



**RET Information Bulletin *FOR WEBSITE***

**For admission to Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)**

**(Candidate must ensure that they fulfill minimum essential qualification)**

The Banaras Hindu University invites applications for admission to following programmes:

**1. Ph.D: Through Research Entrance Test (RET) 2016 and Direct Admission (RET-Exempted)**

Doctor of Philosophy Degree (herein after referred to as the Ph. D. Degree programme) **in various disciplines is given in Section A Table 1(a) (through RET and RET Exempted mode) and Section A Table 1(b) (through RET Exempted mode only) for registration in July 2016 semester.** Registration of candidates shall be done as per norms decided by the Academic Council of the University from time to time, provided the result of the qualifying examination is declared on or before the start of counseling for admission to a semester. Admission to the said programme shall be (a) through the Research Entrance Test (RET) to be conducted on **24<sup>th</sup> July 2016** and (b) directly for the RET exempted categories (*as detailed at Section H of this information bulletin*). Eligibility conditions and other details are provided in **Section - C.1.**

**A. DISCIPLINES AVAILABLE UNDER VARIOUS FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D./ VIDYĀVĀRIDHI PROGRAMME (in the Academic Session 2016-17)**

i) Table – 1 (a) - Disciplines in which Ph.D. Scholars will be enrolled in the University through RET and RET-Exempted categories in the academic session 2016-17:

Sl. No.	Faculty	Main disciplines
1.	<b>Agriculture</b>	Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Engineering (Soil and Water Conservation Engineering), Agronomy, Animal Husbandry & Dairying, Entomology & Agricultural Zoology, Genetics & Plant Breeding, Horticulture, Mycology & Plant Pathology, Plant Physiology, Soil Science & Agricultural Chemistry, Extension Education, Food Science & Technology
<b>IMPORTANT:</b>		
NET (JRF), NET (LS) and GATE qualified candidates shall be eligible for direct admission (besides other categories of candidates listed at Section H of this information bulletin) without appearing in RET. However, if candidates belonging to NET (LS)/ GATE wish to be considered for BHU research fellowship, they will have to appear in RET and be admitted/ short-listed as RET candidate.		

ii) Table - 1 (b) – Disciplines in which admission will be made ONLY FROM RET-Exempted category in the academic session 2016-17:

Sl. No.	Faculty	Main disciplines
1.	<b>Agriculture</b>	-

iii) Table - 1 (c) – Disciplines in which NO ADMISSION in Ph.D. WILL BE DONE in the academic session 2016-17:

Sl. No.	Faculty	Main disciplines
1.	<b>Agriculture</b>	Agricultural Engineering (Agricultural Statistics), Agricultural Engineering (Post Harvest & Bio Process Engineering)

**B. MAIN DISCIPLINE – ALLIED DISCIPLINE COMBINATIONS FOR RET and RET (Exempted) CANDIDATES**  
**[Applicable for Ph.D. registration only]**

To provide an opportunity for inter-disciplinary research a candidate has an option to be admitted to an allied discipline by appearing in the RET of related main discipline. The candidates may opt for maximum five choices of disciplines, including their main discipline. The option/ preference needs to be exercised in the application form. The details about it are given below:

- i. A candidate shall appear in the RET of the discipline in which he/she has done his/her Post Graduate Course unless otherwise provided in minimum eligibility conditions (**Section C**).
- ii. In such cases, where RET is not conducted in the candidate's discipline at PG level but the said discipline is an "Allied Subject" (*as per list at Appendix I*) to one of the main disciplines in which RET is conducted, he/she shall appear in the RET for the said main discipline.
- iii. Further, in such cases, where RET is not conducted in the candidate's discipline at PG level and the said discipline is an allied subject to more than one main disciplines in which RET is conducted, he/she may opt for RET in a discipline which is closest to his/her P.G. discipline in his/her opinion.
- iv. However, in cases at *para (ii) and para (iii) above*, mobility of candidates to other disciplines would be restricted to only such disciplines where candidate's main discipline (in which the candidate holds the qualifying degree) is an allied subject.
- v. *Further, in a main discipline, the maximum number of admissions that can be given to candidates from allied discipline shall be 30% of the vacancies in the main discipline. However, if in any discipline, the Vacancies are not filled up due to lack of candidates from the main discipline, students from the allied discipline may be admitted.*
- vi. *Candidates possessing their PG Degrees in such disciplines in which RET is not being conducted during the academic session 2016-17 {as listed in Table 1(b) and 1(c)}, may appear in the RET of any one of the allied disciplines mentioned against their main discipline at Table in section B. However, their selection will be restricted to 30% limit on admitting candidates (from allied disciplines) to only such disciplines where candidate's main discipline (in which the candidate holds the qualifying degree) is an allied subject.*
- vii. List of allied disciplines corresponding to a main discipline in which the candidate is eligible for admission by virtue of appearing in the RET of the main discipline is given below:

**IMPORTANT: The candidate seeking admission through RET should not select the disciplines specified in Table 1 (c) as their preference of allied disciplines/Main discipline in the table given below.**

Main Discipline in which candidate appears for the RET	Allied Disciplines in which candidate is eligible for admission besides Main Discipline, but the applicants must fulfil minimum eligibility requirements specified at Section C.
<b>FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE</b>	
<b>Agricultural Economics</b>	Economics, Environmental Science and Technology
<b>Agricultural Statistics</b>	-
<b>Agronomy</b>	Biotechnology, Environmental Science and Technology
<b>Animal Husbandry and Dairying</b>	Applied Microbiology, Zoology, Microbiology, Food Science & Technology, Environmental Science and Technology
<b>Entomology and Agricultural Zoology</b>	Zoology, Biotechnology, Environmental Science and Technology
<b>Extension Education</b>	Psychology, Community Medicine, Environmental Science and Technology
<b>Agricultural Engineering (Soil and Water Conservation Engineering)</b>	Agronomy, Environmental Science and Technology
<b>Genetics and Plant Breeding</b>	Genetics, Plant Breeding, Plant Breeding and Genetics
<b>Horticulture</b>	Biotechnology, Food Science & Technology, Environmental Science and Technology
<b>Mycology and Plant Pathology</b>	Biotechnology, Microbiology, Environmental Science and Technology

Main Discipline in which candidate appears for the RET	Allied Disciplines in which candidate is eligible for admission besides Main Discipline, but the applicants must fulfil minimum eligibility requirements specified at Section C.
Plant Physiology	Environmental Science and Technology
Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	Microbiology, Environmental Science and Technology
Agricultural Engineering (Post Harvest & Bio Process Engineering)	Food Science & Technology, Environmental Science and Technology
Food Science & Technology	Animal Husbandry and Dairying, Environmental Science and Technology

**Note**

- (i) Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme are required to give their preferences of main discipline and allied disciplines to the maximum of five (05) choices in the Application Form. The choice of discipline once indicated in the Application Form shall be final and shall not be changed subsequently on any ground. *(There can be less than 4 allied disciplines to a main discipline in which case choice will be limited to given allied disciplines only).*
- (ii) Subject to a candidate qualifying in the main discipline and/or its allied disciplines, he/she can appear in the Test C/counseling/interview for admissions at such departments as per schedule notified in the results later.
- (iii) For being eligible to apply for RET, a candidate must satisfy himself/herself that he/she satisfies the prescribed minimum eligibility requirements (**Section 'C'**).
- (iv) A candidate can appear in RET of only one discipline as RET will be held on one date and time for all the disciplines.
- (v) In case of operational difficulty, any of the disciplines for RET may be withdrawn at any stage.
- (vi) This combination of main and allied discipline will also be applicable for RET-Exempted category candidates.

