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Academic (PG/Ph.D) Section

No.KU/Aca/Ph.D/ASO/01/2026-27/42 **Date : 23.11.2026**

NOTIFICATION

Applications for admissions to the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) in the prescribed form are invited from the eligible candidates (with educational qualification of 55% at PG level with a relaxation of 5% for SC/ST candidates) for the academic year **2026-27.**

A candidate shall submit the hard copy of the application form along with necessary documents to the Chairperson of the concerned PG Department on or before 10.12.2026

1. Modes of Ph.D. Programme:

A candidate may register either full-time or part-time Ph.D. programme.

Full-time Ph.D. programme shall be undertaken by an eligible candidate who will work on regular basis in the department till the submission of thesis.

Candidates falling under any of the following categories are eligible for admission in Part-Time mode.

1. A regular (permanent, including management appointment) teacher working in the Department of the university or in an affiliated / constituent College of the University after two years of service.
2. A regular (permanent, including management appointment) teacher from institution recognized by Boards/ Universities of the Central or State Governments. Such candidate shall produce NOC from the institution.
3. A non-teacher candidate having four years of regular service in a registered firm / Institution and having completed qualifying degree not less than four years.
4. Administrative staff members and non-teaching professionals working as regular employees in the state and central government offices, government owned autonomous organizations, subject to satisfying other conditions such as four years of service after the qualifying degree.
5. Research Assistants /Technical Assistants appointed on a permanent basis by the University after confirmation of service.
6. Officers of Armed Forces and Paramilitary Forces of Government of India having four years of service.
7. All applicants shall produce certificates from their employers about duration and nature of employment and "No Objection Certificate" from the employer.
8. Candidates shall produce employment certificate from the employer every year along with the application for continuation of registration.

2. Entrance Test:

1. Applicants who secured the minimum percentage of marks at their P.G Degree shall appear for the Entrance Test. However, (a) Government sponsored; (b) foreign candidates and (c) candidates who have cleared the UGC / UGC-CSIR / JRF Test / NET / SLET (Karnataka)/ SET (Karnataka) / GATE / GRE / CEED (Common Entrance Exam for Design), M.Phil. (Admitted through an Entrance Test) shall be exempted from the Entrance Test.

   Candidates who have cleared UGC/UGC-CSIR JRF/NET/SLET (Karnataka)/ GATE/ GRE/ M.Phil (Admitted through an Entrance Test) willing to appear for the Entrance test shall apply separately by paying prescribed fees.

2. The Entrance test shall consists of two papers each carrying 50 marks. Paper-I shall include 50 multiple choice questions pertaining to data interpretation, language comprehension and test of reasoning. Paper – II shall pertain to Core / Cognate subjects consisting of 50 multiple choice questions.
3. **Duration of Entrance Test:** 120 minutes.
4. **Venue of Entrance Test: Concerned Department**, K.U. Dharwad.

3. Regulations:

1. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme:

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

1.1 Candidates who have completed:

i. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme in the concerned or cognate subject after a 4-year / 8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme in the concerned or cognate subject 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.

ii. 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.

1.2 Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme in the concerned or cognate subject 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.

If the results of Master's Degree are declared in the form of Grades/Credits/ Cumulative Points in their markscards/transcripts, such Grades/Points shall be converted into percentages to assess the minimum eligibility criteria as per the Grade point norms specified by the respective qualifying examination's marks statement.

4. Vacancies :

The vacancies of various departments is as shown below:

Faculty of Arts :

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	English	20
2.	Kannada	04
3.	Hindi	02
Total		**26**

Faculty of Commerce:

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Commerce	06
Total		**06**

Faculty of Education:

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Education	06
Total		**06**

Faculty of Law :

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Law	03
Total		**03**

Faculty of Management:

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Management	16
Total		**16**

Faculty of Social Science :

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	A.I. History and Epigraphy	03
2.	Anthropology	05
3.	Economics	08
4.	Library and Information Science	11
5.	Philosophy	12
6.	Political Science	16
7.	Social Work	05
8.	Sociology	09
Total		**69**

Faculty of Science and Technology:

SL No.	Department	No. of Vacancies
1.	Applied Genetics	04
2.	Botany	03
3.	Bio-Chemistry	10
4.	Bio-Technology & Microbiology	06
5.	Chemistry	23
6.	Computer Science	06
7.	Mathematics	27
8.	Marine Biology, PG Centre, Karwar	05
9.	Physics	03
10.	Psychology	06
11.	Statistics	11
12.	Zoology	03
Total		**107**

5. Instructions for submitting applications with fees challan:

1. Application form shall be downloaded from the website www.kud.ac.in and the duly filled-in application form, along with all enclosures (including online payment challan for Application Processing fee) shall be submitted to the Chairperson of the concerned PG Department at Karnatak University, Dharwad.

2. **The fee details are as under:**
   i Application fees : **Rs. 2665/- (Rs. 1330/- for SC/ST Full time candidates only)**
   ii **Rs. 5330/-** for foreign students.

   Students are hereby informed to pay the fees through online in SBI Collect for more details visit at www.kud.ac.in Fees once paid cannot be refunded.

Applications without valid certificates will not be considered and incomplete applications are liable to be rejected.

Candidates from other universities, if selected, shall submit Eligibility Certificate issued by the Academic Section, Karnatak University, Dharwad at the time of admission, The Eligibility Certificates shall be obtained by submitting the required documents and by paying required fees.

For further details, contact the concerned departments or visit University Website www.kud.ac.in

6. Calendar of Events:

1.	Issue of Application Form (to be downloaded from website)	**23.11.2026**	**Monday**
2.	Last date for the receipt of application	**10.12.2026**	**Thursday**
3.	Date of Entrance Test	**24.12.2026**	**Thursday**
4.	Announcement of the List of Qualified Candidates	**28.12.2026**	**Monday**
5.	Date of Interview	**02.01.2027 & 04.01.2027**	**Saturday & Monday**
6.	Announcement of the List of selected Candidates	**05.01.2027**	**Tuesday**
7.	Last date for admission within 7 days from the date of announcement of selection list.		
8.	The selected candidates who fail to take the admission within 7 days, the wait listed candidates shall be considered. Further, wait listed candidates shall pay fees within 7 days from the date of announcement of wait list.		

In case, the last date is declared as holiday, the next working day will be the last date.

The provisional selection list of the candidates of Ph.D Programme shall be displayed on the notice board of the respective Department and on KUD Website. No correspondence is entertained in this regard.

Note:

1. **Selection for the Ph.D. programme does not guarantee Fellowship/Scholarship. The award of Fellowship/Scholarship is subject to availability of funds/schemes and other norms of the University.**
2. **All students admitted to the Ph.D course must pay the full fee, and full-time students can apply for the SSP scholarship.**

23/11/26

REGISTRAR

Copy to :

1. All the Deans/Chairperson of the P.G. Departments, K.U. Dharwad/Administrators of various PG Centers.
2. The Registrar (Evaluation), K.U. Dharwad.
3. The Finance Officer, K.U. Dharwad.
4. The Director, Students Welfare Office, K.U.Dharwad
5. The Librarian, Prof. S.S. Basavanal Library, K.U. Dharwad.
6. The Chief U.E.I.G.B, K.U. Dharwad.
7. The Director, Prasaranga, K.U. Dharwad.