce the category certificate which could be verified through Government website.
7. All original certificates have to be produced at the time of admission. Photocopies, internet copies and provisional certificate-degree will not be considered.
8. The final seat matrix will be prepared subject-wise as per the Government reservation policy.
9. The Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates originally belonging to Uttar Pradesh will be given the benefit of reservation. Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes and Other Backward Classes (Non- Creamy Layer) candidates of other states will be treated as general candidate.
10. All admissions are provisional. University reserves the right to cancel any admission at any stage.
11. In case of any matter related to the Ph.D. admissions, the decision of the Vice-Chancellor/Admission Committee of the University shall be final and binding of the legal matters pertaining to the Ph.D. admissions shall be subject to the Saharanpur Jurisdiction.
12. The final selection of the candidate for Ph.D. shall be based on the 50% weightage to academic credentials and others (as per prescribed criteria) and 50% weightage to his/her performance in

the interview/ viva-voce.

13. The interview board will award marks as suggested in **Annexure - I**. Any modification / alteration/ amendment of the interview/ viva-voce panel shall be at the sole discretion of the vice- chancellor.

2. ELIGIBILITY: -

- 1- 1-year/2-semester master's degree Programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree Programme as per NEP-2020 guidelines 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.
- 2- A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission 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. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non- creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time
- 3- 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/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently- Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.
- 4- Apart from the above-mentioned point 1, 2 & 3, a candidate shall be eligible for Ph.D. program at least one category of the followings-
 - Category A:** Who have qualified National fellowship/Scholarship equivalent to JRF for Ph.D.
 - Category B:** UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/SLET-UP
 - Category C:** Qualify for Ph.D. category through UGC-NTA exam
 - Category D:** GATE with 95 and above percentile
 - Category E:** M.Phil. through entrance exam under the UGC guideline
- 5- It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to go through the admission guidelines and check his / her eligibility at the time of application. The eligibility will be verified by the university at the time of interview.
- 6- It is mandatory to successfully complete Pre-PhD course work for all the candidates.

3. ON-LINE APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

Candidate may fill online application form for Ph.D. admission process of Maa Shakumbhari University, Saharanpur through the university website <https://www.msuniversity.ac.in> During online application form filling process, the candidate has to upload scanned copies of passport size photograph and signature in JPEG format (50 KB).

4. REQUIREMENTS FOR ONLINE FORM SUBMISSION:

- Valid email id
- Aadhar number
- Active Mobile Number
- Mobile number should be with the applicant at the time of form filling
- All relevant information regarding admission would be send to this mobile number /email ID
- Scanned photograph in JPEG format (Max. upload size is 50 KB only)
- Scanned signature in JPEG format (Max. upload size is 50 KB only)
- Photo ID proof- Aadhar Card, Voter ID, Driving License, Passport

5. EWS CERTIFICATE:

Applicants who want to avail the benefit of Economically Weaker Section (EWS) seats have to provide the latest certificate of the current year.

6. CASTE CERTIFICATE:

Applicants who wish to avail the benefit of OBC (non-creamy layer) must provide the latest certificate (not issued before three years). The Schedule Caste (SC) / Schedule Tribe (ST)/ OBC / EWS originally belonging to Uttar Pradesh will be given the benefit of reservation. The Schedule caste (SC) / Schedule tribe (ST)/ OBC / EWS belonging to states other than Uttar Pradesh will be treated in general category.

7. REGISTRATION FEE FOR ON-LINE APPLICATION:

Registration fee for the online application to MSU Ph.D. admission 2025-26 is as mentioned below in the Table.

Category	Application Fee in INR Till 15 August	Application Fee in INR After 15 August & till 30August
SC / ST	1500	2500
Others	2500	3500

The fee deposition is digital/ online and Bank transaction charges will be applicable as permissible by the bank. Registration fee for Online Application to Ph.D. admission 2025-26 of Maa Shakumbhari University, Saharanpur can be submitted online through Net-Banking/UPI or Debit/Credit-Card of any nationalized bank. Applicants are advised to note down bank transaction Reference Number and Registration ID for any future communication with the University. After the fee submission, applicants will be redirected to the University website where option for printing admission form and fee receipt are given. Printout of the pay-in-slip of the transacted fee along with that of the filled application form must be retained by the applicant.

University reserves the right to vary the availability of seats in various disciplines depending upon the availability of the supervisors. The candidate is solely responsible for all the entries made by

him/her in the online application form for MSU Ph.D. Admission 2025-26. If the candidate conceals or misrepresents any fact in the entries on the form, his/her candidature will automatically stand cancelled and he/she will be liable to be debarred from the present and future admissions in the University

Entries made by the candidate in the Form will be considered final, and no subsequent request for change(s) or modification(s) in the same will be entertained.

8. LEGAL ISSUE / DISPUTE:

- (a) All legal issue / dispute regarding MSU Ph.D. Admission 2025-26 will be under the jurisdiction of Saharanpur Session Court.
- (b) The rules as amended by the Government/University from time to time will be applicable to research scholars.
- (c) In case of any dispute the decision of the Chairman of the Academic Council will be final.
- (d) Candidates who successfully complete the Pre-PhD course work will be allowed to appear in RDC for approval of synopsis.