**C. MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING EXAMINATION & PERCENTAGE OF MARKS:**

**C1. FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D. PROGRAMMES:**

A candidate shall be required to have passed the qualifying examination securing the minimum percentage of marks and a minimum of 50 marks in Academic Record as per details given below:

**Details of Qualifying Examinations:**

**i). Faculty of Agriculture**

- (a) Qualifying Examination: Essential:** A candidate having (i) Masters degree in Agriculture/Science (M.Sc (Ag.)/ M.Sc.) in the concerned discipline with B.Sc. (Ag.) 4 years degree **OR** (ii) Master's degree in Agriculture/ Science [M.Sc (Ag.)/ M.Sc.] in any one of the allied subjects/disciplines with B.Sc. (Ag.) 4 years degree pertaining to the department as per the list given in the **Appendix – I**. Applicants for Ph.D. admission in Horticulture may also be from B.Sc. (Horticulture) 4 years background with post-graduation in Horticulture. **Cases of applicants, otherwise eligible but with a 4-year B.Sc. (Plant Biotechnology), B.Sc. (Agroforestry) or B.Tech. (Biotechnology) background may be considered if an 'Equivalence Committee' finds the courses studied by the candidate at UG stage is 60-80% close to the B.Sc. (Ag.) courses of the Banaras Hindu University. However, such cases, if any, will be referred to the 'Equivalence Committee' strictly if a vacancy exists in a discipline after filling up the seats with eligible and successful candidates from 4-year B.Sc. (Ag.) background, and the decision of 'Equivalence Committee' will be final.** (iii) M.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering/M.E. (Agricultural Engineering) or equivalent degree with specialization in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering/Irrigation and Drainage Engineering/Soil and Water Engineering/ Water Resources Engineering or M.Sc. (Ag.) in Soil and Water Conservation for admission in Ph.D. in Agricultural Engineering (Soil and Water Conservation Engineering), (iv) M.Sc.(Ag.)/M.Sc. in Agricultural Statistics/M.Sc. in Statistics for Admission in Ph. D. in Agricultural Statistics.

The candidates having 10+2+3+2 system of education will also be eligible for admission in Ph.D. through RET and RET (Exempted) in the following Disciplines:

(1) Food Science & Technology; (2) Agricultural Statistics

**(b) Qualifying Marks:** At least 55% in aggregate or equivalent grade point average in the qualifying examination.

**CALCULATION OF ACADEMIC RECORD:**

**Case 1** Where postgraduate degree is considered as the qualifying examination, and

a) Marks are awarded in Postgraduate Examination

$$M = (X_1 + 0.6 X_2 + 0.25 X_3 + 0.15 X_4)/2,$$

b) Marks are not awarded in Postgraduate Examination

$$M = (0.6x X_2 + 0.25x X_3 + 0.15x X_4)$$

**Case 2** Where undergraduate degree is considered as the qualifying examination,

$$M = (X_2 + 0.4 X_3 + 0.3 X_4)/1.7,$$

**Case 3** Where the candidate has passed Higher Secondary Examination only (instead of High School & Intermediate both)

$$M = (X_1 + 0.6x X_2 + 0.4x X_5)/2$$

where,

M	=	Marks for the academic record,
X <sub>1</sub>	=	Percentage of marks obtained at the post-graduate examination,
X <sub>2</sub>	=	Percentage of marks obtained at the under-graduate examination
X <sub>3</sub>	=	Percentage of marks obtained at the intermediate/higher secondary examination,
X <sub>4</sub>	=	Percentage of marks obtained at the high school examination , and
X <sub>5</sub>	=	Percentage of marks obtained at the higher secondary examination.
<b>Note: 'M', X<sub>1</sub>,X<sub>2</sub>,X<sub>3</sub>,X<sub>4</sub>, X<sub>5</sub> will be calculated upto two places of decimal. 50 Marks in Academic record means mark should be 50 and above. Rounding for lower marks not applicable.</b>		

**Example (Case 1):**

If X<sub>1</sub> = 56.10%, X<sub>2</sub> = 60.39%, X<sub>3</sub> = 62.25%, X<sub>4</sub> = 55.65%

$$M = [56.10 + (0.6 \times 60.39) + (0.25 \times 62.25) + (0.15 \times 55.65)]/2$$

$$M = 58.11$$

**NOTE:**

(i) A candidate appearing in the final year of the Qualifying Examination may also apply and appear in the RET (wherever applicable). A candidate may be admitted for the Ph. D. programme at the beginning of any Semester provided the result of the qualifying examination is declared before the start of the counseling for admission to the Ph.D. programme and he/she fulfils the eligibility criteria.

(ii) If the applicant has passed the qualifying examination *where grades are awarded and:*

(a) Where the Grade Sheet does not mention the equivalent percentage of marks from grade points, the candidate should submit such a Certificate of conversion from the concerned Institution mentioning either the converted percentage, or the formula for the actual conversion of grade point average to percentage of marks.

(b) Where the Grade Sheet itself mentions the equivalent percentage of marks from grade points, or the formula for such conversion, the candidate should get both sides of the Degree/Grade Sheet photocopied showing the equivalent percentage of marks/conversion formula and enclose with the Application Form.

(c) In case there is no conversion formula for computing the percentage, CGPA (out of 10) multiplied by 10 will constitute the percentage. If the CGPA is available out of 4, then CGPA multiplied by 25 will constitute the percentage.

(d) For the candidates belonging to the RET Exempted category, the minimum benchmark of obtaining the academic record of 50 shall not apply. However, the Academic Record for such candidates would still be calculated, as per the aforesaid formula, for the purposes of determining the *inter se* merit amongst the RET Exempted category applicants.

- (iii) "Aggregate percentage of marks" will include grace marks awarded to a candidate.
- (iv) *A candidate already possessing a Ph. D. degree of this or any other University shall be eligible to be admitted to the Ph. D. programme for an additional Ph. D. degree in a subject other than the subject in which he/she already possesses the Ph. D. Degree. The admission of such a candidate will be at the discretion of the Vice-Chancellor, who, on the basis of specific recommendation and full justification by the Departmental/School Research Committee (DRC/SRC) after considering certain relevant criteria such as, the synopsis of the proposed topic, relevance of the proposed topic and its relationship with the topic of the first Ph. D., etc. will take a final decision.*

**APPLICANT MUST SATISFY HIMSELF/HERSELF ABOUT FULFILLING THE MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS AS PRESCRIBED ABOVE BEFORE FILLING THE APPLICATION FORM.**

**Note:**

- (i) **Any degree mentioned under the qualifying examination for each Faculty in the above sections (C.1) pertains to the degree awarded by this University or any other University established by law for the time being in force or any other degree recognized as equivalent thereto in that subject.**
- (ii) **Candidates belonging to SC/ST/ PC/OBC categories may see the provisions on relaxations given at Section D (4).**

**D. RESERVATIONS AND RELAXATIONS:**

**D.1. SCHEDULED CASTES/SCHEDULED TRIBES:**

Seats shall be reserved for Scheduled Caste (15%) and Scheduled Tribe (7.5%) candidates in each discipline/programme. Admission against these seats will be made provided the candidate has passed the Qualifying Examination and qualifies RET Entrance Test as provided in Section I of this Information Bulletin.

