MADURAI KAMARAJ UNIVERSITY

(University with Potential for Excellence)
Re-accredited by NAAC with 'A++' Grade in the 4th Cycle
Madurai – 625 021.

Common Entrance Test for Admission to

Ph.D. (Full Time/ Part Time) Programmes – 2024 - 2025

PROSPECTUS

Applications are invited for Ph.D. (Full Time/Part Time) Programs of Madurai Kamaraj University through Common Entrance Test in various disciplines. Madurai Kamaraj University is currently offering Ph.D. (Full Time/Part Time) Programmes in 51 subjects The list of subjects is given below. It may be noted that appearing and clearing the entrance examination entails only the eligibility of a candidate for admission to Ph.D. program of the University and shall not guarantee admission to any Ph.D program of the University. Interested and eligible candidates may apply through online mode through the link provided in the University website **www.mkuniversity.ac.in** The registration fee is **Rs.2,000**/- for Ph.D. (**Rs.1,000/- for SC/ST Candidates**) inclusive of eligibility certificates for passing candidates.

Ph.D.,

1	Biochemistry	20	Genomics / Genetics	39	Rural Development
2	Biomedical Science	21	Geography	40	Saiva Siddhantha Philosophy
3	Biotechnology	22	History	41	Philosophy
4	Botany	23	Immunology	42	Psychology
5	Biology	24	Islamic Tamil Studies	43	Sanskrit
6	Business Administration	25	Journalism and Mass Communication	44	Social work
7	Chemistry	26	Kannada	45	Sociology
8	Commerce	27	Library and Information Science	46	Tamil
9	Computer Science	28	Linguistics	47	Telugu
10	Environmental Remote Sensing and Cartography	29	Malayalam	48	Tourism Management
11	Economics	30	Material Science	49	Zoology
12	Education	31	Marine Biology	50	French
13	English	32	Mathematics	51	Art History
14	English Language Studies	33	Microbiology		
15	Environmental Studies	34	Molecular Biology		
16	Energy Science	35	Physical Education		
17	Folklore	36	Physics		
18	Food and Nutrition	37	Political Science		
19	Gandhian Thought & Peace Making	38	Public Administration		

1. **Eligibility for Ph.D. Programme**

   Candidates willing to register for Ph.D Programme should have a Bachelor's degree as well as a Master's Degree (10+2+3+2 pattern or equivalent in that order) of this University or any other university recognized by this university as equivalent thereto in concerned disciplines with not less than 55% of marks in the aggregate marks in Master's Degree.

   A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) / Differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the authority from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever the grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedures.

   Junior/Senior Research Fellows working in research projects funded by various external agencies of National and State level organizations and executed by the Departments of University / Recognized Research Centres of the affiliated Colleges/ Recognized Research Institutions and those who are working as stipendiary/ non-stipendiary research scholars are also eligible to register for Ph.D.

   Students who are pursuing their final semester in PG Course may also apply for the Common Entrance Examination for Ph.D. programs. The Pass Certificate will be issued only on the production of an attested copy of the Cumulative Mark Statement ensuring a minimum eligible percentage of marks in PG Degree.

2. **Subject of Research**

   The candidate shall work as a research scholar for a minimum period of three years in the chosen subject which shall be the same as the main branch of knowledge of the Master's Degree. The candidate with a Master's degree in a particular discipline may register for Ph.D. in any other related discipline also, if the topic of research is relevant to the discipline of the Master's degree, as certified by the Research Supervisor and the degree shall be awarded as **Ph.D. (inter-disciplinary).**

   In the case of inter-disciplinary candidates, the supervisor shall certify with a detailed justification to the effect that the subject for research is inter-disciplinary in nature and this certificate shall be produced along with the application for registration. The candidates doing interdisciplinary research shall have a supervisor in the main area and a co-supervisor in the inter-disciplinary area. Of the two supervisors, at least one of them shall be from the University. The interdisciplinary research shall be permitted only on clear justification and on the specific recommendation of the Supervisors concerned.

3. **Admission**

   For Indian Nationals:
   The University shall admit Ph.D. students through online Entrance Test conducted by the University twice in a year. The candidates for Ph.D. will be admitted under Full-Time/Part-Time mode and not under distance education or any other mode.

   The Candidates who have secured 50 % marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview. A relaxation of 5 % marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC /ST /OBC Non-creamy Layer / Differently abled categories. A weightage of 70 % for the entrance test and 30 % for the performance in the interview / viva- voce shall be given.

For International Students:

The International students who have completed their Master's Degree in their respective countries and directly applying for Ph.D are exempted from the entrance examination and such applicants are advised to apply through the Director, International Students Affairs, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai – 625 021. They have to appear for an interview through online/personal mode for selection by the Departmental Research Committee concerned. International students who have completed their Master's Degree in India should apply for the Common Entrance Test for admission to the Ph.D. program.