9. RESERVATION POLICY-

The available positions will be divided as per Reservation Policy of the State Government of Uttar Pradesh. Numbers of seats for Ph.D. programs in various subjects are tentative. Subject wise number of seats may vary at the time of counselling, subjected to the availability of Supervisors in respective subjects.

10. SUBJECT WISE SEAT AVAILABILITY-

The vacant seats available in different subjects of the Ph.D. program is enclosed as **Annexure-II**. The number of seats may increase or decrease depending upon the availability of the registered supervisors in different subjects.

Annexure- I

Merit Criteria for candidates based on Academic Scores/ JRF / NET /SLETUP/ GATE / M.Phil./Teaching Experience/ Research Aptitude / Subject knowledge of candidate in Ph.D. Admission 2025-26.

S.N.	Academic Record	Score			
1.	Graduation	3 Years Bachelor Degree Programme	80% and above =3 Marks	60% to less than 80%= 2 Marks	50% to less than 60%= 1 Mark
		4 Years Bachelor Degree Programme (NEP-2020 based)	90% and above =3 Marks	85% to less than 90%= 2 Marks	75% (70 % in case of SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/ Differently Abled/EWS) to less than 85% = 1 Mark
2.	Post- Graduation	2 Years Master Degree Programme	80% and above =3 Marks	60% to less than 80%= 2 Marks	55% (50% in case of SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) /Differently Abled/EWS) to less than 60% = 1 Mark
		1 Years Master Degree Programme (After 4 years UG Programme of NEP-2020)	80% and above =3 Marks	60% to less than 80%= 2 Marks	55% (50% in case of SC/ST/OBC(Non-Creamy Layer) /Differently Abled/EWS) to less than 60%= 1 Mark
3.	\$ Valid fellowship/ Scholarship (equivalent to JRF) /GATE (95 & Above Percentile)	7 Marks			
4.	UGC-NET/CSIR-NET / SLET(U.P.)	2 Marks			
5	M.Phil. Through entrance under UGC Regulation 2009	2 Marks 55% (50% in case of SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/ Differently Abled/EWS)			
6.	Qualify for Ph.D. Admission through UGC NTA Exam	1 Mark			
7.	*Teaching Experience (03 Marks for one year each)	6 Marks			

Note: Total number of Marks including marks at Sl. No. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 shall not exceed nine (09). If the period of teaching experience is less than one year then the marks shall be reduced proportionally.

(A)	S. No. 3+ 4+5+6+7	Maximum 09 Marks
(B)	Number of candidates called for interview shall be decided by the University	
(C)	Interview/Merit	
	(i) Academic Scores /Valid fellowship/JRF/NET/SLETUP/GATE/M.Phil. /Qualify for Ph.D. Admission through UGC NTA Exam /Teaching Experience etc.	15 Marks
	(ii) Research Aptitude and Subject Knowledge of candidate	15 Marks
Total {(i) +(ii)}		30 Marks
Preparation of Final Merit for Admission 1. This final merit will include 50% weightage of Academic and Others Ref. Annexure-I and 50% weightage for Research Aptitude and Subject Knowledge based interview/ viva- voce. 2. The overall merit list will be prepared on the basis of marks obtained in Interview and weightage of prescribed criteria as Ref. Annexure-I. This list will be displayed on the University website as well as on the university research section notice board. 3. If the marks secured in prepared merit are same, in such cases first preference will be given to the candidate who secures higher percentage of marks in post-graduation examination. 4. If the marks secured in post-graduation examination are also same, in such cases first preference will be given to the candidate who secures higher percentage of marks in graduation examination. 5. If the marks secured in graduation are also same, in such cases first preference will be given to the candidate who secures higher percentage of marks in class 12 or equivalent examination. 6. If the marks obtained at class 12 or equivalent examination are also same, then in that case the older candidate will be given priority		

\$ *Valid Fellowship/ Scholarship implies Junior/ Senior Research Fellowship awarded by UGC/CSIR, New Delhi or equivalent to JRF category.*

* *Teaching experience implies the experience in teaching from Government/ Aided Colleges and universities by being employed as Permanent/ Regular Teacher in that HEIs.*

Annexure-II

Subject wise Tentative Vacant Seats 2025-26

S. No.	Subject/Program	Vacant Seats
1	Teacher Education	17
2	Agriculture Economics	16
3	Plant Pathology	12
4	Genetics and Plant Breeding	42
5	Horticulture	23
6	Agronomy	33
7	Agriculture Chemistry & Soil Science	25
8	Animal Husbandry & Dairy Science	04
9	Agriculture Extension	04
10	Commerce	55
11	Physics	107
12	Chemistry	118
13	Mathematics	87
14	Botany	85
15	Zoology	62
16	Statistics	11
17	Geology	07
18	Hindi	53
19	Sanskrit	33
20	English	86
21	History	18
22	Political Science	71
23	Sociology	49
24	Economics	53
25	Psychology	14
26	Geography	23
27	Home science	22
28	Drawing and Painting or Visual Arts	14
29	Music (Sitar), (Tabla), (Vocal), (Dance)	02
30	Law	24
31	Physical Education	24
32	Entomology	08
33	Agriculture Engineering	04
34	Education	16

Total Seats – 1222