Each SC/ST candidate shall have to submit a self attested copy of the Certificate mentioning that the candidate belongs to SC/ST community. Such certificates shall be subject to verification from the concerned District Magistrate. The following are empowered to issue the certificate:

- a. District Magistrate/ Additional District Magistrate/ Collector/ Deputy Commissioner/ Addl. Deputy Commissioner/ Deputy Collector / 1<sup>st</sup> Class Stipendiary Magistrate/ City Magistrate/ Sub-Divisional Magistrate/ Taluka Magistrate/ Executive Magistrate/ Extra Assistant Commissioner.
- b. Chief Presidency Magistrate/Addl. Chief Presidency Magistrate/Presidency Magistrate.
- c. Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar.
- d. Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and/or his family normally resides.
- e. Administrator/Secretary to the Administrator/ Development Officer (Lakshadweep Islands).

**Candidates must note that Certificate from any other person/authority shall not be accepted in any case.** If the candidate happens to belong to SC or ST, his/her caste/tribe must be listed in the appropriate Govt. of India schedule. The caste Certificate should clearly state: (a) Name of his/her caste/tribe (b) whether he/she belongs to SC or ST (c) District and the State or Union Territory of his/her usual place of residence and (d) the appropriate Govt. of India schedule under which his/her caste/tribe is approved by it as SC or ST.

However, if a student seeks admission under some other category (for example: PC/Employee Ward etc.) the candidate should satisfy the minimum eligibility requirement for that category.

**D.2. OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES (OBCs):**

27% Reservation to candidates belonging to OBC category (excluding under creamy layer) will be provided in different programmes. The authorities to issue the OBC certificate are the same as in case of SC/ST provided in section 4 (i) above. The caste in the OBC certificate will be those only which are in the list of Central Govt. Further the OBC certificate should clearly mention that the candidate is not under creamy layer. However, if an OBC candidate seeks admission under some other category (for example: PC/Employee Ward etc.) the candidate should satisfy the minimum eligibility requirement for that category.

**D.3. PHYSICALLY CHALLENGED:**

3% seats shall be reserved for Physically Challenged Candidates: Visually Impaired (1%) + Hearing Impaired (1%) + Orthopaedically Handicapped (1%) (on horizontal reservation basis). Such candidates will have to submit a self attested copy of Disability Certificate issued by the District CMO with the Application Form. The candidates called for counseling for possible provisional admission will be examined by a Medical Board constituted by BHU and if

necessary, will be referred by the Medical Board to other recognized bodies for the purpose, as per criteria fixed by the University. The decision of the Medical Board constituted by BHU will be final. The RET Entrance Test for Blind candidates will be held at Varanasi Centre only.

**‘Writer’ for Blind Candidates:**

‘Writer’ will be provided by the University to each blind candidate subject to the condition that the writers so provided for the blind candidates appearing in RET Entrance Test shall have secured less than 45% marks in the Graduate course. Such a candidate is required to apply for ‘writer’ to the Controller of Examinations on the prescribed application form for the purpose *at least 15 days prior to the date of the* RET Entrance Test. For this purpose, the candidate has to collect the form from the Office of the Controller of Examinations, and submit the same affixing a passport size photograph similar to that affixed on the application form. Such candidate will have to appear before the Head, Department of Ophthalmology for clinical examination and his opinion/recommendation will be considered before providing ‘writer’. All the blind candidates will be accommodated at one Centre at Varanasi only.

**D.4. RELAXATION IN MINIMUM PERCENTAGE OF MARKS/ACADEMIC RECORD FOR Scheduled Castes (SC)/Scheduled Tribes (ST) / Physically Challenged (PC) / OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES (OBCs) CANDIDATES:**

**(a) In admission to Ph.D. programmes**

There shall be a relaxation of 5% marks (or equivalent grade point average) for SC/ST and PC candidates in the minimum marks required in the qualifying examination. The minimum **Academic Record** required for SC/ST/PC and OBC candidates shall be 45 and 47.50, respectively. However, a Physically Challenged (PC), SC/ST/OBC candidate shall not get the double benefit of being SC/ST/ OBC as well as PC candidate in the above relaxations.

**D.5. Consideration of Reserved Category Meritorious Candidates as General Candidates:**

In a discipline/programme, if the merit of a reserved category candidate is more than or equal to the merit of the last admitted general candidate, the reserved category candidate will be treated as general candidate in that discipline. Further, if the candidate avails any other facility under reservation such as relaxation in minimum eligibility requirement, age relaxation, Hostel allotment, then the candidate will be treated under concerned reserved category.

**E. DISCIPLINE NAME, DISCIPLINE CODE NUMBER & MAXIMUM INTAKE:**

**E1. DISCIPLINE DETAILS FOR PH.D. PROGRAMME**

The candidates will be required to write the preferences for disciplines alongwith code numbers on the ‘Application Form’. The details about this are given below:

FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE								
Discipline	Code No.	Maximum intake	Discipline	Code No.	Maximum intake	Discipline	Code No.	Maximum intake
Agricultural Economics	740	1	Extension Education	744	2	Mycology and Plant Pathology	748	6
Agronomy (Main 5; Water Managment 5)	741	10	Agricultural Engineering (Soil and Water Conservation Engineering)	933	2	Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry	750	9
Agricultural Engineering (Agricultural Statistics)	745	0				Agricultural Engineering (Post Harvest & Bio Process Engg.)	935	0
Animal Husbandry & Dairying	742	4	Horticulture	747	4	Genetics and Plant Breeding	746	8
Entomology and Agricultural Zoology	743	4	Plant Physiology	749	4	Food Science & Technology	934	2

**Note: The maximum intakes indicated above are the intakes through RET mode. The Departments may register RET Exempted candidates in disciplines [given in Table 1(a) and Table 1(b)] over and above the aforesaid maximum intakes**

**subject to availability of vacancies, facilities available in the Department and overall performance and research interest of the candidate(s).**

**F. GENERAL NOTES:**

- (i) Notwithstanding anything contained in the Ordinances, the eligibility requirements for the purpose of admission shall be only those which are mentioned in the Information Bulletin of the academic session concerned.
- (ii) All Ph. D. Scholars shall be governed by the Ph. D. Ordinances.
- (iii) The candidate shall be bound by BHU Statutes/Ordinances/Rules and Regulations framed from time to time.

**G. GENERAL RULES:**

- (i) A candidate who satisfies the requirements mentioned in Section C should apply on the prescribed online Application Form for admission to the concerned programme.
- (ii) Application Forms of candidates who have submitted forged/fake certificates or adopted fraudulent means shall be REJECTED without any intimation to the candidates. Further, such candidates shall be debarred from appearing in any subsequent Entrance Tests conducted by BHU.
- (iii) Candidates are allowed to appear at the RET Entrance Test provisionally subject to the final verification of Mark sheets/Degrees/Certificates, validity of Certificates/Mark sheets of Qualifying Examination and also of involvement in the adoption of unfair means in any of the University Examination/Entrance Tests held earlier, at the time of admission. Degrees/Certificates recognized by Association of Indian Universities (AIU) shall only be deemed as equivalent degrees/certificates.
- (iv) The Distance Education Council of Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU)/Association of Indian Universities (AIU) is the only authority to recognize the Degrees/Certificates of Distance Education. Such Candidates are **provisionally** permitted to appear in the RET Entrance Test and will be required to submit certificates from Distance Education Council of IGNOU, New Delhi regarding recognition/approval of the courses.
- (v) Mere appearance in the Entrance Test or securing pass marks at the RET Entrance Test does not entitle a candidate to be considered for admission to a discipline/programme unless he/she fulfils the eligibility conditions. APPLICANTS MUST FULLY SATISFY THEMSELVES ABOUT THEIR ELIGIBILITY AS PRESCRIBED ABOVE, BEFORE FILLING IN THE APPLICATION FORM. If an applicant is inadvertently allowed to appear at the Entrance Test who otherwise does not fulfill the minimum eligibility requirements, he/she cannot, at a later date, use that as a right to claim that he/she meets the eligibility requirements. The University reserves the right to cancel/refuse admission at any point of time if it is found that:
  - (a) Minimum eligibility requirements are not fulfilled.
  - (b) False documentation has been done.
  - (c) Any other similar valid reason.
- (v) Candidates appearing at the RET Entrance Test shall be subject to Rules, Regulations and Ordinances relating to the University examinations. Candidates found adopting unfair means (see Section M) shall be liable to punishment as per University rules.
- (vi) (a) In case of any dispute relating to the RET admission to Ph.D., the decision of the DRC/SRC shall be final. An appeal may lie to the Vice-Chancellor, BHU against such decision. In no case any candidate shall take recourse to the court of law directly.  
(b) In case of any litigation relating to the RET Entrance Test /admission to Ph.D. course, the District Court of Varanasi and the High Court of Judicature of Allahabad shall only have the jurisdiction.

