



VINAYAKA MISSION'S RESEARCH FOUNDATION, SALEM

(Deemed to be University Declared Under Section 3 of the UGC Act, 1956)

Ph.D ADMISSIONS BROCHURE –APRIL- 2024

Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (DU) invites applications for admission in the Ph.D. programme for the session April -2024.

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

Please read the following carefully before filling the Application

I. GENERAL

- 1.1. Applications are invited for admission to Ph.D. programme offered by Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (DU) in the subject areas as indicated in Annexure 1.1
- 1.2. Candidates admitted to Full-time Ph.D programme should not undertake any assignment/ employment or shall not pursue any other programme of study simultaneously.
- 1.3 For Ph.D (part time), a minimum compulsory period of 45 days per year **of residential attendance** has to be put in by the candidate in the respective constituent college of the University
- 1.4 The last date for submission of filled in applications is **11.03.2024, by 5.30.P.M.**
- 1.5 The University reserves the right to admit or not to admit the candidate into any Research programme.
- 1.6 The Selection of the candidate is **subject to the available vacancies** and the decision of the University.

1.7. FINANCIAL SUPPORT

To encourage Full Time Research, VMRF (DU) is offering Research Fellowships for eligible scholars registered in Full time Ph.D programme.



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FELLOWSHIP DETAILS:Rs. 25, 000 to 30, 000/ month – only for Full time Research Scholars.

- Rs. 30, 000/ month - Candidates who have qualified in GATE/NET (Ayush)/UGC - NET (including JRF)/ UGC– CSIR NET(including JRF) SLET//GRE/ CAT/ICMR and any other National Eligibility test based on the merit vacancies.
- For others up to Rs. 25, 000/ month based on the merit.
- The other eligibility criteria like academic, entrance examination, etc will be followed as per the UGC/ University regulations.

II. HOW TO APPLY

- 2.1. Application can be downloaded from the website www.vmrfd.edu.in. Duly filled in application has to be forwarded by the Head of the Department and the Head of the Institution, where the candidate intends to do research.
- 2.2. Candidates are requested to go through the list of vacancies available and approach the Institution and the Department as per their choice. The candidate discuss with the available Supervisors about doing the Ph.D Programme in the area of interest and the resources available
- 2.3. In addition to the above, the application is to be signed by the employer of the candidate, for applying to part time Ph.D programme.
- 2.4. The completely filled in application along with a DD of Rs.1,000/- (One thousand only) as application fee (DD drawn in favour of “**VMRF(DU) PHD**” payable at Salem) by superscribing on the envelope “Application for admission into Ph.D. programme in _____” must be sent on or before **11.03.2024** to

The Registrar
Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (DU)
Sankari Main Road (NH-47)
Ariyanoor, Salem - 636 308, Tamilnadu.
Phone: 0427 – 2529700

- 2.5. On the backside of the Demand Draft the candidate should write his/her Name, Application fee. The fees once remitted by the candidates will not be refunded.
- 2.6 The University will not take any responsibility for the non-receipt of applications in time.



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III. PROGRAMME CATEGORIES

There shall be 3 categories of Ph.D :

3.1. Full-Time Ph.D. Programme

- 3.1.1 All candidates who pursue fulltime research in this University shall belong to this category. Candidates under Full-Time shall do research work in this University and shall be available at the assigned department of the University/Institution during the working hours for curricular, co-curricular and related activities and shall sign in an attendance register on all working days of the Institution, subject to availing leave as per the leave provisions that remain in currently for teaching staff of the Institution.
- 3.1.2 Candidates in employment, who want to pursue Full-Time studies may be sponsored by their employer with leave for the research/Programme period and should get formally relieved from their duty to join the research programme.
- 3.1.3. Candidates who are sponsored by the AICTE (under Quality Improvement Programme (QIP) for Teachers of Engineering Colleges, Pharmacy) or by any other Government Agency and who satisfy the eligibility conditions shall be eligible for Full-Time only, in the disciplines as notified in AICTE Supervisor lines.

