

தமிழ்நாடு திறந்தநிலைப் பல்கலைக்கழகம்

**TAMIL NADU OPEN UNIVERSITY**



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**Ph.D./M.Phil. Regular Mode (Full Time/Part Time)- 2018 July Session**

**Instructions to the Applicants to apply for Ph.D./M.Phil. Research Programmes:**

1. The applicants should send a Demand Draft for Rs. 500/- (Application cost) along with filled-in application form. The DD should be drawn in favour of '**Tamil Nadu Open University**' payable at **Chennai**.
2. The applicants need to submit the attested photocopies of the following documents along with the filled-in application form as given below:
  - Birth Certificate or S.S.L.C. Certificate (as a proof for date of birth)
  - Community Certificate
  - SSLC & PUC, HSC, UG, PG and M.Phil. Mark Statements and Convocation Certificates
  - Service Certificate and No Objection Certificate in original from the Head of the Institution where the candidate is employed indicating the date of appointment, if the applicants wish to pursue the research programme under part time stream.
- 3 Incomplete late application forms and also application forms with false information, if any will be summarily rejected without any intimation to the candidates concerned. Candidates are, therefore, advised to fill in the relevant columns carefully and submit the application form to **The Controller of Examinations, Tamil Nadu Open University, No.577, Anna Salai, Saidapet, Chennai - 600 015.**
4. **Eligibility Criteria and Selection Procedure for Ph.D.**
  - 4.1. **Eligibility to apply for Ph.D.:**
    - a) Those who have studied under 10+2+3 pattern of education and qualified for the Master's Degree or candidate with Master's Degree under 10+2+5 pattern of education of any recognized University in India or abroad, or any other

qualification recognized as equivalent thereto in such fields of study as notified for the purpose from time to time by the University, with at least 55% marks (50% in the case of SC/ST candidates)

- b) Those who possess a Master's degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

**(Note:** 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 norms in existence 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 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.)

- (c) Those who have cleared the M.Phil. Course work with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and have successfully completed the M.Phil. Degree shall be eligible to proceed to do research work leading to the Ph. D. Degree in the same Institution in an integrated programme. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed to those belonging to SC/ST/OBC non-creamy layer)/differently - abled and other categories of candidates as the norms in existence.
- (d) Those persons whose M.Phil. Dissertations have been evaluated and the viva voce is pending may be admitted to the Ph.D. programme of the same Institution.

- (e) Those who have qualified in an entrance examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Open University.
- (f) Those who have been qualified in the UGC/CSIR (JRF)/NET/SET/GATE Examination / Teacher fellowship/M.Phil. shall be exempted from appearing in the entrance test of Tamil Nadu Open University. (Those who have qualified in the above must submit the proof for having completed them.)

#### **4.2. Eligibility to register for Ph.D.:**

Candidates can register for the Ph.D. Programme under either the Full-time [or] Part-time stream.

##### **Full-time:**

Candidates, possessing any one of the qualifications as specified in the eligibility norms and/or falling under any of the following categories is eligible to register for Ph.D. research on a Full-time basis:

- ACA, FCA, AICWAI, ACSI qualifications of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, Institute of Cost and Works Accountants of India and Institute of Company Secretaries of India; provided they have secured:
  - i) One of the above qualifications after the lapse of at least two years after obtaining a University UG degree from any recognized University.
  - ii) 55% of marks in the aggregate in the qualifying degree examination.

##### **Part-time:**

Candidates possessing any one of the qualifications as specified in the eligibility norms and falling under any of the following categories is eligible to register for Ph.D. research on a Part-time basis:

- (a) Teachers working in the University / Recognized Research Institution / Higher Education Institution / College / Higher Secondary School / High School / Polytechnic College within Tamil Nadu and Puduchery.
- (b) Candidates employed in a permanent job in a registered firm / institution / State or Central Government Departments / Public Sector Undertaking within Tamil Nadu and Puduchery with a minimum of TWO YEARS of total working experience, after the qualifying degree.

Candidates have to submit their application forms through proper channel.

### **4.3. Selection procedure for Ph.D:**

For admission into the Ph.D. Programme, an entrance test and interview will be conducted for all the eligible applicants and the performance in the entrance test and interview will be taken into account along with the marks scored in the PG Programme. The entrance test will comprise Objective Type questions for 40% marks and 10 % marks for the interview. The marks secured in written test and interview will be added to the marks obtained in the PG Degree Examinations or qualifying examination by giving 50% weightage and the rank list will be prepared accordingly.

## **5. Eligibility Criteria and Selection Procedure for M.Phil.**

### **5.1. Eligibility to apply for M.Phil.:**

- (a) Candidates who have obtained a PG Degree under the 10+2+3 or 10+2+5 pattern or those who possess a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

**(Note:** 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 norms in existence 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 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).

- (b) Those who have qualified in an entrance examination conducted by the Tamil Nadu Open University.

- (c) Those candidates having qualified in the UGC/CSIR (JRF) examination NET/SET/GATE/Teacher fellowship are exempted from appearing for the entrance test, if they are eligible otherwise.

## **5.2. Eligibility to register for M.Phil.:**

### **Full - Time:**

Scholars within the definition of this category are those who pursue their full - time M.Phil. Degree Programme in Tamil Nadu Open University.

### **Part - Time:**

- (a) A person within Tamil Nadu/Puducherry (as specified in the eligibility norms) irrespective of employment status, who wishes to pursue M.Phil. Degree Programme are eligible to register under the part-time stream.
- (b) A teacher working in the University/Recognised Research Institution/Higher Education Institution / College / Higher Secondary School /High School/ Polytechnic College within Tamil Nadu and Puducherry.
- (c) A candidate employed in a permanent job in a registered Firm/Institution/State or Central Government Department/Public Sector Undertaking within Tamil Nadu and Puduchery with a minimum of TWO YEARS of total working experience, after the qualifying degree.

A candidate wishing to pursue the M.Phil research programme under the part time stream has to submit the application form through proper channel.

## **5.3. Selection procedure for M.Phil:**

For the admission into the M.Phil. Programme, an Entrance test and interview will be administered for all the eligible applicants and the performance in the interview will be taken into account along with the marks scored in the PG Programme. The written test would comprise of objective type of questions for 40% marks and the interview would be conducted for 10% marks. The marks secured in written test and interview will be added to the marks obtained in the PG Degree Examinations by giving 50% weightage and the rank list will be prepared accordingly.

**6. Important Dates (Tentative):**

<b>Sl. No</b>	<b>EVENTS</b>	<b>DATE</b>
1	Last date for Receipt of Application	18.05.2018
2	Conduct of Examination (Entrance)	09.06.2018
3	Conduct of Interview	09.06.2018
4	Uploading of Selection List in the TNOU Website	16.06.2018
5	Admission Intimation to the Selected Candidates	19.06.2018
6	Last date of Admission	29.06.2018
7	Induction Programme	05.07.2018

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