**NOTWITHSTANDING ANYTHING TO THE CONTRARY CONTAINED ANYWHERE IN THE ORDINANCES OF THE UNIVERSITY, NO SCRUTINY/ RE-EVALUATION OF THE ANSWERSHEET OF THE RET ENTRANCE TEST SHALL BE ALLOWED ON ANY GROUND. FURTHER, NO REPRESENTATION OR QUERY REGARDING THE CONDUCT OF THE TEST SHALL BE ENTERTAINED.**

**H. DIRECT ADMISSION (Without appearing in RET, i.e., under RET Exempted category; This is applicable only for admission to various Ph.D. programme)**

A candidate who fulfils one of the following requirements may be considered for direct admission to the Ph.D. programme without appearing in the RET:

- (i) A candidate who is qualified in a national level test such as National Eligibility Test (NET-JRF), NET-LS (without fellowship), Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineering (GATE), State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) accredited by UGC, Central or State Government.
- (ii) A candidate who is a recipient of National Doctoral Fellowship or other fellowships from government/semi-government organizations (through All-India selection procedure conducted by the agency/ organisation for award of research fellowships) such as Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), University Grants Commission (UGC), All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Defense Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR), Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), Ayurveda Yoga Unani Siddha Homeopathy (AYUSH) and similar National Level Organizations.
- (iii) A candidate who is selected under Quality Improvement Program (QIP) of AICTE, Faculty Development Programme of a State Government or of UGC.
- (iv) An employee of any other university/ institution/ college/ government department/ public sector undertaking/ R & D organization/ private industry, who is sponsored as a full-time candidate by the said organisation, with at least 2 years of experience and who is relieved on study leave for a period of not less than two years for pursuing Ph. D. programme in a Department/ School of the University.
- (v) A foreign national who is a recipient of fellowship by Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India and who is sponsored by his/her government.
- (vi) A self-financing foreign national who is admitted through the Embassies/High commission of his/her country or admitted under a MoU with due clearance from the Indian Missions abroad. As per revised guidelines/ instructions of the Department of Higher education, MHRD, GOI on grant of research visa, the foreigners who desire to undertake research in India, should therefore, apply to the concerned
- (vii) Indian Missions abroad with the brief synopsis of the research project to be undertaken in India, the details of places to be visited, previous visits, whether the scholar has secured admission into a recognized or reputed institution and evidence of financial resources.
- (viii) A candidate appointed as a Research Fellow in projects approved by the above external funding agencies **shall not** be considered for this category {except those research fellows that are covered under provisions of para (i), (ii) and (x) of this section}.

**Note:** 1. The equivalence of the degree possessed by the foreign candidates belonging to the Clauses IV.1 (b) (v) and (vi), shall be settled by the equivalence committee of the concerned faculty before their admission. They shall be admitted to the Ph. D. programme only if the degree possessed by them entitles them for enrolment as Ph. D. scholars in the universities of their own countries.

2. The supernumerary quota for self-financing foreign nationals shall be restricted to a maximum of 15% of the total available Vacancies in a Department/ School.

- (vii) A candidate who is already registered as a Ph. D. scholar in some other university and whose supervisor joins this University.
- (viii) A candidate [employee or a research scholar {qualifying the criteria laid at para IV.1 (b) (i) or (ii) above}] of any other university/ institution/ college/ government department/ public sector undertaking/ R & D organization/ private industry, who is sponsored as a full-time candidate by the said organisation, with at least 2 years of experience, who shall work for his/her Ph. D. in his/her parent organization fulfilling the residency period requirement prescribed in Clauses VIII.3 (c) and (d) of these ordinances.

Such candidates are required to submit a sponsorship and work experience certificate from the parent organization.

The non-degree awarding institutions, government departments, public sector undertakings, R & D organizations and the private industries are only those, which are recognized as centers of research by the University as specified in *Annexure – C* of the Ph.D. Ordinances of the University.

- (ix) A candidate occupying senior management position in a government department/ public sector undertaking/ R & D organization/ private institution/ private industry (of repute), which is not recognised as centre of research by the University, may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme with the approval of the Vice-Chancellor provided he/she has at least 05 years of professional experience and is sponsored as a part-time candidate by the said organisation and



the concerned DRC is convinced that the candidate can effectively pursue his/ her Ph.D. work in his/her parent organization fulfilling the residency period requirement prescribed in Clauses VIII.3 (c)- (e) of the Ph.D. ordinances of the University. The candidate is required to submit a sponsorship and work experience certificate from the parent organization.

- (x) A candidate, working in an externally funded research project in the University as a research personnel, may be allowed to register for Ph.D. in the University provided he/she publishes at least one research paper in peer refereed journals after joining the project (out of the research work generated in the project) or he/ she gets short-listed in RET conducted by the University. Provided further that in such cases, the consent of the PI and the supervisor (in case PI is not the supervisor) is available to the effect that the research work of the Project and that of the Ph.D. are overlapping and/or working in both simultaneously will not hamper the interest of either.
- (xi) A teacher of the University or of the constituent / affiliated colleges of the University holding substantive post (including those on probation)
- (xii) A non-teaching employee of the University holding substantive post (including those on probation.)

Candidates meeting any of the aforesaid provisions and other condition(s) prescribed under Section **C (MINIMUM ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR QUALIFYING EXAMINATION & PERCENTAGE OF MARKS)** are not required to appear in the RET of the concerned discipline/programme. However, all the exempted candidates must apply in the prescribed online Application Form in order to be eligible for consideration for admission. **The applications of the candidates belonging to the categories (iii) to (xiii) above should be routed through proper channel.**

## **I. STRUCTURE OF RESEARCH ENTRANCE TEST OF FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE (RET 2016)**

### **I. 1. FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D.**

RET will have three components:

Test A: **Test to assess Logical and Analytical Capability**

Test B: **Test to assess Subject Knowledge**

Test C: **Research proposal and Personal Interview**

#### **i) TEST – A: Assessment of Logical and Analytical Capability**

This RET is aimed to assess the logical and analytical thinking, quantitative ability, general knowledge, knowledge of computer usages, and language skills. The MCQs in this section would be aimed to test the logical and analytical capabilities of the candidate, rather than memory power of candidates. Questions in this test will generally be at a level equivalent to class X (CBSE).

