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No. R.P.(D.2) Ph.D. Admission / General Circular / July Session / 2026/ R-112

Date:

30 MAY 2026

From
THE REGISTRAR
University of Madras.

To

- [1] All the HoD's, University of Madras (all Campuses).
- [2] All the Principals of Affiliated Colleges, (including Autonomous Colleges)
- [3] All the Directors of Institutions (Conducting /Research Activities).

Sir / Madam,

Sub: Admission to Ph.D. Programme - July 2026 Session - Opening of Online Portal on the University Website and Submission of Applications - Reg

I am, by direction, to inform you that the online portal for admission to Ph.D. Programme for the **July 2026 session** will be open from **1st June 2026 to 30th June 2026**.

Candidates seeking admission are directed to apply through University website. They must also submit a hard copy of the duly filled-in application, along with relevant enclosures, to the concerned University Departments / Affiliated Colleges / Research Institutions where they intend to pursue their research work. The application cost is **Rs. 1,770/-** (i.e. Rs. 1500 + 18% GST), to be paid online. However, candidates belonging to Scheduled Caste / Scheduled Tribe of Tamilnadu are exempted from payment of the application fee. Such candidates must submit valid proof of exemption along with their application.

A separate online portal for Supervisors will be open from **1st July 2026 to 31st July 2026**. Supervisors are required to submit the necessary information online using the candidate's application number as the user ID and the candidate's date of birth as the password.

Further, I am to inform you that the **Departmental / Selection Committee** shall be convened only after the last date for receipt of applications, i.e., **30-06-2026**. The Supervisors must complete the entire admission process, including the conduct of the Entrance Examination and the selection process, on or before **31-07-2026**. The minutes of the selection process, along with the list of selected candidates duly signed by the Departmental Selection Committee, the candidates' applications with enclosures, and the Supervisor's online portal entries, shall be forwarded by the Heads of the University Departments / Institutions to the University on or before **14-08-2026** for Provisional Registration, subject to verification of records. Applications received after the stipulated date will not be considered for admission.

The Departmental Selection Committee shall conduct the entire admission process, which includes:

- Conduct of Entrance Examination (**Written: 35 marks; Oral: 15 marks; Total: 50 marks**)
- Preparation of the merit list of candidates, Verification of certificates
- For Part-Time admission: verification of employment details as per **Research Regulations 2021, Chapter I, Para 2.3.2**

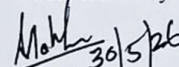
Detailed guidelines and the **Research Regulations 2021** are available on the University website. A checklist will also be provided by the University for reference. You are requested to track the candidate's application status through the University website.

The ultimate responsibility for admissions rests with the Heads of the University Departments / Principals of the Affiliated Colleges / Directors of the Research Institutions concerned. If, at any stage, it is found that an admission has been granted incorrectly, the University reserves the right to cancel the admission at any point during the Ph.D. programme. The Heads / Principals / Directors must certify that all selections are made strictly in accordance with the **Research Regulations 2021** prescribed by the University.

Approved communications regarding Admission / Registration and RAC may be downloaded through the tracking system to ensure easy and permanent access throughout the Ph.D. programme. You are requested to provide your email ID in all communications for further correspondence.

Your cooperation in this matter is highly appreciated. You are also requested to display this notification on the notice board for the benefit of students and faculty members

Yours faithfully


30/5/26
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Copy to:

1. The Director, Network Centre / System Analyst, E-Governance – requested to upload the circular on the University website.
2. The Section Officer, F9 – Budget Section – requested to enable the online payment facility for the same.
3. The Section Officer, Registrar Tappal Section / F-3 DD Section – for information.

General Instructions – Ph.D. Admission (July 2026 Session)

1. The hard copy of the online application must be submitted to the respective University Departments / Affiliated Colleges (Autonomous and Non-Autonomous) / Research Institutions on or before **30-06-2026**.
2. Supervisor details must be submitted online from **01-07-2026 to 31-07-2026** using the candidate's application number as the User ID and the candidate's Date of Birth (DD/MM/YYYY) as the password.
3. The University Departments / Affiliated Colleges (Autonomous and Non-Autonomous) / Research Institutions shall forward the following to the University on or before **14-08-2026**:
 - o Hard copies of applications along with supporting documents
 - o Supervisor's online portal entry; Self-declaration indicating the number of candidates registered under the Supervisor, and Minutes of the Selection Committee
4. Only applications submitted through the online portal designed for the **July 2026 session** will be accepted. Applications submitted through any other mode will not be considered under any circumstances.
5. A Supervisor shall not be permitted to register Ph.D. candidates during the last two years of his/her service. It is the responsibility of the Supervisor to recommend admission of research scholars at least two years prior to retirement. The Head of the Institution must verify and certify that the Supervisor has a minimum of two years of service remaining before retirement while recommending the admission for ratification.
6. Supervisors must strictly adhere to the Research Regulations prescribed by the University from time to time and certify that all documents have been verified as per the prescribed checklist and found to be correct.