



Greetings from UPES!

Thanks for showing interest in PhD program at UPES.

UPES, University of tomorrow, is located at foothills of Himalaya in Dehradun, Uttarakhand, India and is committed for research and innovation for the societal needs addressing to various issues concerned with environment sustainability, energy, water remediation, health, environment, waste utilization, etc.

UPES is ranked 45th University in India as per NIRF and has been accredited with grade 'A' by NAAC.

Why UPES for your PhD:

- **Ranked number 1 private University in country with maximum representation of faculty members in list of top 2 percent researchers globally released by Stanford University.** 51 faculty members from UPES are part of this coveted list.
- **100 full time Ph.D. scholars** shall be awarded a **fellowship of INR 25000 per month during coursework and INR 30000** per month after that. Fellowship is given till the end of 3 years from commencement of session/classes.
- **INSPIRE/ CSIR-NET-JRF** Qualified candidates to get INR 2 lac per year for scholastic purposes*
- **75% waiver** on semester program fee for full time Ph.D. Scholars.
- Research and innovation friendly environment having state of art infrastructure.
- Strong PhD alumni network.

Eligibility for candidates having Master's Degree (Post Graduation):

Master's degree or equivalent in relevant discipline with minimum 55% marks or equivalent grade from a recognized institute (applicable for full time and part time).

Fee Structure:

INR 1 lac per semester.

Semester Fee Waiver (valid for full tenure of PhD Program)

Full Time: - 75 % waiver on Program Semester fee. Program Semester fee after waiver – INR 25000.

Part Time: - No waiver on Program Semester fee. Program Semester fee – INR 1 lac.

Eligibility for candidates having 4-Year Bachelor's Degree (Graduation):

Minimum 75% marks or 7.5 CGPA (on 10-point scale) at 4 year undergraduate level. (applicable only for full time).

Minimum 75% marks in UPES written admission test and minimum 75% marks in oral interview.

Desirable at least one high-quality research publication from Bachelor's degree project work in reputed peer-reviewed journal.

Coursework: 1st semester is common for all PhD students. Additionally, to complete 22-25 credits worth of courses suggested from the School by the end of 2nd year.

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INR 1 lac per semester.

Semester Fee Waiver (valid for full tenure of PhD Program)

Full Time: - 75 % waiver on Program Semester fee. Program Semester fee after waiver – INR 25000.

***Only taking Full Time admissions in School of Computer Science(SOCS), School of Advanced Engineering(SOAE), School of Health Sciences & Technology(SOHST), Himalayan Institute for Learning and Leadership(HILL), Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation(CIDRI) and School of Design(SOD) for 4-Year Bachelor's Degree candidates.**

***Not taking Part Time Admissions in this category (i.e. for 4-Year Bachelor's degree entry level).**

Please Note- All scholarships are payable as per the University's policy. All existing PhD regulations and guidelines will be applicable.

PhD Programs and Domains:

School	Degree name	Program Domain
School of Advanced Engineering	PhD (Physics)	For M.Sc. and B.Sc. (only for full time) Students
	PhD (Chemistry)	For M.Sc. and B.Sc. (only for full time) Students
	PhD (Mathematics)	For M.Sc. and B.Sc. (only for full time) Students
	PhD (Geosciences)	For M.Sc. and B.Sc. (only for full time) Students
	PhD (Engineering)	Aerospace Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Petroleum Engineering, Civil Engineering, Environmental Engineering, HSE (Health, Safety & Environment) Engineering, Sustainability Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Renewable Energy
	PhD (Environmental Science)	For M.Sc. and B.Sc. (only for full time) Students
	PhD (Sustainability Science)	For M.Sc. and B.Sc. (only for full time) Students
School of Computer Science	PhD (Computer Science and Engineering)	For M. Tech and B. Tech/BE (only for full time) Students
	PhD (Computer Science)	For M.Sc. / MCA students/B.Sc. (only for full time) - AI-ML, Cyber security, Data Science
School of Business	PhD (Economics)	-
	PhD (Management)	Energy, General, Transportation
School of Law	PhD (Law)	Law
School of Design	PhD (Design)	Industrial Design, Graphic Design, Interaction Design, Animation and Film, Mobility & Vehicle Design, Universal & Inclusive Design, Human Centered Interaction, Applied Ergonomics & Human Factors in Design, Neuro Cognitive aspects of Creativity, Creativity & Innovation, Visual Narratives, Comics Studies, Design for Culture, Sustainable Design, Craft Design, Textiles & Apparel Design, Design Pedagogy, Design Education, Habitat & Heritage Studies and all Allied design domains
School of Health Sciences & Technology	PhD (Biomedical Engineering)	-
	PhD (Pharmaceutical Sciences)	-
	PhD (Food & Nutrition Sciences)	-
	PhD (Microbiology)	-
	PhD (Biotechnology)	-
School of Liberal Studies & Media	PhD (Economics) PhD (Political science) PhD (English Literature) PhD (Psychology) PhD (History) PhD (Journalism and Mass Media) PhD (Communication)	-
PhD (Himalayan Institute for Learning and Leadership) **	PhD (Himalayan Institute for Learning and Leadership)	Science, Technology, Innovation and Management areas for Himalayan Region.
		Ecology and Environment
		Management of Himalayan biodiversity
		Disaster Management
		Frugal Innovation