- a) Test – A would be common across Faculties and will be treated as preliminary screening test so that **only those candidates who qualify the Test – A would be eligible to be considered further.**
- b) This test will have a total of 60 MCQs distributed as follows:
  - i). 10 questions for testing logical thinking
  - ii). 10 questions for testing quantitative ability
  - iii). 10 questions for testing general knowledge
  - iv). 10 questions for testing awareness of computer usages
  - v). 20 questions for testing language skills (this Test will include three subsets of 10 questions each relating to knowledge of Hindi, English and Sanskrit, respectively, of which the candidate may answer any two subsets (10+10 questions in any two languages)
- c) This test will be of 60 min duration and 180 marks.
- d) Each question will carry 03 (three) marks for correct answer and 01 (one) negative mark for a wrong answer.
- e) **A candidate must secure a minimum of 30% marks (54 marks in aggregate) in Test-A to be eligible for further consideration.**

#### **ii) TEST – B: Assessment of Subject Knowledge**

**This Test would focus on assessing the subject knowledge of the candidate in the discipline in which he/she has done his/her P.G.**

- a) Duration of this test will be 120 min (2 hr) and it will carry 200 total marks. This test will be conducted in conjunction with the Test – A.
- b) There will be 40 MCQ type questions (total 120 marks), with 03 (three) marks each for correct answer and 01 (one) negative mark for a wrong answer. In addition, there will be 10 (ten) short answer questions (SAQ), of which any 05 (five) questions may be answered. Each questions will carry 16 (sixteen) marks (total 80 marks).
- c) Out of the 40 MCQ type questions, 10 (ten) will cover different disciplines in the concerned Faculty while the remaining 30 (thirty) will cover the various areas in the given discipline. The Faculty level MCQs would be at a level equivalent to class XII in the given area, while the discipline MCQs and SAQs will be based on the PG syllabus followed at BHU in the given discipline. These would cover all areas in the discipline equitably.
- d) The MCQs and SAQs will be designed to examine understanding and analytical ability. The short answers will, in addition, also examine the expression power, language skill and writing ability.
- e) Test – B would be checked and marked only if the candidate qualifies in the Test – A
- f) **A candidate must secure at least 30% marks in the Test – B to be considered further.**

### iii) Test – C: Research proposal and Interview

Among those who obtain the qualifying marks (30%) at Test – B, names of 3 times the number of RET seats available in the discipline will be shortlisted for Test – C of the selection process to be conducted by the concerned department/school/centre. **These names will be selected strictly on the basis of merit in Test – B, without any consideration of marks obtained in the Test – A.**

All eligible RET-exempt category candidates shall also take TEST-C of the selection process.

- a) The Test - C will be conducted in the concerned department/school/centre by a Board to be appointed for the purpose and will carry a total of 100 marks for its two components, viz., writing a one page research proposal (30 marks) followed by personal interview (70 marks).
- b) All the candidates called for this Test, will be asked to write on the spot one page (A4 size) research proposal of their choice in 30 min and submit the same to the HOD/COS/COC. The **Research proposal need not be related to the work that the candidate may actually carry out if registered for Ph.D.** *This would essentially be a hypothetical research proposal wherein the candidate will provide a title and write the objective/s, methodology and possible outcomes.* This would not be longer than 500 words.
- c) The Interview Board will examine the Research proposal submitted by the candidate and ask questions relating to it and other questions, including those relating to the area in which the candidate expects to undertake research, if selected, to test his/her competence for research in the discipline.
- d) A candidate applying in more than one discipline, will appear at Test C separately in each of the disciplines for which he/she has applied and shortlisted.

## I.2 GENERAL CONDITIONS for RET:

- (a) A candidate possessing the minimum qualifications with the requisite percentage of marks and academic record, as mentioned at Section B, shall be eligible to appear in the RET. In addition, a Senior Resident/Service Senior Resident of the Faculties of Medicine, Ayurveda and Dental Sciences shall also be eligible to appear in the RET, subject to fulfilling other eligibility conditions.
- (b) **Admission to the said discipline and direct admission (without appearing in the RET) for RET Exempted categories mentioned at Section H.**
- (c) **There shall be negative marking at TEST A and B of RET.** Three marks shall be awarded for each correct answer, **while one mark shall be deducted for each incorrect answer.** Un-attempted questions shall be awarded zero marks.
- (d) No scrutiny/revaluation of the answer books of the RET shall be allowed.

## J. APPLICATION FORM AND APPLICATION PROCESSING/TEST FEE:

The University has created its Entrance Test Portal with the domain name [www.bhuonline.in](http://www.bhuonline.in). Its link is also available on the BHU website ([www.bhu.ac.in](http://www.bhu.ac.in)). The **RET 2016 Information Bulletin and Application Form is available on the BHU website**. The entire process of making **RET 2016** application for admission in various disciplines/programmes during the academic session 2016-17 has been made ONLINE. Accordingly, candidates may note that **RET 2016** Information Bulletin and Application Form will not be sold (as there will be no offline mode) and the candidates desirous of admissions shall be required to register on the Entrance Test portal of BHU and fill up the application form ONLINE as per procedure provided on the Portal. **For further details visit the BHU website ([www.bhu.ac.in](http://www.bhu.ac.in)) or the entrance test portal of BHU ([www.bhuonline.in](http://www.bhuonline.in)).**

### **J.1 APPLICATION PROCESSING/TEST FEE**

The Candidate desirous of applying for admission to Ph.D. programme shall pay the following Application Processing Fee/Entrance Test fee:

Disciplines	Entrance Fee	
	SC/ST	Others
All Disciplines/programmes (mentioned in this Bulletin)	Rs. 250.00	Rs. 500.00

**Note :**

- (i) **The Application Form once submitted with the Application Processing/ Entrance Test Fee at concessional rate meant for SC/ST candidate shall be considered under SC/ST Category.**
- (ii) **The Application Processing/ Entrance Test Fee paid shall neither be refunded nor transferred to another Disciplines and shall also not be reserved for any subsequent year, in any case.**

### **Mode of Payment of Application Processing/Test Fee**

Candidate is required to fill up the RET 2016 Application Form ONLINE as the printed Information Bulletin-cum-Application Form will not be sold by the University. After the candidate has filled up the application form online, he/she will have to make **Online payment** of Application Processing/Entrance Test Fee **through credit card/ debit card** through the payment gateway available on the Entrance test portal.

Further detailed procedure in this regard is prescribed in **Section K**.

### **J.2 IMPORTANT DATES:**

<b>Availability of RET -2016 ONLINE Form on the Entrance Test Portal</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>22.06.2016</b>
<b>Last date for online submission of application forms of RET-2016</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>14.07.2016</b>
<b>Downloading admit Card for RET 2016</b>	<b>:</b>	<b>14-15.07.2016</b>

### **K. INSTRUCTIONS FOR SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FORM:**

The Application Form for RET 2016 is available on the BHU's entrance test portal ([www.bhuonline.in](http://www.bhuonline.in)). The application form is to be filled up and submitted online. Detailed instruction for filling up the application form, online payment of application fee and online submission is also provided on the BHU's entrance test portal. Candidates have to scan their photo and signature as per instruction given in the portal and upload it.

#### **K.1. Preferences for Main / Allied Disciplines (Maximum 5 disciplines):**

Applicants of various Ph.D. programmes may opt for maximum five choices of disciplines, including their main discipline. The option/ preference needs to be exercised in the application form. **The candidate seeking admission through RET should not select the disciplines specified in Table 1 (c) as their preference of allied disciplines/Main discipline.**

#### **K.2 Test Centre:**

The Test will be held at **Varanasi only**.

#### **IMPORTANT NOTE:**

- (i) Tests A and B will be held in one sitting at **Varanasi**. Test C will be held in the concerned Department/School/Centre of BHU, Varanasi only.
- (ii) The Centre allotted will be indicated in the Admit Card.