3.2 Part-Time (Internal) Ph.D. Programme

All candidates employed as a Full-Time faculty member in VMRF (DU) who pursue Part-Time research in this University shall belong to this category. Provision to pursue Part-Time Ph.D. programme is available only to the Regular Full-Time faculty members of the institutions under the ambit of Vinayaka Mission's Research Foundation (Deemed to be University) VMRF(DU). The non-Teaching staff are not permitted to pursue in part time mode except who possess the academic position.

3.3 Part-Time (External) Ph.D. Programme

The Candidates working outside VMRF (DU), in Industrial units, Government departments, Research organizations or other PG Institutions shall belong to this category. The candidate shall obtain a "No Objection Certificate" in letter head from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed for pursuing a Part-Time Ph.D. programme, clearly stating that:



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- i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a Part-Time basis.
- ii. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
- iii. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.
- iv. Availability of sufficient learning resources
- v. Availability of sufficient laboratory facilities

3.3.1. The Admission in Part-Time Ph.D. Programme from the industry / R&D organizations candidates shall be admitted subject to the following conditions.

- i. The candidates from Renowned R&D organizations (like Philips, Himalaya, Wipro, Colgate etc.,) with sophisticated research facilities can be allowed to apply the programme.
- ii. The qualified candidates shall be verified based on the approval of subcommittee nominated by the VC.
- iii. The committee shall visit the R&D organization to verify the availability of adequate facilities and effective monitoring system in place.

During the period of the part time research programme, a minimum period of 180 days of residential attendance as a research scholar will have to be put in by the candidate in respective constituent college of the University where the respective supervisor is employed. This period of attendance may be at a stretch or on several occasions including weekends except holidays. However, they should put in a period of at least 45 days in a year.

IV. ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility criteria for admission to Ph.D. Programme

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

4.1.Candidates who have completed: A 1-year/2-semester master's degree program after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree program or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree program after a 3-year bachelor's degree program 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



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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 program 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.

4.2. Guidelines for Interdisciplinary Research

- i. Interdisciplinary Research shall be allowed and encouraged.
- ii. Eligibility for admission remains the same.
- iii. Registration for Ph.D. cannot be done in another subject.
- iv. For registration the candidate must get consent letters from two supervising teachers, one in his/her core subject and the other in the area of the subject in which he/she prefer the choice of subject.
- v. In case of topics which are of inter/multi-disciplinary nature where the Department concerned feels that the expertise in the Department has to be supplemented from outside, the Department may appoint a Research Supervisor from the Department itself, who shall be known as the Research Supervisor, and a Co-Supervisor from outside the Department/Faculty/College/Institution on such terms and conditions as may be specified and agreed upon by the consenting Institutions/Colleges.
- vi. Ph.D. Registration in such cases can be given on the recommendation of a Committee consisting of,
 - a. Two supervising teachers
 - b. Deans of both Faculties
 - c. Head of the Department and the head of the proposed Centre of Research if any and
- vii. The recommendation may be approved by the Vice Chancellor for Registration and further action.



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- viii. The entrance test for admission can be written in the core subject (PG qualification among the two subjects concerned) of the candidate.
- ix. The Parent department discipline shall be considered from where students admitted for award of degree.
- x. Part Time mode Ph.D. is not allowed for those who have completed both UG and PG in Open University/ correspondence mode. However, they are allowed to pursue in full time mode.

V. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMMES

The duration of the programme and the time for submission of the thesis are counted from the date of provisional registration. The minimum and the maximum duration of the programme are given below:

5.1. Full-Time

i. For all Faculties except Medicine

The PhD programme shall be a Minimum period of 3 years including course work and maximum of 6 Years.

ii. For Faculty of Medicine

Minimum of 2 years for M. D / M.S and P G Diploma (2 to 3 years as prescribed by NMC) and 3 Years for candidates with M.Sc.(Medical Subjects) and maximum of 4 and 6 years respectively.

5.2. Part – Time

i. For all Faculties except Medicine

Minimum period of 4 years and maximum of 8 years.

ii. For Faculty of Medicine

Minimum of 3 years for M. D/ M.S. / P. G. Diploma (2 to 3 years as prescribed by NMC) and 4 years for candidates with M. Sc. (Medical Subjects) and maximum of 6 and 8 years, respectively.



