



## Krishna Kanta Handiqui State Open University

### Ph.D. Admission Announcement 2023

**Ph.D. 37 seats in total; (Disciplines:** Economics - 6, Education - 6, Sociology/Social Work -5, Political Science -2, English - 2, Computer Science - 5, Journalism and Mass Communication – 5, Management – 1, Commerce – 3, Assamese -2).

The Number of Seats may vary subject to the approval of the competent authority.

**PhD Programme is in Regular Mode.**

#### The schedule for Ph.D. admission 2023

- a. Date of Advertisement: 5<sup>th</sup> July, 2023.
- b. **Online Application: 6<sup>th</sup> July 2023 ( From 1 pm )**
- c. Last Date of submission of application forms for Ph.D. entrance test: 14<sup>th</sup> August,2023.
- d. Date of Entrance Test for Ph.D.: 20<sup>th</sup> August, 2023 (Sunday).
- e. Date of Declaration of Results: 30<sup>th</sup> August, 2023.
- f. Date of Interview cum viva voce for Ph.D. candidates: 11<sup>th</sup> September to 16<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- g. Date of Admissions for Ph.D. Programme: 20<sup>th</sup> September to 27<sup>th</sup> September, 2023.
- h. Beginning of Course Work: 3<sup>rd</sup> October 2023

The application for entrance test will be through online mode only. The applicants are requested to visit the University website [www.kkhsou.in](http://www.kkhsou.in) for online application and detailed advertisement. The Application fee for Ph.D. Programme will be Rs.1000/- only.

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**Ph.D. Detailed Advertisement**

The Ph.D programmes will be conducted as per the following clauses:

**1. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme:**

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme.

(A) Candidates who have completed:

i. 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

or

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.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme 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 SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(B) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or 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 educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

## **2. Duration of the Ph.D. Programme:**

Minimum duration of Ph.D. programme including course work shall be for a period of three years and maximum duration will be six years. A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution concerned; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

## **3. Procedure for Ph.D. Admission:**

Admission to the Ph.D. programme is based on the performance in the entrance test and interview. Each of the shortlisted candidates of the written test will have to give a presentation of the research proposal (format to be notified later) before a panel of experts based on where the final selection will be done. The schedule of the Ph.D. Admission will be notified in the Ph.D. Advertisement.

## **4. Entrance Test:**

The entrance test will comprise of two parts

**Part A:** 50 marks for MCQ based on research methodology;

**Part B:** 50 marks for descriptive type questions in the subject specific.

A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

**Please Note: Those Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (JRF) or CSIR NET (JRF) may be exempted from entrance Examination subject to submission of necessary qualifying Certificate.**

## 5. Application Form for Ph.D. Programme:

For admission to the Ph.D. programme, candidates shall apply online in prescribed form of KKHSOU as available in the website.

## 6. Venue for Entrance Examination:

• Guwahati • Jorhat • Silchar .

The specific test centre for the entrance examination will be notified by Controller of Examinations.

## 7. Course Work:

There is a 6 month regular course-work for the selected Ph.D. candidate which is mandatory. They have to complete the course-work within 24 months of the provisional registration. At the end of the course work the candidates will have to appear for a course-work examination. There will be 4 papers in the examination carrying 4 credits in each a total of 16 credits. A Ph.D. Scholar has to obtain a minimum of 55% of marks or its equivalent grade in the course-work examination in order to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit the thesis/dissertation. The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. course work is a minimum of 12 credits, including a "Research and Publication Ethics" course as notified by UGC vide D.O.No.F.1- 1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 has been included in the course work syllabus.

All the Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.

**APJ Abdul Kalam Research Fellowship:** The University is planning to introduce a Research Fellowship for economically deserving candidates to pursue their Ph.D. The fellowship will be awarded to limited number of candidates **after successful completion of their Course Work @ Rs. 6000 per month for a period of 24 months.**

## 8. Fee Structure of the Ph.D. Programme:

Admission Fee	:	20,000
Course Work Fee	:	5,000
Monthly Fee	:	1,000
Thesis Submission Fee	:	5,000
Examination Fee	:	5,000 (Viva-voce)

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