**K.3. Payment of fee and online submission of Application Form**

After the candidate has filled up the application form online and clicks on the 'CONFIRM' button, he/she will be required to make **Online payment of** application processing/test fee **through credit card/ debit card** through the payment gateway available on the Entrance test portal

**NOTE: The RET 2016 Application Form shall be treated to have been successfully submitted only after the candidate has made online payment of Application Processing Fee/ Entrance Test Fee. After online submission of application form and successful payment of Application Processing/ Test Fee, candidates are advised to take a printout of the online filled up application form (containing the details he/she has filled in and the transaction details of payment of application fee) from either the Entrance Test portal or his e-mail account for their own record.**

**L. REASONS FOR REJECTION OF THE APPLICATION FORMS:**

- (i) Submission of application form without payment of requisite amount of Application Processing/ Entrance Test Fee.
- (ii) Any other inadequacy detected.

**NOTE: If at any stage it is found that the applicant is not eligible for admission in a discipline under University rules, his/her candidature will automatically stand cancelled. Please note that thorough checking of Application Form, Minimum Eligibility requirements, Original documents in support of Academic Certificates and Categories-claimed will be done only at the time of admission/counseling (if called for the same). At that stage also the candidature of the applicant will stand cancelled, if he/she does not fulfill all the requirements for admission.**

**M. IMPORTANT DATES:**

Availability of RET-2016 ONLINE Form on the Entrance Test Portal	:	<b>22.06.2016</b>
Last date for online submission of application forms of RET -2016	:	<b>14.07.2016</b>
Downloading admit Card for RET-2016	:	<b>14-15.07.2016</b>

**M.1. SCHEDULE OF ENTRANCE TEST:**

**M.1.1. RET [FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D. PROGRAMMES]**

DAY, DATE AND TIME OF RET for Ph.D. PROGRAMMES		
TEST A	:	<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016 from 09.00 hrs to 10.00 hrs</b>
TEST B	:	<b>Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016 from 10.15 hrs to 12.15 hrs</b>
TEST C	:	Candidate(s) should visit the entrance test portal of the University ( <a href="http://www.bhuonline.in">www.bhuonline.in</a> ) regularly after 27th July 2016 for the results of the RET. Names of the shortlist candidates in each discipline and date/time and venue of test, tentatively scheduled between 25 <sup>th</sup> and 30 July 2016 will be placed on the entrance test portal.

**N. ADMIT CARD:**

Candidates can download the ADMIT CARD from the BHU Entrance Test Portal ([www.bhuonline.in](http://www.bhuonline.in)) around **14-17 July, 2016** providing the unique registration ID allotted to them at the time of online submission of application form. SMS alert on the mobile phone registered by the candidate regarding loading of Admit Card will also be sent. Therefore, the candidates are advised to give correct e-mail addresses/ mobile phone numbers for correspondence while filling up the

online application form. If a candidate is unable to download the Admit Card, he/she should contact the Office of the Controller of Examinations, BHU, Varanasi on Help Desk Phone Nos. 0542-2368418; 6702696 and help desk email id. available on Entrance Test Portal.

2. The candidate should carefully examine the Admit Card received by him/her for all the entries made therein. In case of any discrepancy the candidate should inform the Office of the Controller of Examinations immediately. No consideration will be given, if discrepancies are not pointed out timely.

3. A passport size photograph be affixed (same passport size photograph which has been used for online submission) in the space provided on the printout of the Admit Card under self-attestation.

**NOTE:**

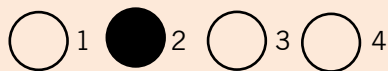
- (i) The Tests shall be held on the **Sunday, 24<sup>th</sup> July 2016**. Schedule of Test and Venue details will be given on the Admit Card.
- (ii) No candidate shall be allowed to appear in the Test without a valid Admit Card.
- (iii) **The candidate is required to retain the Admit Card in safe custody after the Test for presenting it before the Admission Committee, if called for counseling.**
- (iv) In all matters relating to RET Test and admission to respective disciplines, the decision of the University shall be final and binding.

**O. METHOD OF ANSWERING IN THE TEST:**

**i) TEST – A: Assessment of Logical and Analytical Capability**

- (i) A Question Booklet containing the questions and a separate Answer Sheet shall be provided to the candidate at the beginning of the Test.
- (ii) The candidate, **within 10 minutes of the issue of the Questions Booklet**, shall check the Question Booklet to ensure that it contains all the pages in correct sequence and that no page/question is missing. In case of faulty Question Booklet, the candidate shall immediately bring it to the notice of the Superintendent/Invigilators to obtain a fresh Question Booklet.
- (iii) The candidate is required to write his/her *Roll Number, Question Booklet No. and Set No.*, if any, at the appropriate places provided in the answer sheet in **INK/Ball Point pen only**. In addition, **he/she is also required to fill up Roll Number in the space provided at the bottom of the answer sheet by darkening the appropriate circles by Blue/Black Ball Point pen only.**
- (iv) The candidate is required to write **in INK/Ball Point pen only**, his/her Roll number and Serial Number of Answer Sheet at the appropriate places on the cover page of the Question Booklet.
- (v) Each question shall be followed by four alternative answers. The candidate is required to identify the **one** which he/she feels to be the correct answer and record the answer by darkening the **appropriate circle** in the answer sheet with **Blue/Black Ball Point pen only**, as will also be mentioned in the guidelines given on the first page of the Answer Sheet. For example, if out of 4 alternatives (1) (2) (3) & (4) given against question No. 15 the candidate identifies (2) as the correct answer, then he/she is required to darken the *circle No. 2 only* in the Answer Sheet as given below:

**Q. No. 15**



- (vi) The answer will be treated incorrect if more than one circle is darkened or a circle is darkened improperly. Any other method of marking such as tick mark, cross mark, use of dot, line mark and half-filled circle or marks outside the circle shall not be evaluated.
- (vii) If any question is not attempted, the candidate is required to leave all the circles against that question as blank. Such an answer will be awarded *zero* marks.
- (viii) Inner cover page of the Question Booklet or the blank space/page of the end of Question Booklet may be used for rough work.
- (ix) No page from the Question Booklet is to be torn or removed. If a candidate is found tearing any page from the Question Booklet he/she shall be liable to punishment for adopting unfair means and shall not be allowed to continue in the Entrance Test.
- (x)

**ii) TEST – B: Assessment of Subject Knowledge**

- (a) A Question Booklet containing the 40 multiple choice questions (with no choice) and 10 short answer type questions (with an option to answer any 05 out of 10).
- (b) The candidate, **within 10 minutes of the issue of the Questions Booklet**, shall check the Question Booklet to ensure that it contains all the pages in correct sequence and that no page/question is missing. In case of faulty Question Booklet, the candidate shall immediately bring it to the notice of the Superintendent/Invigilators to obtain a fresh Question Booklet.
- (c) For answering the MCQ portion of the TEST B, a separate answer sheet will be provided at the beginning of the Test.
- (d) For answering the short answer type questions appropriate space will be provided below each question within which only the candidate shall write the answers. **Please note that no separate answer sheets will be provided to answer short answer type questions.**
- (e) The candidate is required to *write the Question Booklet No. and Set No.*, if any, at the appropriate places provided in the answer sheet in **INK/Ball Point pen only and fill up the Roll Number in the space provided at the bottom of the answer sheet by darkening the appropriate circles by Blue/Black Ball Point pen only.**
- (f) The candidate is also required to write in **INK/Ball Point pen only**, his/her Roll number and Serial Number of Answer Sheet at the appropriate places on the cover page of the Question Booklet.
- (g) The instructions for answering the TEST A, as given above in section S.(i) will also apply for answering the multiple choice questions (40) of Test B.
- (h) No page from the Question Booklet is to be torn or removed. If a candidate is found tearing any page from the Question Booklet he/she shall be liable to punishment for adopting unfair means and shall not be allowed to continue in the RET.
- (i) At the end of TEST B, the candidate shall handover the Test Booklet and the answer sheet to the Invigilator.

