ARYABHATTA KNOWLEDGE UNIVERSITY, PATNA

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NOTIFICATION

Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT - 2026)

in

Social Science, Management & Education

Online Applications are invited for Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT -2026) for admission to the Ph.D. Course. Interested and eligible applicants can fill up the online application form through the University Website: www.akubihar.ac.in & www.adms.akubihar.ac.in from 06.01.2026 to 27.01.2026.

Date of Entrance Test- 05-02-2026 (Thursday)

1. Criterion for appearing in the Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT -2026) are as follows

D.   A. Candidate seeking admission to the Ph.D. Programme should have a Master degree with at least 55% Marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' on the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in point scale wherever the grading system is followed) in the subject in allied subject from recognized university.

E.   B. A relaxation of 5% of marks i.e. from 55% to 50% or an equivalent relaxation of grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/EBC/BC/Differently abled categories of candidates.

F.   C. A candidate shall be permitted to pursue research for the Ph.D. degree in the subject in which he/she holds master degree/in an allied subject from a recognized University. (Applicants from the allied subject will be awarded Ph.D. Degree in the main subject only)

Note: -Appearing candidates are not eligible for Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT -2026)

2. Exemptions from the written test of Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT -2026)

A.   Candidates who have passed NET/JRF or have secured grants for research such as fellowship/scholarships offered by DBT/ICMR/ICAR/DST/CSSIR/ICHR/ICPR etc. will be exempted from Ph.D. Admission Test.

B.   Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor who have been appointed on substantive posts in the UGC Pay scale in the teaching Department of the University or Constituent Colleges of this University, who have completed their probation successfully, with an experience of at least two years of uninterrupted service would be exempted from the test. Teachers appointed on Self-Finance Courses and teachers belonging to those colleges running on self-finance basis will not be exempted from the test.

C.   Non-teaching employees of his university, who have been holding substantive appointments for more than five years and have secured at least 55% marks in Master's Degree in the subject concerned and have published at least two research papers in any reputed referred journals or journals identified by the UGC would also be exempted from the test.

Note :- 1. Candidates exempted from PAT -2026 are also required to apply online with requisite fee.

2. Candidates of exempted categories will have to appear directly before the interview board as per schedule, along with the PAT -2026 qualified candidates.

3. How to Apply

Candidates are required to visit University Website www.akubihar.ac.in and follow the PAT-2026 admission test link available on the main page of the website to fill out the admission application form. The dully filled up and completed forms can be submitted online along with supporting documents and requisite Test Fee. After filling the form online, candidates must also send the supporting documents to the University.

Applicants are required to visit the University Admission Portal and carefully read the Admission Notice and Eligibility Criteria before filling out the online application form. The application form must be fully completed and submitted online along with the required supporting documents. After successful online submission, applicants must send a printed copy of the completed application form to the University, along with self-attested copies of all required documents, as listed below.

List of Required Documents

- Duly filled and signed application form
- Proof of Date of Birth (Class 10 certificate or equivalent)
- Educational Qualification Certificates and Mark Sheets
  - Bachelor's degree certificate and mark sheets
  - Master's degree certificate and mark sheets
- Category Certificate (SC/ST/OBC/EWS), if applicable, issued by a competent authority
- Domicile / Residence Certificate, if applicable
- Experience Certificate, if applicable
- Research Proposal / Statement of Purpose (if required by the department)
- NET / JRF / GATE / SET Certificate, if applicable
- Recent passport-size photographs
- Any other document as required under the Admission Notice or Eligibility Criteria

Note:- Application Form incomplete in any respect or applications submitted without the required documents will not be considered.

4. Entrance Test Fee

  C. General Category   : - Rs.- 1500

  D. Reserve Categories (SC/ST/EBC/Divayang/Women)   : - Rs.- 1000

5. Mode of Payment of Test Fee

Candidates are required to make Online Payment through UPI (Non-refundable) through the payment Gateway displayed while filling in the online application form.

Scan & Pay with Cards & UPI

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6. Eligibility Criteria

6.1. Ph.D. in Computer Applications

Master Degree in Computer Science or Mathematics or Statistics or Operational Research or in any branch of Science or Master of Computer Applications (MCA) with at least 55% marks its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

OR

Master Degree in Electrical Engineering or Electrical & Electronics Engineering or Electronics & Communication Engineering or related areas with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

OR

Two-year M.Phil. degree with at least 55% marks from a recognized University/Institution (with Dissertation/Seminar/Viva), and with at least 55% marks or its equivalent in Master's degree.