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VI. Procedure for Admission

- 6.1. Admission shall be made through an Entrance Test / Interview conducted at National Level by the university. Those who qualified for fellowship/ Scholarship in UGC – NET / UGC – CSIR NET /GATE/ CEED and similar level national test are exempted from the entrance test, but have to appear for the interview. However M.Phil. Full-Time / Part-Time candidates are not exempted from the entrance Examinations.
- 6.2.2. Date & mode of Entrance Examination & venue will be intimated after scrutinizing the applications.
- 6.2.3. The candidates desirous of pursuing Ph.D. degree shall submit the application in the prescribed form through proper channel wherever applicable, on or before the deadline mentioned in each session/quarter of the year to the University. The application form (Annexure I) can be downloaded from university website www.vinayakamission.com.

- i. An Entrance Examination shall be with qualifying marks as 50% & a relaxation of 5% of marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non- Creamy layers)/ EWS (Economically Weaker Section) differently-abled category and other categories candidates as per the notification of UGC from time to time

Entrance Examination will of two parts

- a. Written Examination
 - b. Interview
- ii. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% of subject specific.
 - 10.00 am – 11.30 AM : Written Examination for a maximum of 70 marks.(Time duration subject to change on the basis of mode of Examination)
 - ❖ MCQ of 70 questions of 1 mark each.
 - ❖ Questions from the concerned subjects of PG Degree level.



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- iii. Candidates who have secured 50 % marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview.
- iv. The university may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.
- v. A Weight age of 70% to the entrance test & 30% to the performance in the interview/Viva Voce shall be given.
- vi. In interview the candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before Research Committee, constituted by the Head of the Institution. The interview shall also consider the following aspects, namely whether:
 - a. The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research.
 - b. The research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution/ College.
 - c. The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

VII: Procedure for admission of International Candidates:

Admission to the Ph.D. program for international students is exclusively available in the Full-Time mode.

Applications for admission into Ph.D programme will be processed throughout the year. Initially students can download the application form from the University website <https://vmrfd.edu.in/> . The duly filled in application form along with the Xerox copies of necessary certificates should be submitted to the Registrar of the University for scrutinizing the eligibility of the applicants into Ph.D programme.

After establishing, the eligibility a 'Provisional Admission Offer Letter' will be issued to the eligible students based on the recommendation of the committee nominated by the Vice Chancellor. The date of reporting mentioned on the 'Provisional Admission Offer Letter' of the applicant is final and the validity of Admission Offer Letter gets automatically cancelled after the stipulated last date.

The students whose 'Masters' degree certificate obtained from their respective country/university or Board of Higher Education recognized as equivalent in India by Association of Indian Universities are only eligible for admission into Ph.D programme. As and when required, a reference will be made to AIU to check the equivalence.

For the students from non-English speaking countries will have to produce a certificate of English language proficiency, equivalent to TOEFL/IELTS. Absence of such certificate will necessitate them to undergo an in-house English proficiency course in line with Cambridge Language Course.



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The applicant has to submit 'Provisional Admission offer Letter' along with other documentary evidence at the respective Embassy / Consulate of India and obtain 'Student Visa' which is mandatory of VMRF(DU) to admit the students into Ph.D programme.

All the Foreign students with a 'Student Visa' endorsed to pursue their Ph,D only at VMRF(DU) will be considered for joining Ph.D programme. No other endorsement is acceptable. The Visa should be valid for the prescribed duration of the course.

When the student reports in the office of Ph.D section with a valid 'Student Visa' along with all the original testimonials of qualification and eligibility, admission process will be initiated and seat allotment order will be issued.

The Ph.D Section with the consent of concerned Dean of faculty will admit the scholar and identify the suitable Student guide / supervisor. The date of report of the foreign students to the HOI/Head of the Departments shall be the date of joining into the programme for all the purposes.

After confirmation of the admission and reporting to the HOI the Foreign students are required to obtain Bonafide Certificate from the office of Ph.D Section and apply for Residential Permit of Tamilnadu state, India. Such candidates information shall be submitted to the local police station by the Ph.D section.

The foreign students are advised to submit a copy of the Residential Permit in the office of Ph.D Admissions immediately after obtaining the same from Tamilnadu Govt. failing which the admission process remains incomplete.

