



Ph.D. ADMISSION ANNOUNCEMENT 2026-2027

The Arunachal Pradesh University, Pasighat invites applications from eligible candidates to apply for admissions to **Eleven (11) Ph.D.** programmes through Arunachal Pradesh University Ph.D. Entrance Test (APUPET-2026) for the Academic Session 2026-2027 for the following Ph.D. programmes:

Sr. No.	Programme	No. of Seats*
1.	Commerce	05
2.	Computer Science	04
3.	Economics	08
4.	Education	07
5.	English	05
6.	Hindi	05
7.	Mass Communication	04
8.	Mathematics	02
9.	Social Work	01
10.	Sociology	02
11.	Tribal Studies	03
Total		46

*No. of seats shown are tentative and may vary depending on the status at the time of declaration of the result. The University reserves the right to not fill up a vacant seat(s) if suitable candidates are not found.

Eligibility Criteria to Apply for APUPET-2026:

In accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of PhD Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the Arunachal Pradesh University Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Ordinance, 2023, following candidates are eligible to apply for the admission to Ph.D. Programme:

I. Eligibility Criteria for Qualifying Degree:

1. Candidates seeking admission to the PhD programme listed above must have a Master's degree in the relevant subject with a minimum of 55% marks (50% for APST/PwD candidates) or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale. For Tribal Studies, candidates must have a Master's degree in any social science discipline with a minimum of 55% marks (50% for APST/PwD candidates) or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale.
2. In compliance with the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, **file no. 1-3/2021(QIP)**, dated 7 November 2022, Candidates who have completed a 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed

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candidates with 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 are allowed to appear for APUPET 2026.

A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to APST/Differently-abled

3. Provided that a candidate is seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme, they should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to APST/Differently-abled.
4. Candidates who have completed MPhil programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade are eligible for admission to Ph.D. programmes. They shall be exempted from the written examination of APUPET 2026 and are to be admitted into the Ph.D. programme solely based on their performance in personal interview. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to APST/Differently-abled.
5. Further, candidates who are a regular faculty member of the University are eligible to apply for Ph.D. positions in the University. They shall be exempted from the written examination of APUPET 2026 and are to be admitted into the Ph.D. programme solely based on their performance in personal interview.
6. **Eligibility criteria for International Students applying for admission:** Foreign nationals with degrees from Indian Universities will be treated on par with Indian nationals for admission purposes. Foreign nationals with foreign degrees must meet the minimum educational requirements as given above equivalent to an Indian Master's Degree in the relevant disciplines. In addition, they should have a valid Passport and Visa. They are expected to have a working knowledge of English.

II. UGC-NET:

1. In compliance with the UGC Public Notice No.F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 dated 27.03.2024; candidates clearing in UGC-NET 2025 in any of the three categories are eligible to apply for the admission to Ph.D. programmes. These candidates are exempted from appearing in the written examination of APUPET-2026:
 - i. Category-1: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.
 - ii. Category-2: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.
 - iii. Category-3: Eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.
2. Those who are having valid JRF and whose validity of JRF since the time of award of UGC-JRF, has not been more than three (03) years (as per the UGC Public Notice No. F.No.11-3/2022(SA-I), dated 29.03.2022), by the time of applying for Ph.D. programmes are also eligible to apply for any of the Ph.D. programmes.
3. Those students who have cleared only NET prior to 2025 will have to appear for APUPET-2026 WRITTEN test.

Processing of Applications:

- i. Applications for admission to the Ph.D. programmes shall be scrutinized and a list of eligible candidates to appear in the Arunachal Pradesh University Ph.D. Entrance Test (APUPET-2026) shall be prepared and put on the Notice Board of the University and the University website: www.apupsg.ac.in.

- ii. It is mandatory for all (exempted & non-exempted) to apply through the online mode and submit necessary documents.
- iii. Applications of foreign students with proper official documents, including passport and visa, either sponsored or non-sponsored, being qualified for admission to the research programme, shall be examined by the Committee, and the same shall have to be approved by the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, subject to the ratification by the Academic Council, APU. The same shall be notified and displayed on the University website: www.apupsg.ac.in.

APUPET Admission Procedure:

The University shall admit candidates through a two-stage process:

1. **Entrance Test** with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject-specific. Candidates who have secured 50% marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview.
2. **Personal Interview/Viva Voce** where candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Department Research Committee.
3. For the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted, a weightage of 70% for the written test and 30% for the performance in the interview/viva voce shall be considered.
4. Written test qualifying marks shall be 50%, in aggregate. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 50% to 45% shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled categories.
5. The university may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.

Selection Criteria for Exempted Candidates:

1. All the exempted category candidates will be required to appear in the Personal Interview/Viva voce to be conducted by the concerned departments as and when notified for admission to the PhD programme.
2. For students who qualify in Categories 2 and 3 of the UGC-NET, 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce.
3. The JRF-qualified students are to be admitted into the Ph.D. programme solely based on their performance in personal interview.
4. All the exempted category candidates will be given an option to participate in the written examination of APUPET-2026, incase they wish to compete through that mode. However, it is to note that there is no separate allocation of seats to the respective categories.