		Sustainability
		Entrepreneurship opportunities
		Himalayan Resource Management
		Cultural Anthropology and Ethnography
		Geological Studies in Himalayan Studies
PhD (Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation) **	PhD (Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation)	Renewable Energy and Sustainability
		Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
		Advanced Materials
		Health and Biomedical Sciences
		Environmental Science and Engineering

** Selected candidates will be registered in relevant schools.

Selection Process

- Fill the application form online <https://phd.upes.ac.in/appform.aspx> and pay application fee of INR 1000 before 4th December 2025.
- Appear for UPES Research Entrance Test (RET) on 12th December 2025 in online-proctored mode i.e. online mode, exempted for UGCNET/GATE/SET/GPAT/CSIR/Inspire qualified candidates.
- RET Selected and Exempted candidates to submit Research proposal on phd@upes.ac.in approximately 1000 words for all schools and only for School of Liberal Studies & Media it should be approximately 2200 words, on or before 30th December 2025.
- RET Selected and Exempted candidates to book interview slots on 8th January 2026 through the link which shall be shared on or before 8th January 2026.
- RET Selected and Exempted candidates to appear for interview on 19th/20th/21st January 2026.
- Issuance of Offer letters to finally selected candidates on or before 5th February 2026.
- Payment of enrolment fee as per date specified in the admission offer letter i.e. 8th February 2026.
- Orientation scheduled in Campus on 12th February 2026 at 9 AM.
- Commencement of session – 16th February 2026.

Research Entrance Test (RET) Details:

RET is a 3 hours online proctored (online through Codetantra Platform) test having two sections. It will be held on 12th December 2025, between 10 am-1 pm. You will receive online test login details from Codetantra team via email. RET details are:

TIME		3 HOURS	
SECTION	TOTAL QUESTIONS	MARKS	TOPIC
Section A	50 Questions (1 Mark Each)	50	Research/General Aptitude Objective Questions
Section B	50 Questions (1 Mark Each)	50	Domain specific Objective Questions
	Total	100	

***For School of Liberal Studies & Media and School of Design, RET will have subjective components.**

Important : RET will be in the online mode, you will receive online log in credentials through Codetantra team before test date. The test will be done over the Codetantra platform.

Important Dates to Remember:

January 2026 Intake	
Key Timelines	Important Dates
Last Date to Apply	4th Dec
RET Exam	12th Dec
RET Result Declaration	24th Dec
Submission of Research Proposal on phd@upes.ac.in – approx. 1000 words. *Only for School of Liberal Studies & Media Research Proposal should be approximately 2200 words.	30th Dec
Online Interview Booking/Scheduling	8th Jan
Online Interview	19th, 20th and 21st Jan
Full Time HILL interviews at HESCO location (Dehradun)	22nd Jan
Interview Result Declaration over email	5th Feb
Last date to Pay Fee	8th Feb
Orientation Date/Registration	12th Feb
Commencement of Session	16th Feb

**University reserves the right to change/cancel/withdraw the fellowship amount or research grant of INR 2 lac purely on discretionary basis.*

**Candidates are advised to check seats availability before applying for any program with university. Application fee once paid is non-refundable.*

**Please ensure to go through eligibility criteria and in case of not meeting the same, University reserves right to reject your application at any stage of admission process. Any application fee paid in case of non-eligibility shall not be refunded.*

**The admission norms are subject to changes as recommended by UGC.*

**Seats in all programs are limited, candidates are recommended to apply at the earliest and avoid waiting till last date.*

**We follow strict Admission timelines as mentioned above and you are recommended to adhere to them. No delayed requests shall be entertained*

** Please share applicant payment snapshot/details at phd@upes.ac.in once you have completed the application and paid application fee.*

**All communication related to PhD admissions at UPES shall be done through phd@upes.ac.in id only. Please mark Email Id- phd@upes.ac.in as safe in your inbox setting so as to receive our emails directly into your inbox. UPES shall not be liable if you miss any communication from phd@upes.ac.in*

**Application fee is non- refundable fee.*

** Interview Selection process will be conducted online on MS-Teams and you are not required to visit University for same.*

** For International Scholars, once selected, candidates are requested to share list of documents required from UPES for visa formalities.*

For any communication regarding PhD at UPES, please get in touch only with +91-9548644105 or write to phd@upes.ac.in. University shall not be liable if you interact with any other email id/contact number regarding PhD Admissions at UPES.

Best Wishes,
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