

# ASSAM UNIVERSITY::SILCHAR

# NOTIFICATION

It is notified for all concerned that the Guidelines on admission to Ph.D programme 2021 have been approved by the Vice- Chancellor which is furnished at annexure-I for information and necessary action.

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- 1. PS to VC for kind information of the Vice Chancellor.
- 2. PVC, Assam University Diphu Campus, Diphu, for kind information
- 3. All Deans of Schools, AUS for information.
- 4. All Statutory officers, AUS for information.
- 5. Chairman and members of the Admission Committee.
- 6. All Heads of all Academic Departments, Silchar H.Q and Diphu Campus.
- 7. Director, IQAC/COE, AUS for information.
- 8. Dean, Students' Welfare, AUS.
- Director, Computer centre, AUS with a request to upload in the university website.
- 10. All officers, AUS for information
- 11. P.R.O, Assam University for information.

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Deputy Registrat (Academic)



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# Admission Guidelines on Ph.D. Program - 2021

### General

- The admission process will be fully offline and shall follow the current admission schedule published in the University website / Prospectus.
- 2. Application form (s) of a candidate can be seen in the HoD's panel. Once the Departmental Admission Committee / HoD is satisfied with the candidature, the form should be approved. Instantly the information / admit card shall reach the candidate. A copy of the application form should be printed and kept in the Department for future record. In case of rejection, the reason thereof should be provided in the HoD panel.
- 3. After downloading admission form (s), respective Departments shall short list the eligible candidates for RET (Research Eligibility Test), conduct the RET and PI and perform all related activities like preparation of question papers for RET, evaluation of answer scripts, conducting of PI, computing of composite score of the candidates and uploading the same in the HoD's panel in the admission portal.
- 4. Candidates applying in two Departments will be allowed to appear the test in the present Department as a continuous process. Question papers for RET in respect of such candidates will be procured by the respective HoD and on completion the answer script will be sent back to the concerned Department(s).

#### Eligibility

- The eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D.Program shall be as provided in the Admission Notice as well as the Prospectus – 2021.
- A student of Assam University whose M.Phil. Dissertation has been evaluated but viva-voce is pending may also apply for admission into Ph.D. program subject to production of M.Phil. Evaluation Certificate duly issued by the COE.
- Applicants claiming admission under reserved category should submit caste certificate issued by the Govt. of India. Those seeking admission under OBC category should submit valid Non-Creamy Layer Certificate in prescribed format.

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## **Entrance Test & PI**

- The Entrance Test, i.e. RET and Personal Interview (PI) shall be conducted offline for both the campuses of Assam University, i.e. Silchar H.Q and Diphu Campus.
- Each academic Department shall organize a RET comprising of Multiple-Choice Questions (MCQ) / Short / Long Answer Type Questions on (i) Research Methodology / Research Aptitude, and (ii) Subject domain, having equal share of maximum marks, i.e. 50% each (i) & (ii).
- 10. The RET will be followed by PI. Both RET and PI will have equal share of maximum marks, i.e. 50% each.
- 11. The PI will be held only in respect of those candidates who have secured 50% marks in the RET. However, as per 1<sup>st</sup> amendment of UGC Regulations, 2018 on the award of M.Phil. / Ph.D. degrees, a relaxation of 5% of marks (i.e. from 50% to 45%) shall be given to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers) / Differently-abled category.
- No exemption is allowed to JRF /NET/ SLET/ M.Phil qualified candidates from appearing the RET.
- The qualified candidates for PI will have to make a presentation in the area of research interest before the Departmental Research Committee (DRC).

#### Weightage

- 14. The following category of candidates will be given additional weightage:
  - Candidates having P.G. degree from Assam University / UGC-NET (including JRF) / UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE/ Teacher Fellowship awardee and the University teachers are eligible for weightage equal to 10% of PG grade/ percentage of marks.
  - Candidates with M.Phil. degree will get weightage equal to 10% of their coursework grade /percentage of marks.

#### **Composite Score**

15. The composite score will be calculated by aggregating 70% of the RET score, 30% of the PI score, and the weightage (s), if any, mentioned at serial 14.

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#### Reservation

16. Reservation of seats for SC, ST, OBC (with valid non-creamy layer certificate) and PWD candidates shall be 15%, 7.5%, 27% and 5% respectively as per GOI rules. There is provision for reservation to Economically Weaker Section (EWS) as per latest GOI directives.

## Admission

- 17. A Departmental Admission Committee shall be constituted in each Department with the approval (preferably online) of competent authority. One faculty member belonging to SC/ST category is to be included in the committee. In case there is no faculty member of SC/ST category in a particular Department, any faculty member of SC / ST category from within the School / other Departments may be included in the Departmental Admission Committee.
- 18. On completion of the entrance examination process, the Departmental Admission Committee shall finalize the composite score of each candidate in presence of the SC/ST representative, and upload the score of respective candidates in the HOD's panel. The software will automatically generate the list of selected candidates and send email (s) to the respective applicant (s).
- 19. Eligible candidates will be required to produce all of their testimonials in original for verification at the time of PI. In addition, they should also submit a set of self attested photocopies of their testimonials, as and when required by the Department (s).
- 20. Within a week of completion of admission process, the Department shall send course wise list of all the admitted candidates to Academic Section (Research Cell) with the following details:

Name of the Candidate:

Name of Legal Guardian:

Permanent Address:

Email ID:

Phone No:

Category: GEN/SC/ST/OBC Sub Category (if any):

Date of admission:

Topic of Research:

Whether pursuing the course Full Time / Part Time:

Name and designation of the Supervisor:

Name and designation of the Co-Supervisor, (if any):

Names of RAC members:

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In addition, separate files corresponding to each Research Scholar should be maintained in the Department.

## **Miscellaneous**

- 21. The expenditure for conducting the Entrance Examination shall be met from the application fee collected from the candidates and not from the Departmental course fee. For the said purpose the concerned HoD may claim Rs. 2000/- or @ 50/- per applicant; whichever is maximum. Proposal giving detailed budgetis to be submitted for sanction and approval of the competent authority.
- 22. The Liaison Officer, SC/ST Cell, Assam University may be contacted for any clarification regarding implementation of reservation policy of GOI in matters of admission to the research program.
- 23. For technical issues, if any, Mr. Sobhan Kumar Bedajna, System Analyst, COE Office, may be contacted.

Chairman

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