OR

One year M.Phil. with at least 55% marks with additional one year research experience from a recognized University/ Institute, and one publication with at least 55% marks or equivalent in Master's degree.

OR

A candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme in Computer Scienence or Mathematics or Statistics or Operational Research or in any branch of Science or Electrical Engineering or Electrical & Electronics Engineering or Electronics & Communication Engineering should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

6.2. Ph. D. in Business Management

Master's Degree in Management or in a relevant discipline (such as Economics, Commerce, Statistics, Psychology, Operations Research and related areas) with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

OR

A candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme in Management or in a relevant discipline (such as Economics, Commerce, Statistics, Psychology, Operations Research and related areas) should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

6.3. Ph.D. in Social Sciences

As per the regulation issued by Hon'ble Chancellor's Office vide memo no. 2684 dated 21.09.2017 and adopted by the University vide notification no. 1353, dated 04.04.2018.

6.4. Ph.D. in Education

As per the regulation issued by Hon'ble Chancellor's Office vide memo no. 2684 dated 21.09.2017 and adopted by the University vide notification no. 1353, dated 04.04.2018.

07. Syllabus / Pattern for Exam

Paper-I: *General paper on Teaching and Research (As per UGC/NET Bureau guidelines.)*

Total marks-100. No. of Questions-50 (MCQs).

Paper-II: *Subject specific questions as per UGC/NET Bureau guidelines*

Type of questions- Short answer type- 5 questions (6 marks each), Medium answer type -4 questions (10 marks each), Long answer type questions- 2 questions (15 marks each). Shall be subjective type in the subject concerned based on syllabus of the post graduate course of the university.

Note:- *There shall be no negative marking on any of the paper.*

08. Subjects: -The PAT-2026 will be conducted in the following subjects.

Sl. No.	Subject	Vacancy
1.	Economics	05
2.	Sociology	02
3.	Psychology	02
4.	Management	60
5.	Computer	16
6.	Education	20
	TOTAL	**105**

Note: *The list of allied subjects is annexed at Annexure–I.*

09. Entrance Test-Schedule: -

The test will be held in single sitting as follows: -

Date: - 05-02-2026 (Thursday)

Paper	Duration
Paper-I	02 Hours
Paper-II	03 Hours

10. Entrance Test Centre

Test will be held in Patna at different centers which will be communicated through the website later on.

11. Reservation

The Reservation policy of the State Government will be strictly followed for taking admission against vacancy.

Note: -

1. *Aryabhatta Knowledge University, Patna reserves the right to increase/decrease vacancies or add/ annul subject from the above table.*

2. *50% of the seat subject shall be reserved for NET/JRF/DBT/ICMR/ICAR/DST/CSIR/ICHR /ICPR candidates.*

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Important Note

1. Ph.D. Admission Test (PAT -2026) shall be organized as per provisions contained in the Uniform Ordinance and Regulations issued by the Chancellor's Secretariat vide memo no. BSU-05/2010-2684/GS-(I) dated 21.09.2017, Transitory Regulation vide memo no. BSU(UGC)-14/2020-1574/GS-(I) dated 20.08.2020, vide letter No. BSU(Regulation)- OS/2010-1141/GS(I) dated 12/07/2024 and vide letter No. BSU (Regulation)-05/2010-1166/GS(I) dated 16/07/2024.

2. The University reserves the right to revise, amend, update, or delete any part of this Notice without giving any prior information/notice. Any change, so made, shall be updated on the University Website.

3. The process of filling in online application form is available on the university website: www.akubihar.ac.in.

4. Applicants are advised to check the portal regularly for any update. They are advised to keep them in regular contact of the website. No personal intimation will be given to them or any grievances relating to it will not be entertained.

5. In case of non-compliance with any of the requirements for admission, including non- submission of relevant documents and/or non-payment of Fee within the prescribed date and time, the applicant will lose his/her right to admission.

6. After filling the form online, candidates must also send the relevant documents to the University in Hard copy.

To,

The Controller of Examinations

Aryabhatta Knowledge University

Mithapur, Patna - 800 001

Tentative Schedule for PAT-2026: -

vi. Last date for submission of Online Application	: -	27.01.2026
vii. Last date for submission of hard copy of Application	: -	31.01.2026
viii. Tentative date of Examination	:-	05.02.2026
ix. Tentative dates for Interview	:-	10.02.2026 to 13.02.2026
x. Tentative date for declaration of Final Result	:-	16.02.2026

By order of the Vice-Chancellor

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