**IMPORTANT**

- (i) **CANDIDATES TO NOTE THAT, SINCE ANSWERS ARE TO BE MARKED IN INK, IT WILL NOT BE POSSIBLE TO CHANGE ANY ANSWER AFTER MARKING IT.**
- (ii) Candidates found using/adopting unfair means in the **RET** shall be disqualified from the test and also shall be debarred from admission even for any other course in future in BHU. A candidate shall appear in the test as per rules, regulations and ordinances of the University framed from time to time.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary contained anywhere in the ordinances of the University, no scrutiny/ revaluation of the answer book of the test shall be allowed on any ground. Further, no representation or any enquiry regarding the conduct of the test shall be entertained.

**P. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES APPEARING IN RET TEST:**

- i. The Candidate must carry his/her valid Admit Card for the Test. He/She must occupy only his/her allotted seat as per his/her Roll Number in the seating arrangement made for the Test.
- ii. **No Candidate will be allowed** entry to the Test Hall **after 30 minutes** of the start of the Entrance Test.
- iii. **No Candidate shall be allowed** to leave the Test Hall **till the end** of the Test.
- iv. There is no provision to provide or permit a 'writer' in the Entrance Test except for blind candidates, who will be provided 'writers' on request [For details please refer to Section C of this Information Bulletin].
- v. The Candidates shall be checked for any resource materials frequently and at random by the Invigilators and other staff conducting the Test, routinely and also on the slightest doubt.
- vi. **Calculators/watch calculators, electronic diary, pager, mobile phones, earphones, alarm clock, digital watches with memory, slide rule, etc. are not allowed in the examination hall. Also, carrying of licensed weapon, fire arms, tools which can be used as lethal weapons are not allowed in the examination hall.**
- vii. **The RET. Test of a candidate shall be cancelled in case of any of the following actions by a candidate:**  
Relevant or irrelevant resource material or loose paper found on his/her possession, or, lying on or around his/her seat, Possession of any unauthorized instrument or equipment as mentioned at (vi) above/document/paper/ information materials or any resource materials, Communication of information in writing or verbally or exchange of Question Booklet/Answer Sheets to and from any other person during the Entrance Test period and any other malpractice amounting to obtaining undue advantage, Writing anything on the Admit Card, Carrying of the envelope of the

Admit Card in the examination hall, Any alterations or corrections in the entries made by a candidate in Question Booklet and OMR Sheet [Roll Number in words & figures and OMR sheet no. in Question Booklet and Roll Number, Question Booklet no. and Set no. (if any) in OMR sheet] but not duly verified by the invigilator concerned, Non-matching of signature made at the time of RET with that already done at the time of filling of Application Form.

**viii. The RET Test of a candidate shall be cancelled and candidate shall be debarred to appear from future Tests in case of any of the following actions by a candidate:**

Tampering with the Admit Card including that of the photograph, face not resembling the photograph on the Admit Card, not occupying the allotted seat, tampering/disturbing the seating arrangements, smuggling-out or smuggling-in Question Booklet in part or in full, or Test material, or any resource material connected with the Test, Making any attempt to influence the University authorities directly or indirectly, Disturbing or trying to disturb the RET, Noting down the questions or their answers, Shouting of slogans or creating unruly scene at the examination hall/examination center/University campus.

**ix. Impersonation is a legally punishable offence.** No Candidate will be permitted to appear in the Test without a valid Admit Card. The Admit Card should be presented to the invigilators/other authorized officials for verification. The candidate's identity will be verified in respect of his/her details on the Admit Card/Registration Form (Form 'B'). If the identity is in doubt, the candidate may not be allowed to appear in the Test. The authorities may at their discretion **provisionally** permit the candidate to appear in the Test after completing formalities including taking of thumb impression/several signatures for further verification. No extra time will be granted for these formalities to be completed.

Similarly, at the time of Subjective Test/Personal Interview and admission, the candidate's identity will be verified from the documents available with the University and in case of any doubt, his/her admission will be deferred till final verification.

A person found to impersonate a candidate shall be handed over to the Police under an FIR lodged by the University. The **candidate in reference shall be debarred from future Entrance Tests of the University.**

A student or employee of the University if found to impersonate in the Test will be respectively **rusticated or dismissed from the University service.**

**x. Suppression/concealment of information:** The candidate must ensure that he/she is qualified to appear in the Test. If it is detected at any stage that he/she did not fulfill the minimum eligibility requirement or there was something against the candidate which would have prevented him/her from being admitted in the concerned discipline, or, the candidate has provided false information or no information about his/her previous involvement in an act punishable under law or act of gross misconduct and indiscipline, then his/her candidature shall not be considered and his/her admission if already made shall be cancelled at any stage and he/she shall be debarred from appearing in any of the future Test of the University.

**xi.** Nobody other than the University authorized personnel is permitted to move around the Test venue. Any unauthorized persons loitering around the Test venue shall be handed over to the police under an FIR lodged by the University.

**xii. No scrutiny/re-evaluation of answer sheet of the Test is allowed in any case at any stage.**

**xiii.** The candidate shall be bound by the BHU Statutes/Ordinances/Rules and Regulations framed from time to time.

**xiv.** Any litigation in respect of the Test shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the local Court of Varanasi and/or Hon'ble High Court of Judicature at Allahabad only.

**Q. ADMISSION:**

**Q.1. FOR ADMISSION TO PH.D.**

**Q.1.1 FINAL MERIT ORDER AFTER TEST-C**

- a. Final merit order shall be based on the composite index comprising of Academic Record (calculated as per formula given in Section C of this Information Bulletin) plus marks obtained by a candidate in Test C. The final merit order shall not take into account the marks obtained by a candidate in the Test – A or Test-B.
- b. Separate Merit orders of RET and RET-exempt candidates shall be prepared by the Interview Board for the discipline.
- c. Candidate must secure a composite index of at least 75 to be eligible for Ph.D. registration in the discipline. Meeting the said minimum composite index requirement does not guarantee registration for Ph.D.

**Q.1.2 ADMISSION PROCESS**

**Q.1.2.1. DECLARATION OF RESULTS AFTER TEST C**

- a. Names of as many RET candidates as the number of vacancies given in the Information Bulletin will be announced on the basis of Final Merit Order after Test C for admission to Ph.D in the discipline. An equal number of wait-listed candidates (in order of merit) will also be prepared for consideration in case seats remain vacant.
- b. Names of all RET-exempt candidates who are declared qualified after Test C will be separately announced in the Merit Order.

**Q.1.2.2. ADMISSION, ALLOTMENT OF PH.D. SUPERVISOR AND PAYMENT OF FEES**

- a. For those qualifying under the RET category, the maximum number will ordinarily be restricted to the number of vacancies announced in the RET bulletin.
- b. Based on the merit order after Test C, offer of admission will be issued to the RET and RET-exempt selected candidates by the Head of the Department/Coordinator of the School/Centre prescribing therein the last date of depositing the fee.
- c. Thereafter, the allotment of Supervisor will be done by the DRC for those who have secured admission by depositing the admission fee. The DRC would formally allot a Ph.D. supervisor (and Co-Supervisor/s, if required) for the selected candidates on their proposed research topic. As far as practicable, the DRC shall take into account the mutual agreement of the candidate and the faculty member. However, no candidate shall be denied admission in the Ph.D. programme, if he/she stands higher in merit order and is unable to obtain the consent of a faculty member to act as supervisor.
- d. Those of the RET candidates who obtained a composite merit index of 75 and above but could not register in the July term, may be considered, subject to availability of vacancy, in the next Jan term. However, they will have to appear at the Test C again.
- e. Candidates under the RET-exempt category, who could not be admitted in July/September term may be considered along with those who apply in response to the notification for admission in the January term and will be evaluated through Test C and admitted, if selected, as above.