How to Apply:

1. Candidates can apply online through the university website [www.apupsg.ac.in] by visiting the link SAMARTH Admission portal provided in the University Website.
2. The candidate has to register in the SAMARTH Portal using a valid email ID and mobile number. Complete the online application form as instructed, upload the documents and submit the application and keep a copy for future reference.
3. **Application Fee:**
 - General/OBC candidates: ₹1,000/-
 - APST/PwD candidates: ₹500/-

4. Documents to be Submitted/Uploaded:

- Self-attested copies of mark sheets and certificates from 10th standard onwards
- Category (APST) certificate (if applicable)
- NET/JRF/SLET qualified certificate (if applicable)
- Research proposal to be submitted during the time of Personal interview.

Important Dates:

Activity	Tentative Dates
Online Registration Starts	25 July 2026 (Saturday)
Last Date for Submission of Application Forms	16 August 2026 by 5 PM (Sunday)
Notification of Eligible Candidates for Entrance Test	18 August 2026 (Tuesday)
Date of Entrance Test (Written)	22 August 2026 (Saturday)
Declaration of Entrance Test Results & Notification of Eligible Candidates for Personal Interview	24 August 2026 (Monday)
Interview/Viva-Voce	25 August 2026 (Tuesday)
Declaration of Final Selection List	26 August 2026 (Wednesday)
Date of Admission of selected candidates	27 and 28 August 2026 (Thursday & Friday)
Date of Admission of wait listed candidates	31 August 2026 (Monday)
Commencement of Coursework	31 August 2026 (Monday)

Fee Structure:

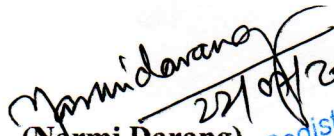
Fee Component	Amount (₹)
Admission Fee	7,400/- (to be paid one-time at the time of admission)
Odd Semester Fee	1. Semester continuation fee 2. Development fee 3. Students' Union Fee 4. Games & Sports Fee 5. Youth Welfare Fee 6. Magazine Fee 7. Transportation Fee TOTAL 1,000/- (per semester) 1,000/- 400/- 400/- 300/- 200/- 300/- 3,600/- } (annually)
Even Semester Continuation Fee	
Synopsis Fee	
Registration Fee	
Extension Fee	
Re-registration Fee	
Library Fee	
Caution Money (Refundable)	
Thesis Submission & Evaluation Fee	8,000/- (to be paid at the time of thesis submission)
Total Amount (to be paid at the time of admission)	14,000/-

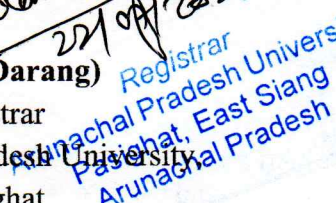
Note: Fee structure is subject to revision as per the University guidelines.

Important Notes:

1. Admission will be strictly on a merit basis.
2. Reservation wherever applicable shall be as per the State Govt. rules.
3. A list of selected students will be notified on the University Website after verification by the admission committee.
4. Soft copies of pass certificates, mark sheets, admit cards, caste certificates, photos, and signatures are compulsory to register and apply in the online portal.
5. NOC from the employer is compulsory for candidates already in service.
6. Candidates are advised not to give any false information while filling up the form. If any false information is detected, his/her admission shall be rejected during the process or the tenure of the programme or thereafter. During the pendency of the PhD programme, the candidate shall not pursue any more parallel programmes or courses.
7. Applicants are advised to read the admission guidelines carefully before submitting the application. Regularly visit the SAMARTH Portal and the institution official website for updates regarding Merit lists, Interview, Eligibility lists and Admission Schedules
8. Registration on the Samarth Portal will be available from 25 July 2026. All eligible candidates are advised to complete their registration within the prescribed timeline once the portal is activated.

This is issued with the approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor.


(Narmi Darang) Registrar
Arunachal Pradesh University
Pasighat



Memo No. APU/113/APUPET/2025/

Date: 22 July 2026

Copy to:

1. The PS to the Commissioner to His Excellency, the Governor of Arunachal Pradesh and Hon'ble Chancellor, APU for kind information, please.
2. The PA to the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, APU for kind information, please.
3. The PA to the Commissioner (Education), Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for kind information, please.
4. The Director of Higher & Technical Education, Govt. of Arunachal Pradesh, Itanagar for kind information, please.
5. DIPR for publishing in two state daily newspapers.
6. The PA to the Controller of Examinations (CoE), APU for kind information, please.
7. The Coordinator (IQAC), APU for kind information, please.
8. All the Head of Departments, APU for kind information and necessary action, please.
9. Assistant Registrar, Academic & Examinations, for kind information, please.
10. The System Analyst, APU for kind information and a request to upload the detailed notification on the University website.
11. Notice Board.
12. Office copy.


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Arunachal Pradesh University,
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