SHARDA UNIVERSITY AGRA

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Ph.D Programme
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ABOUT SHARDA UNIVERSITY AGRA

Sharda University Agra is a leading Educational Institution and one of the best Private University in Agra. A venture of the renowned Sharda Group, The University has established itself as a high quality education provider with prime focus on holistic learning and imbibing competitive abilities in students. The University is approved by Government of Uttar Pradesh and prides itself in being the only multi-discipline campus in the Agra-Mathura Region, spread over 50+ acres and equipped with world class facilities.

ADMISSION TO Ph.D PROGRAMME

Admissions to the Ph.D. program (full-time and part-time) for the January 2025 batch of Sharda University Agra will be made strictly according to the merit and availability of seats through the SHARDA RESEARCH ENTRANCE TEST (SRET) followed by an Interview. Ph.D. Ordinance of Sharda University Agra, covered under the comprehensive research policy available on its website, governs the Ph.D. Program. Full-time eligible candidates may get a Fellowship as per Sharda University Agra norms.

Applications are invited in online mode only. The application form fees of Rs1500/—for the general category and Rs1000/ for Women/SC/ST/OBC/EWS will also be paid through online mode.

Ph.D. program is open in the following Schools

1	**Sharda School of Business Studies**	Ph. D. in Management Eligibility- MBA
2	**Sharda School of Pharmacy**	Ph. D. in Pharmacy Eligibility- M. Pharma
3	**Anand School of Engineering & Technology**	Ph. D. in Computer Science Eligibility- MCA

Categories of Ph.D. program

Two Categories of Ph.D Programme are available; full time & part time. Candidates who satisfy the eligibility criteria as mentioned in SUA Research Policy will be able to proceed full time/part time.

Duration of the Programme

S.No	Programme	Minimum duration	Maximum duration
1	Ph. D. in Management	3 years	6 years
2	Ph. D. in Pharmacy	3 years	6 years
3	Ph. D. in Computer Science	3 years	6 years

Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years from the date of admission.

Extension beyond the maximum limit can be given up to a maximum of two years for recorded reasons by the Vice Chancellor on the recommendations of SRC and Dean Research and Development.

The female candidates and persons with disability (more than 40 %) may be allowed an additional relaxation of maximum two years' duration. In addition, the female candidates may be provided up to 240 days' relaxation for maternity /child care once in the entire duration of Ph.D. Programme.

PROCEDURE OF ADMISSION

Admissions to Ph.D. program will be made strictly according to the UGC guidelines for NET, GATE & other equivalent test qualified candidates with valid score. The vacant seats shall be filled as per merit and availability of seats in various departments/ schools through Entrance Test followed by Interview conducted by the University twice a year, normally in January and July. The weightage for entrance test and interview shall be 70% and 30% respectively. Only those students securing at least 50% marks in written examination and 50% marks in interview separately shall be considered for admission.

Students with M. Phil Degree or equivalent degree from any Institute/University recognized by the UGC or qualified with fellowship/ scholarship offered by the University, National and International Agency / NET/ GATE score shall be exempted from entrance test. However, such students will have to appear for the interview, along with the students who have qualified the entrance test.

Foreign students and employee of the Sharda University, who fulfil eligibility criteria will be admitted after an online test / interview.

Persons who are in regular employment in Academic Institutions, Research Institute/ Corporate/ Industry / Public Undertaking / Government Sector, at a level not less than the level equivalent to Assistant Professor, and having five years of experience will be eligible for admission through specially conducted entrance test/interview.

The University shall decide on biannual basis a manageable number of Ph.D. students to be admitted in different Departments/ Schools based on the number of available eligible supervisors and academic / research facilities, keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar- teacher ratio, laboratory, library and other facilities.

The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the University, keeping in view the guidelines/ norms prescribed by the UGC and other discipline specific statutory bodies

The university shall admit students by a two stage process (i) an entrance test conducted by Controller of Examination (CoE) and (ii) an interview in the subject area of the candidate to be conducted by a committee constituted by Dean Research and Development.

