



केरल केन्द्रीय विश्वविद्यालय
CENTRAL UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
Tejaswini Hills, Periyar PO, Kasaragod – 671 316

No. CUK/ACA/Ph.D/ Notification/1836/2025

Dated: 25 September, 2025

NOTIFICATION

For the admission to Ph. D. Programme – 2025-26

1. Applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission to the Ph.D. Programme of Central University of Kerala for the academic year 2025-26.

2. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme:-

(A) Candidates who have completed:

Two year/four semester Masters Degree after a three year Bachelor Programme, with a minimum of 55% marks aggregate or equivalent grade.

OR

One year/two semester Masters Degree after a four year Bachelor Programme, with a minimum of 55% marks aggregate or equivalent grade.

OR

Four year Bachelor Degree with a minimum of 75 % marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.

OR

M.Phil. Degree with 55% of marks or its equivalent grade.

OR

Candidates holding an equivalent qualification from an accredited/recognized foreign educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade is allowed for candidates who belong 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.

AND

(B) Candidates who are offered/qualified :

Junior Research Fellowship of UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview.

OR

25/09/2025

NET Score in the following categories as per the UGC Public Notice No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee) 2024(NET)/140648 dated 27.03.2024.

- (i) Admission to Ph.D without JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor
- (ii) Admission to Ph.D programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.

The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in (i) & (ii) will be valid for a period of one year for admission to Ph.D.

3. Submission of application

Candidates seeking admission to the Doctoral Programme in CUK may apply online as per the details available in the University website www.cukerala.ac.in by paying an amount of Rs.1000/- for UR/OBC/EWS and Rs.500/- for SC/ST/PWD candidates on or before 23:59 hrs on 16-10-2025

4. The procedure for the admission is as per the Central University of Kerala Regulations for the Award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.), UGC Public Notice No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee) 2024(NET)/140648 dated 27.03.2024 and UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.

5. Details of Vacancies:

Sl. No	Name of the Department	Vacancies						Contact details
		UR	OBC (NCL)	SC	ST	EWS	Total	
1	English	2	6	1	0	2	11	9995542584 hod_decl@cukerala.ac.in
2	Economics	1	3	0	0	2	6	0467 2309439 hod.economics@cukerala.ac.in
3	Biochemistry and Molecular Biology	5	4	4	3	2	18	04672309349 hod.bcmb@cukerala.ac.in
4	Zoology	0	4	1	0	0	5	04672309245 hod_zoology@cukerala.ac.in
5	Genomic Science	4	4	2	2	4	16	94467697893 hod.genomic@cukerala.ac.in
6	Physics	2	5	5	2	3	17	7306420802 cukphyhod@cukerala.ac.in
7	Computer Science	3	3	3	2	2	13	04672309408 6235922662 hod.cs@cukerala.ac.in
8	Hindi	6	1	2	0	0	9	8848952575 hodhcl@cukerala.ac.in
9	Mathematics	2	4	2	0	1	9	hod.maths@cukerala.ac.in
10	Plant Science	3	3	3	0	1	10	9865051016 hod.plantscience@cukerala.ac.in

Sl. No	Name of the Department	Vacancies						Contact details
		UR	OBC (NCL)	S C	ST	EWS	Total	
11	Chemistry	3	4	3	2	2	14	hod.chemistry@cukerala.ac.in
12	Environmental Science	2	5	3	2	2	14	04672309201 hod.evs@cukerala.ac.in
13	International Relations	1	1	0	1	1	4	0467 239457 hod.ir@cukerala.ac.in
14	Linguistics	4	3	3	1	1	12	0467 2309262 hod.linguistics@cukerala.ac.in
15	Social Work	0	1	2	1	1	5	04672309372 hod.socialwork@cukerala.ac.in
16	Education	1	0	2	1	0	4	9447689272 head.edu@cukerala.ac.in
17	Law	0	2	0	0	0	2	9497195387 0469 2638130 hod.law@cukerala.ac.in
18	Malayalam	1	1	0	1	0	3	9446487452 hod_dom@cukerala.ac.in
19	Public Health and Community Medicine	7	3	2	1	2	15	04672309195 hod.publichealth@cukerala.ac.in
20	Public Administration and Policy Studies	3	4	2	0	1	10	9797331233 hod.publicadmin@cukerala.ac.in
21	Geology	1	2	0	0	3	6	0467 2309161 hodgeology@cukerala.ac.in
22	Yoga Studies	1	1	1	0	1	4	9889462201 hodyoga@cukerala.ac.in
23	Management Studies	1	3	2	1	0	7	0467 2309350 hod.management@cukerala.ac.in
24	Commerce & International Business	1	2	1	1	0	5	9846329021 hod.commerce@cukerala.ac.in
25	Tourism Studies	4	1	1	0	1	7	9480012022 hod.tourism@cukerala.ac.in
26	Kannada	2	0	2	0	0	4	9964022580 hod.kannada@cukerala.ac.in
	Total	60	70	47	21	32	230	

6. The vacancies shown are tentative only which may increase or decrease at the time of admission. The University reserves the right to fill or not to fill up the vacancies for any reasons whatsoever.

7. In pursuance of Provisions of Right of Persons with Disability Act 2016, 5% of seats for Differently Abled persons as per the reservation policy of the Government of India (with minimum disability to the extent of 40%) will be given.

8. Admission to the Ph.D. programme at the Central University of Kerala shall be based on the criteria notified by the University, in accordance with the guidelines of the University Grants Commission (UGC), other regulatory bodies, and the reservation policies of the Government of India from time to time.

9. Incomplete applications and applications received after the prescribed date will summarily be rejected and no further correspondence in this regard will be entertained. All concerned are advised to regularly visit the University website for any changes in notification.

Notes:

1. Candidates are free to contact prospective supervisors in the Department concerned.
2. The DRC shall decide the number of eligible candidates to be called for interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.
3. All eligible candidates shall be required to undergo the interview/ viva-voce for assessing the candidate about domain knowledge, subject knowledge, communication skills, and motivation for research.
4. The DRC shall have the power to allot candidates among the eligible supervisors having regard to the number of vacancies, area of research suggested by the candidates, specializations of the supervisors and also based on the reservation rules prescribed by the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Rules Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degrees) Regulations, 2022 and also following reservation policy of the Government of India.
5. The decision of concerned Departmental Research Committee (DRC) on admission to the Ph.D programme shall be final.

Important dates

1	Date of Notification	25-09-2025
2	Last date for applying online	16-10-2025

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