4. **Entrance test and Centre**

The entrance test shall be conducted by the University **in Madurai only** and shall comprise of two parts, each test of one hour duration. The tests shall be of objective type with a maximum of 50 marks each. The first part includes Research aptitude, English comprehension, logic and general reasoning and the second part shall be in the subject concerned in which the candidate is willing to pursue the Ph.D. degree.

5. **Selection**

By integrating the entrance test marks and the performance of the candidate in the interview, the department research committee shall rank the candidates on the basis of the marks obtained in the entrance test and the interview.

6. **Exemption**

The following candidates are exempted from appearing for the entrance examination and interview and they may be directly admitted into the Ph.D programme.

    a) Candidates with Junior/Senior Research Fellowship sanctioned by National/State level research funding agencies who have been admitted following the recommended admission procedure.

    b) Candidates duly selected by a Committee constituted by the Research Department/ Centre / Institution after proper notification and selection process and appointed in Research Projects

    c) Those candidates may directly approach the University Departments / Research Centres in Colleges for admission and need not apply for entrance examination and need not pay the online registration fees.

7. **Registration**

The candidates selected and admitted in the Research Departments/ Centres/ Institutions can register for doing Ph.D. under different categories.
There are two categories of registration.
    1. **Full-time**
    2. **Part-time**

9.1 Full-time*:*

The candidate, who joins in a Research Department / Centre / Institution shall work as a full time research scholar for a minimum period of 3 years in the chosen subject which shall be related to the main branch of knowledge of the Master's Degree.

9.2 Part–time

The registration under part-time category shall be for those candidates, irrespective of their employment status, who can work during week-ends, holidays and vacations at the Research Institution where they are admitted for pursuing research. The candidates registered under this category are required to be accessible to the guide in order to carry out research during week-ends, holidays and vacations.

If a candidate registered in this category is selected under a scholarship / fellowship programme/ scheme, including the Faculty Development Programme of UGC, he/she shall be permitted to continue the research as a full-time research scholar in the department where the supervisor is employed.

10. Duration of Research

Minimum duration of Ph.D. research is 3 (three) years and the maximum duration is 6 (six) years from the date of registration. Women candidates and persons with disability can avail two more years of extension and the maximum duration of research for them is 8 (Eight) years. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of their Ph.D. for a maximum of 240 days. If the Ph.D candidate fails to submit the Ph.D. thesis within the stipulated period, his/her registration will be treated as cancelled. The maximum period shall not be extended for any reason.

11. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS TO THE APPLICANTS

1. Applicants are requested to read carefully the rules of eligibility and other instructions given in the prospectus.

2. The applicants from States other than Tamil Nadu will be considered under OC category.

3. Candidates with Junior/Senior Research Fellowship sanctioned by National/State level research funding agencies and Project Fellows who have been appointed through duly approved selection process are exempted from appearing for the entrance test and interview. Those candidates may directly apply to the University Departments/Research Centres in Colleges for Ph.D. registration.

4. Candidates who cleared NET/SET/GATE are exempted from appearing for the entrance test.

5. Candidates who are pursuing their final Semester PG Course may also apply for the Common Entrance Examination for the Ph.D. program. The Pass Certificate will be issued only on the production of an attested copy of the Cumulative Mark Statement ensuring a minimum eligible percentage of marks in PG Degree.

6. Selected candidates should submit all original documents/certificates at the time of the Interview for verification. If found ineligible the candidature will be cancelled.

7. Applicants should upload attested Photocopies of Mark Statements, Degree Certificates, Community Certificate, and Certificate of Differently Abled persons along with applications.

8. Filling with any wrong information or suppression of information may result in the rejection of the application.

9. ***It is the responsibility of the candidate to choose the right discipline based on their PG Degree, considering all relevant aspects. If the discipline chosen for the entrance test is not appropriate, the written test becomes invalid.***

10. The final printout (Hardcopy) of the application shall be sent by post soon after submitting the application online to The Director, Research and Development Cell, Madurai Kamaraj University, Madurai – 625 021 superscribing **"Application for Common Entrance Test for admission to Ph.D. Program"**

11. The Entrance test shall be **conducted in Madurai only**.

Important Information:

Online Portal Registration Fee for Entrance Examination including eligibility certificate	**Ph.D**	Rs.2,000/- (Rs.1,000/- for SC/ST Students)
Opening of Online Registration Portal		
Last date for submission of online application	Will be notified on the University website.	
Duration of Entrance Test	02:00 hrs	
Date and Time of Entrance Test	Will be notified on the University website.	
Pattern of Exam	100 Multiple Choice Objective Questions (100 Marks) **Part I** – 50 Marks - Multiple Choice Objective Questions - Research aptitude, English comprehension, logic and general reasoning. **Part II** – 50 Marks - Multiple Choice Objective Questions in the subject concerned.	
Syllabus for reference	PG standard Syllabus	