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Panbazar, Guwahati, Assam-781001

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NOTIFICATION

(Admission into Ph.D Program-2026)

Online applications are invited from eligible candidates for admission into Ph.D. Program-2026 of Cotton University in the following departments within the respective faculties.

Sl. No.	Departments	No. of Seats	Faculty
1	Anthropology	2	Human and Social Sciences
2	Arabic & Persian	Arabic:4 Persian:3	Languages, Literature and Linguistics
3	Archaeology	2	Human and Social Sciences
4	Assamese	5	Languages, Literature and Linguistics
5	Botany	5	Life Sciences
6	Chemistry	9	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
7	CSIT	4	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
8	Economics	1	Human and Social Sciences
9	English	6	Languages, Literature and Linguistics
10	Environmental Biology and Wildlife Sciences	3	Life Sciences
11	Geography	2	Earth Sciences
12	Geology	1	Earth Sciences
13	Hindi	3	Languages, Literature and Linguistics
14	History	2	Human and Social Sciences
15	Library and Information Science	1	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
16	Mass Communication, Journalism and Media Studies	1	Human and Social Sciences
17	Mathematics	4	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
18	Molecular Biology and Biotechnology	5	Life Sciences
19	Physics	12	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
20	Political Science	1	Human and Social Sciences
21	Psychology	2	Human and Social Sciences
22	Sociology	2	Human and Social Sciences
23	Statistics	3	Physical, Chemical and Mathematical Sciences
24	Zoology	9	Life Sciences



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The rules governing the admission shall be as per Cotton University Ph.D Regulation and the UGC Regulation (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) 2022, No. F. No. 1-3/2021(QIP) issued through Gazette Notification dated 7th November, 2022, together with the UGC Public Notice No.F.4-1 (UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET) / 140648, dated 27th March, 2024.

Eligibility Criteria and Selection Procedures:

- i. A Master's Degree or equivalent from a recognized University/Institute with a minimum of 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade, or an equivalent degree from a recognized foreign educational institute in a subject related to Ph.D discipline to which applied. Those otherwise eligible vide section 3 of the UGC Notification notified vide F. No. 1-3/2021 (QIP), dated 7th November, 2022 shall also be eligible to apply.
- ii. A relaxation of 5% in marks will be applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PWD (having more than 40% disability), EWS and other such categories as specified in case of admission in an institution under Government of Assam.
- iii. PG 4th Semester students are also permitted to apply for admission into the Ph.D program. However, their candidature will be considered subject to fulfilment of minimum eligibility criteria.
- iv. While determining the eligibility of a candidate subject to conditions i, ii and iii listed above, grace marks or points awarded in the qualifying examination, if any, will not be counted.
- v. An Entrance Test of 70 marks will be conducted for admission into the Ph.D program. Candidates securing 50% marks or above in the Entrance Test will qualify to appear for personal interview/viva voce of 30 marks to be conducted separately for each department/centre.
- vi. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the Entrance Examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Differently-abled Category (having more than 40% disability) and Economically Weaker Section (EWS).
- vii. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% Research Methodology and 50% subject-specific content.
- viii. Candidates qualified for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE, ICMR, DBT examinations and similar national-level examinations, shall be allowed to appear directly in Personal Interview/Viva-voce.



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ix. Candidates who qualify in Category 2 in the NET Examination since June, 2024 need not appear for the Entrance Test.

Candidates with valid Category 3 NET Certificate also need not appear for the Entrance Test.

x. The Cotton University Entrance Test/NET score shall carry 70% weightage while the Personal Interview shall carry 30% weightage in final selection of the candidates. In case of candidates under point no. viii and ix, the selection shall be on the basis of their performance in the Interview only.

xi. Candidates, who have cleared NET (before June 2024) or SLET in related disciplines, may be eligible for a 5% relaxation in qualifying marks of the entrance test.

xii. All candidates, including the candidates exempted from Entrance Test subject to points viii and ix, must apply for admission into the selection process within the stipulated time.

xiii. Candidates will be shortlisted for admission into the Ph.D program considering the number of declared vacancies by the departments, research interest of the candidates and performance in the interview. **The University reserves the right to Not fill up the Vacant Seat (s)** if suitable candidates are not found or if any operational constraints emerge in between. Further, the University reserves the right to increase the number of seats if vacancy arises during the course of the process.

xiv. All selected research scholars must comply with conditions of the Ph.D program. Non-adherence to this results in forfeiture of the seats. Attendance in Ph.D Coursework classes is compulsory for all research scholars. Scholars with less than 75% attendance shall be debarred from appearing in Ph.D Course-work examination.

xv. Reservation of seats for different categories will be followed as per prescribed norms (*wherever applies*).

Mode of Application:

Applications may be registered ONLINE through the University Admission Portal <https://admissions.cottonuniversity.ac.in/> from **Last week of February, 2026 onwards.** (Tentative, Exact date to be notified)

Application Fee: INR 1,200.00 (Rupees One Thousand Two Hundred Only)

Payment of application fee is to be made online through UPI/Debit Card/Credit Card/Net Banking only at the time of filling up the online application form.



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Last Date of Final Submission of Application: By 1st week of March, 2026. (Tentative,
Exact date to be notified)

Date of Entrance Test: 22nd March, 2026 (Tentative)

Venue: Cotton University

Due to huge volume of e-mail traffic, office does not handle individual e-queries. All interested candidates are advised to visit University website at regular intervals and carefully read the eligibility criteria and details of the admission process before applying. No ex-post facto ratification/request will be entertained. The University reserves the right to modify the admission process as and when deemed necessary.

This Notification has been issued with approval of the Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor, Cotton University, dated.. 19-02-2026.



Academic Registrar

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10. Convener- Ph.D Admission Committee-2026.
11. Joint Convener- Ph.D Admission Committee-2026.
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