**Note: The candidates who are admitted against the vacancies in the Colleges (admitted to the privileges of the University) will have faculty members of the concerned College as their Supervisor. All such candidates would be treated as the research scholars of the concerned college and shall be required to pay the requisite fee in the concerned College.**

**R. REGISTRATION OF FOREIGN NATIONALS:**

Applications of Foreign Nationals nominated by the Govt. of India under scholarship scheme and self-financing Foreign Nationals shall be entertained. The foreign nationals **need not appear in the entrance test** for admission. However, they should have passed *the equivalent Qualifying Examination from an Indian or Foreign University / Institution.*

Provision to the extent of 15% of the total Vacancies in each Discipline on supernumerary basis for Foreign Nationals is available: Out of which 5% Vacancies be filled up by children of NRIs [Persons of Indian Origin (PIO)] and 5% by children of Indian workers in Gulf and South Asian Countries. All the foreign nationals have to fulfill the following conditions: -

**i). At the time of submitting the application**

- (i) All the foreign nationals should submit their applications, along with the **processing fee**, on prescribed format, which can be freely downloaded from the website [www.bhu.ac.in](http://www.bhu.ac.in).
- (ii) The applications of scholarship-holding Foreign Nationals (under various schemes) are routed through the Indian Council for Cultural Relations/Ministry of Human Resource Development (Department of Education), Govt. of India, New Delhi.
- (iii) They should hold a valid foreign passport.
- (iv) The antecedents of the candidate have been verified by the forwarding Agencies/Ministry and found in order.
- (v) They should have adequate knowledge of English and/or Hindi as per the requirements of the Course.



**ii). At the time of admission**

- (i) They have valid Residential permit in India granted for studies/Student Visa for the prescribed duration of the concerned Course.
- (ii) They fulfill the minimum eligibility requirements.

**iii). General**

- (i) The Degrees/Certificates of the candidates have been recognized and approved by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)/Commonwealth Universities/International Association of Universities (IAU) as equivalent to the corresponding Indian Degrees/Certificates.
- (ii) All the eligible foreign nationals are required to fill up the Registration Form prescribed by the University at the time of admission.
- (iii) The *inter-se* merit among the applicants of various foreign nationals will be decided by the “Core Committee for Admissions of Foreign Nationals”, which shall be deemed as final.

Further details regarding admission of foreign nationals are available on the website [www.bhu.ac.in](http://www.bhu.ac.in) which is updated periodically.

**The applications should be submitted to the INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS CENTRE, C/3/3 TAGORE HOUSE, BANARAS HINDU UNIVERSITY, VARANASI - 221005, INDIA on or before the last date as notified by the International Students Centre.**

**FEE FOR THE FOREIGN NATIONALS:**

Fee structure for all the categories of foreign nationals is as under (Fee details available on website)

- 1. Processing fee (50 / 100 US \$) : At the time of submitting the application
- 2. Usual Course fee (in INR) : At the time of joining the course
- 3. Additional fee (US \$) : At the time of joining the course

The quantum of processing fee and additional fee may be modified by BHU from time to time.

**S. FELLOWSHIP:**

All the eligible internal full-time research scholars (admitted through RET) not getting any financial assistance from any funding agency may be provided fellowship for his/her full residential period (maximum three+one years as per Ph. D. Ordinance). However, the extended period of fellowship (fourth year) shall be subject to submission of evaluation report after three years through the Research Programme Committee (RPC) and Departmental Research Committee (DRC) to be finally approved by the Vice-Chancellor. Further, a research scholar earlier admitted under RET exempted category (NET-LS/GATE only) could be extended BHU research fellowship subsequently, subject to fulfillment of certain conditions prescribed in the Ph.D. Ordinances.

**Important Note:**

The students who would be assigned to register themselves for Ph.D. in the Colleges admitted to the privileges of the University would have to carry out their research work in the concerned college only. Their fees shall be deposited in the concerned college. The concerned College shall be liable for payment of all kinds of fellowships to students registered with them and the Banaras Hindu University will not provide any fellowship or hostel facility to those registered for Ph.D. in Colleges admitted to the privileges of the University.

**LIST OF ALLIED SUBJECTS FOR REGISTRATION IN DIFFERENT DISCIPLINES**

If the candidate possesses PG degree in a discipline listed in column (2), titled as “Allied Subject(s)”, and RET is not being conducted in the discipline of his/her PG degree, then he/she shall opt for the corresponding main discipline in which RET shall be held **but the applicants must fulfil minimum eligibility requirements specified at Section C.** Accordingly, he/she shall be eligible to be considered for admission to the corresponding main discipline and such other allied disciplines to the main discipline (in which he/she appears for the RET) is an allied discipline (as detailed at Section B of this Information Bulletin).

Main Discipline (1)	Allied Subject(s) (2)
<b>FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE</b>	
<b>Agricultural Economics</b>	M.Sc./M.Sc. (Ag.) in Dairy Economics/Livestock Economics/Fisheries Economics.
<b>Agronomy</b>	M.Sc. /M.Sc. (Ag.) in Agro Forestry/Crop Husbandry/Crop Production.
<b>Animal Husbandry and Dairying</b>	M.Sc. /M.Sc. (Ag.) in Animal Nutrition/Dairy Technology/Live Stock Production and Management/Live Stock Products Technology.
<b>Food Science &amp; Tech.</b>	M.Tech. in Dairy/ Dairy Technology/Food and Nutrition//Horticulture (Post Harvest Engineering and Technology).
<b>Agricultural Engineering (Soil &amp; Water Conservation Engineering)</b>	M.Tech. in Agricultural Engineering/ M.E. (Agricultural Engineering)/ or equivalent degree with specialization in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering/Irrigation and Drainage Engineering/ Soil and Water Engineering/Water Resources Engineering or M.Sc. (Ag.) in Soil and Water Conservation.
<b>Agricultural Statistics</b>	M.Sc. in Agricultural Statistics
<b>Agricultural Engineering (Post Harvest &amp; Bioprocess Engineering)</b>	M.Tech. in Post Harvest Process and Food Engineering & Equivalents.
<b>Entomology and Agricultural Zoology</b>	M.Sc. /M.Sc. (Ag.) in Entomology/Agricultural Zoology and Entomology/Plant Protection (with major in Entomology).
<b>Extension Education</b>	M.Sc. /M.Sc. (Ag.) Agricultural Extension, Communication & Extension, Dairy Extension, Veterinary Extension.
<b>Genetics and Plant Breeding</b>	M.Sc. in Genetics and Plant Breeding, M.Sc./M.Sc. (Ag.) in Genetics/Plant Breeding/Plant Breeding & Genetics/Agricultural Botany.
<b>Horticulture</b>	M.Sc. (Ag.) in Floriculture, Forestry, Fruit & Horticulture Technology, Pomology, Vegetables Science.
<b>Mycology and Plant Pathology</b>	M.Sc. in Mycology and Plant Pathology/ M.Sc./M.Sc. (Ag.) in Plant Pathology with four years B.Sc. (Ag.).
<b>Plant Physiology</b>	M.Sc./M.Sc.(Ag.) in Plant Physiology/ Crop Physiology/Plant Science/Plant Biotechnology/ Agricultural Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology.
<b>Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry</b>	M.Sc./M.Sc.(Ag.) in Agricultural Chemistry/ Soil Science/ Agricultural Chemicals/Soil Science and Water Conservation/Agricultural Chemistry & Soil Science.

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