The Sharda Research Entrance Test (SRET)

i) The entrance test shall have two sections of test; Test A & Test B

Test A will be of 70 Marks.
 a) Core subject (50 MCQs)
 b) Research aptitude (20 MCQs)

Test B will be of 30 marks – Personal Interview

ii) Eligibility for the Sharda Research Entrance Test (SRET):

(a) To take the SRET test, a candidate must fulfil the minimal requirements as stated in Clauses 2.3.7 of SUA research policy, including the necessary percentage of marks and academic record.

(b) A candidate must take the SRET administered by the faculty that corresponds to the subject in which the candidate holds the qualifying degree.

(c) The Controller of Examinations normally conducts the SRET in June & December of each academic year, with results usually being released by the second week of July & January.

Test B Candidates may be summoned for Test B, which will have almost two times as many seats available for the selection process, based on their merit. Every candidate who qualifies under the SRET-Exempted category must take TEST-B.

Test B, which carries a total of 30 marks for the personal interview, will be administered by an Interview Board in the relevant departments/schools. 50% marks are mandatory to secure.

After that final selection of the candidate will be declared on the website.

NOTE:

1.Eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D. degree in Sharda University Agra

(i)A candidate must have cleared post-graduate (PG) degree or equivalent as per UGC norms from a UGC recognized Indian / foreign university in respective discipline with score of minimum 55% or equivalent CGPA. A 5% relaxation in score for SC/ST/OBC/EWS candidates i.e., minimum of 50% or equivalent CGPA is allowed in PG degree or equivalent (as per UGC norms) or as per policy laid down in NEP 2020.

(ii)Clearing online Examination of Sharda University Agra followed by interview. Candidates with valid NET / GATE / SET / UET scores are exempted from entrance test but have to appear for interview. M.Phil. (before 2020) degree holders from UGC accredited universities are also exempted from entrance test but they are required to appear for interview. Lapsed seats will be fulfilled by SRET.

2.The online Entrance test will have 70 MCQ (50 MCQ on Core Subject and 20 MCQ on Research Aptitude) to evaluate knowledge in core subject and research aptitude; SRET will be followed by interview for 30 marks. Thus, the candidates shall be selected based on their performance in written test and interview. Those exempted from written test shall be interviewed for 100 marks and selected in order of merit.

3.Syllabus of the core subjects are of PG level/equivalent in respective disciplines/subjects.

4.Number of seats in different schools/departments will depend on the availability of eligible supervisors at the time of admission.

5.Entrance test and interview for the admission to Ph.D. program shall be conducted in online mode however, classes for full time and part time scholars shall be conducted in physical and blended mode, respectively.

6.The university reserves all the rights to increase, decrease or nullify the available Ph.D. vacancies and also to postpone/cancel the candidature of Ph.D. aspirants without assigning any reason.

7.The eligible candidates must complete the course work& obtain minimum grade points (as per SUA research Policy) before submitting their research proposal.

8.All the decisions will be taken as per the comprehensive research policy, Sharda University Agra.

9.Application forms are available at **www.agra.sharda.ac.in.**

FEE STRUCTURE FOR Ph.D. ADMISSION

The following fee structure applies per year, for three years for the candidates who will be admitted.

Tuition Fee - INR 65000/*- (Per Annum) or INR 35000/- (Per semester) to be paid at the time of document verification.

Admission Fee - INR 10000/- (One-time, non-refundable) to be paid at the time of admission

Examination Fee - INR 5000/- (One-time, non-refundable) to be paid at the time of admission

Thesis Submission/

Evaluation Fee - INR 25000 /- (One Time) to be paid at the time of submission of thesis

For International Students - $ 3000**

*50% discount on tuition fees for SGI employees

** 50% early bird discount for international students.

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