7.1. Medical test:

All International/NRI students will have to undergo a medical fitness test including HIV test and submit the certificate prior to admission.

7.2. Medical Insurance:

It is mandatory that all Foreign/NRI students shall take a medical insurance policy to meet the expenses of their medical treatments (which are not available in the university health centre) during their stay at the campus. A copy of the said insurance policy should be submitted at the time of final admission.

The program regulations as stipulated in VMRF (DU) (Ph.D) Regulations 2022. *Visit Vinayaka Missions Research foundations (Deemed to be University) website <https://vmrfdu.edu.in/>, for regulations of Doctor of Philosophy Programme.

7.3. Duration of the Program:

Full Time: 3 Years Minimum and 6 Years Maximum



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Global Ph.D. Programme (International)

Details of Charges	For Indian Students (IN USD)							
	Year – I		Year – II		Year – III		Year - IV	
	Sem I	Sem II	Sem III	Sem IV	Sem I	Sem II	Sem III	Sem IV
Admission Fee (One Time)	93							
Tuition Fee	730	730	730	730	730	730	730	730
Misc. Fee	39	39	39	39	39	39	39	39
Security Deposit (One Time-Refundable)	93							
Add Thesis evaluation and examination								250
Total	955	769	769	769	769	769	769	1019
Year Wise Total	1724		1538		1538		1788	
Grand Total for Four Years*	USD 6,588							

*Residence and Meal Charges Extra

7.4.English Proficiency

A Foreign/NRI student who has been granted provisional admission to any of the programmes are required to take the Remedial English Language Course (100 hrs English Proficiency Course) offered in the University, as a part of the curriculum.

7.5. Provisional admission form

The application for provisional admission is to be submitted to the Registrar VMRF (DU) along with the prescribed fees on or before the last date specified. Directorate of Admissions will then check the eligibility and issue the provisional admission letter. This is required to obtain the visa and to complete other formalities.

7.6.Provisional admission procedure

Apply for provisional eligibility in the prescribed form which can be downloaded from the University website. The prescribed eligibility fee has to be deposited along with the form on or before the specified last date. The Entrance Examinations & Interview will be scheduled as per the procedure of VMRF (DU) through offline or virtual mode.

1. Inform to the Local Police station
2. VISA to be mentioned as Student VISA in which Entrance Examination & Interview to be included



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Attach with this application form, photo copies of the statement of marks of the last qualifying examination duly attested by:

- Indian Embassy in foreign country, (or)
- High Commissioner of students' country in India, (or)
- Ministry of Education of his/her home country

In Ph.D application, enclose 6 copies of the outline of the proposed research along with the application form.

Attach a minimum of two recommendation letters obtained from the faculty members who have taught the applicant earlier (at least one) or from the persons under whom the applicant has worked (at least one). Attach photo copy of Migration Certificate with the application form.

Attach affidavit to the application form relating to the gap between the year of passing and the last qualifying examination and the date of application for admission to this University

The Dean, Admissions will issue the provisional admission letter after scrutinizing the application form and on the basis of credentials verified by the University and as required by the Association of Indian Universities.

Certificates to be produced for final admission

- Apply for provisional eligibility in the prescribed form which can be downloaded from the VMRF(DU) website. The prescribed eligibility fee has to be deposited along with the form on or before the specified last date.
 - Original and two sets of photocopies of Academic Transcripts
 - Original and two sets of photocopies of Passing/Qualifying Certificate
 - Admission fee and one year tuition fee deposit receipt as proof of Admission
 - 6 passport size color photographs
 - Original work experience certificate (if applicable)
 - Parent's acceptance letter along with ID/original Residential Address Proof
 - Original and Photocopy of Passport, National ID, OCI/PIO card (whichever is applicable)
 - Photocopy of Indian Visa stamped in the name of VFSTR (NOT APPLICABLE for Bhutan and Nepal students)
 - Residential Permit obtained from Local FRO Office (NOT APPLICABLE for Bhutan and Nepal students) / No objection or recommendation letter from the respective Embassy.
 - Sponsorship letter from student Organization or Ministry of Education of concerned country (if applicable)
 - Medical certificate for health and fitness from any registered medical practitioner (No HIV/AIDS Certificate).



