



# COTTON UNIVERSITY

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No: CU/Acad/Ph.D/2019/166/349

Dated: 22.01.2021

## NOTIFICATION

### Admission to Ph.D. Programme 2020-21

Online Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to the Ph.D. Programme 2020-21 in Cotton University, as per the Ph.D. Rules and Regulations of the University together with the current UGC regulations for “Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./ Ph.D. Degrees”, in the following Departments/Disciplines within the respective Faculties:

**Faculty of Earth Sciences:** Geography, Geology.

**Faculty of Human and Social Sciences:** Anthropology, Archaeology, Economics, Education, History, Philosophy, Political Science, Sociology.

**Faculty of Languages, Literature and Linguistics:** Arabic, Assamese, Bengali, Bodo, English, Hindi, Persian.

**Faculty of Life Sciences:** Botany, Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences (EBWS), Zoology.

**Faculty of Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences:** Chemistry, Computer Science & IT (CSIT), Mathematics, Physics, Statistics.

The University encourages multidisciplinary programs.

### Eligibility Criteria and Selections procedure:

- (i) A Master’s degree or equivalent from a UGC recognised University with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade, in a subject related to the Ph.D. discipline where applying.
- (ii) A relaxation of 5% of marks or an equivalent relaxation of grade, from the requirement of (i) above, shall be applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ ST/ OBC/ Differently-Abled and such other categories as specified in case of admission in an institution under Government of Assam.
- (iii) While determining the eligibility of a candidate subject to conditions (i) and (ii) above, grace marks or points awarded in the qualifying examination, if any, shall not be counted.
- (iv) Selections will be via a **Written Entrance Test** followed by **Viva-voce** to be held separately for each Department/Discipline. The minimum qualifying marks in the Entrance Test is fixed at 50% as per UGC guidelines. The minimum qualifying mark for candidates belonging to categories mentioned in (ii) above will be 45%. **For final selection of candidates a weightage of 70% to the entrance test and 30% to the performance in the interview/ viva-voce shall be given.**
- (v) Applicants having qualified for national-level scholarships such as UGC/CSIR Junior Research Fellowship may be called to attend the interview/ viva-voce of the admissible discipline of the scholarship *without having appeared in the written test* if the number of such applicants is small. They are however advised to appear in the written test.
- (vi) Candidates who had cleared NET or SLET in the related discipline within a period of two years preceding the date of this notification may be eligible for a relaxation of minimum qualifying marks in the Written Examination up to a maximum of 5 per cent.



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- (vii) The number of seats available for each Department/discipline will depend on permissible limits of the research scholars that can be assigned to a Guide and other relevant parameters on the date of viva-voce. The University reserves the right not to fill up any vacant seat if suitable candidates are not found.
- (viii) All selected Research Scholars must comply with the conditions of the Ph.D. programme. Attendance of Ph.D. Coursework classes is compulsory for all Research Scholars and one with attendance less than 75% of total classes held in the concerned Department/Faculty shall be debarred from appearing in the Ph.D. Coursework Examination.

## **Mode of Application:**

Application may only be submitted ONLINE through the University website [www.cottonuniversity.ac.in](http://www.cottonuniversity.ac.in) from **25 January 2021** onwards.

## **Application Fee: Rs 1,200.00 (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred only)**

Payment of application fee is to be made online through Debit/ Credit Card or Net Banking only at the time of filling up the online application form.

**Last date of payment of application fees: 03 February 2021 (5 PM)**

**Last date of submission of application: 04 February 2021 (7 PM)**

**Date of Written Examination: 13.02.2021 (Tentative) Venue: Cotton University**

This notice has been issued with the approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Cotton University.

(Dr. S. K. Dutta)  
Academic Registrar

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Dated: 21.01.2021

Copy for information to:

1. PS to Vice Chancellor, CU
2. PS to Registrar, CU
3. All Deans of Faculties, Dean R&D and Dean SW
4. Controller of Examinations, CU with a request to conduct the Entrance Examination.
5. All Heads of concerned Departments
6. Convener, PhD Admission Coordination Committee
7. Finance Officer, CU
8. System Manager, CU to upload this notice in the University website.
9. Notice Board
10. Office File

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