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VIII. ADMISSION INFORMATION

8.1 Admission shall be based on the marks secured in the Entrance test and Interview, subject to the fulfillment of the eligibility criteria and the rules of reservation.

8.2 Date of intimation of provisional selection: Selected candidates will be intimated immediately.

8.3 Upon receiving the communication, the candidate has to pay the following
IN PERSON:

- a) A Provisional Registration fee.
- b) First year tuition fee as a DD in favour of “**VMRF(DU) PHD** ” payable at Salem on or before the date to be indicated.

8.4 Candidates are required to submit the following ORIGINAL documents along with 1 set of attested photo copies:

- a) PG Degree Certificate.
- b) PG Degree Mark sheets.
[UG & PG (or PG Diploma) Registration Certificates with the respective council(s)
in the case of the faculties of MD / MDS / MS, in the place of a & b above]
- c) Transfer Certificate & Migration Certificate from last studied institution.
- d) No Objection Certificate from present employer, if not furnished already in the Ph.D Application.
- e) Latest Photo 3 Nos (stamp size)
- f) Adharcard
- g) Community certificate

Original documents of c & d will be retained by the University and other originals will be returned to the candidates immediately after verification and after the remittance of the fees.

8.5 After the provisional registration, the candidate shall appear before a Doctoral Committee on the fixed day and submit the Research Proposal of the research to be undertaken.

***Admission subject to the available vacancies under the specific discipline.**

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S.No.	Particulars	Fee
1	Application fee for admission	Rs. 1,000/-
2	Registration fee	Rs. 10,000/-
Tuition fee		
3	Full Time	Rs. 50,000 / year
	Part Time (External Candidates)	Rs. 75,000 / year
	Part Time (Internal Candidates)	Rs. 25,000 / year (Fee concession of Rs. 50,000 / year)
Pre-Ph.D.Exam fee		
4	A. Medicine, Dentistry, Homoeopathy (3 x 7000)	Rs. 21,000/-
	B. Nursing, Pharmacy, Physiotherapy, Allied Health Sciences, Rehabilitation Sciences, Management (3 X 6000)	Rs. 18,000/-
	C. Arts & Sciences, Engineering & Technology (3 x 5000)	Rs. 15,000/-
5	Synopsis submission fee	Rs. 10,000/-
6	Thesis submission fee	Rs. 15,000/-
	Thesis Re-submission with Second review	Rs. 10,000/-
7	Viva – Voce examination fee	Rs. 10,000/-
8	Fee for extension of Time	Rs. 10,000/ 6months
9	Fee for Re-registration	Rs. 20,000/-
10	For permitting Change of guide on reasonable grounds as per the request of the student	Rs. 5,000(one time only)
Other fees After Completion		
11	Provisional Certificate fees	Rs. 2,000/-
12	Degree Certificate fees	Rs. 2,000/-
13	Transfer Certificate	Rs. 1,000/-
14	Migration Certificate	Rs. 3,000/-
15	Transcript	Rs. 3,000/-
16	Genuiness/ Verification fees	Rs. 5,000/-
17	WES	Rs. 6,000/-
18	WES Transcript	Rs. 6,000/-



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ANNEXURE: 1.1

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time) Programme

Areas of Research

a) Faculty of Arts & Science:

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Chemistry, Commerce, English, Mathematics, Microbiology, Molecular Biology, Physics.

b) Faculty of Management :

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

c) Faculty of Dentistry:

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

d) Faculty of Engineering & Technology:

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

Bio-Informatics, Biotechnology, Bio-Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Electronics & Communication Engineering, Mechanical Engineering.

e) Faculty of Medicine :

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

Anatomy, Anaesthesiology, Biochemistry (Medical), Community Medicine, ENT, General Medicine, Microbiology (Medical), Ophthalmology, Pharmacology (Medical), Physiology (Medical), Psychiatric.

f) Faculty of Pharmacy*:

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

g) Faculty of Homoeopathy :

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

h) Faculty of Physiotherapy :

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

i) Faculty of Rehabilitation & Behavioural Sciences

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

Audiology, Speech Language Pathology, Audiology & Speech Language Pathology, Clinical Psychology.

j) Faculty of Allied Health Sciences

Ph.D (Full-time / Part-time)

Public Health