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**Ph.D. ADMISSION GUIDELINES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS**  
**(Academic session 2025 onwards)**

**I. IMPORTANT LINKS:**

- Detailed Ph.D. Guidelines are available at the website of Research & Development Cell: <https://rdc.puchd.ac.in/>
- Study in India Portal (Self-Financed): <https://studyinindia.gov.in/>
- Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR): <https://www.iccr.gov.in>

**II. IMPORTANT INFORMATION:**

- a) As per new guidelines issued by Ministry of Home Affairs, Govt. of India, it is mandatory for all foreign students to first register on Study in India (SII) website & generates a Unique SII ID to initiate admission process.

This SII ID will be the main tracking ID for foreign students for their complete student journey.

- b) Students will be granted Student visa and E-student Visa, only if they have unique SII ID.
- c) If a student has paid fees to the institute and the institute has updated the same on SII website, then the foreign student is eligible for E-student Visa as well.
- d) The Institute's confirmation of the student's fee payment supports the visa verification process, without which student might not be granted the visa.
- e) MHA can verify the foreign student's details via their SII ID by logging into their BOI Module on SII website.

**III. GENERAL RULES:**

- a) Foreign National students who are being sponsored by any Government Body such as the ICCR or **MOE (Ministry of Education)** or a government agency of their own country, will be given direct admission to Ph.D. subject to the approval of the concerned Department/Institute/Centre.
- b) Candidates selected for Ph.D. admission shall be issued provisional admission letters, with a copy to the embassy concerned, to facilitate their visaprocess. The enrolment would be finally based on production of valid Research Visa.
- c) Candidates admitted to the Ph.D. Programme shall have to complete the course work offered by the concerned Faculty/Department/Centre satisfactorily as per Panjab University rules. They will have to join the course work in the semester that follows the completion of their admission formalities.
- d) Other Rules and regulations of Panjab University notified from time to time shall apply to Foreign National students as well.

**IV. ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION CRITERION:**

1. A candidate seeking admission to the Ph.D Programme must have obtained a Masters

Degree or a degree recognized by the Panjab University as equivalent to its master's degree in the subject in which the candidate wishes to pursue a course of research or in a subject allied thereto.

**OR**

A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme 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 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.

2. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
3. The students seeking admission to any course must meet the academic eligibility criteria of that particular course as mentioned on the website of the respective Department/Institute/Centre or Handbook of Information available at the link <https://dui.puchd.ac.in/handbookofinformation.php>
4. The students seeking admission to any course which is governed by Regulatory Bodies (e.g. Medical Council/Dental Council/Bar Council of India/Pharmacy Council of India etc.) must possess the basic academic qualification prescribed by the respective Regulatory Body. The Rules of respective Regulatory Bodies shall apply as amended from time to time.
5. International students who have been studying in India and are present in India at the time of the Ph.D. Entrance Test will have to appear in the Entrance Test and qualify it to be considered for enrollment.
6. International students who are not present in India at the time of the Panjab University Ph.D. Entrance Test will need to achieve at least 5 bands in IELTS Academic or 60 bands in TOEFL or 150-154 in GRE or 600 in GMAT. At the time of filling the enrolment form, the candidates are required to attach the score-card of any of the above tests.  
However, those students are not required to submit certificate of IELTS/TOEFL score, who have successfully passed the qualifying Degree as per Point 1 of clause IV (ELIGIBILITY AND ADMISSION CRITERION) or a degree recognized by the Panjab University as equivalent to its master's degree from a University/ Institution/Board having English as medium of instruction for the entire course. Such students are required to submit 'Medium of Instruction Certificate' issued by the concerned University/Institution/Board attended by the student.
7. The candidates will have to qualify the interview conducted by the JAAC (Joint Academic & Administrative Committee) of the concerned department for final selection.
8. The candidates are advised to consult the faculty members to check specialization of faculty members of the Department/Centre where they plan to pursue their Ph.D.

#### **V. ADMISSION PROCEDURE:**

- The candidate shall apply for admission to Ph.D. Programme on a prescribed application form which may be downloaded/filled online at the Panjab University website: <https://puchd.ac.in/>
- The application for admission shall be submitted to the office of the Dean International

Students, Panjab University, Chandigarh.

- In case, the documents/testimonials are in a language other than English, the same must be translated into English and attested by the embassy of the respective country.
- The application must be accompanied by a research proposal of minimum one thousand words clearly specifying the major area and sub-areas of the research topic on which the candidate plans to pursue his/her research.
- The candidates are advised to consult the faculty members to check specialization of faculty members of the Department/Centre where they plan to pursue their Ph.D.

**VI. ADMISSION SCHEDULE:** As notified by the Panjab University on its website <https://admissions.puchd.ac.in/> from time to time

**VII. FEE FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME:**

- a) A fee of US \$1200/- per annum (w.e.f. the date of enrolment) shall be charged from Foreign National applicants belonging to SAARC and underdeveloped countries and US \$ 2500/- per annum shall be charged from Foreign National Applicants belonging to developing and developed countries.
- b) Currency Equivalency Certificate issued by the concerned bank for current exchange rate on that day.
- c) Foreign Students are required to submit "Students Welfare Fee" @ Rs.1575/- (annually) against Fee CODE-M0140 which may be deposited with the 'Extension Counter, State Bank of India, Administrative Block, Panjab University, Chandigarh. Original Receipts of the fee deposited is to be submitted to the office of the Dean International Students.

**VIII. EXTENSION FEES FOR RESEARCH VISA**

I. Up to 6 months/ single or multiple entry	80 \$
II. More than 6 Months and up to 1 year/multiple entry	120 \$
III. More than 1 year and up to 5 years/ multiple entry	200 \$

**IX. PAYMENT MODE**

- a) Demand Draft in favour of Registrar, Panjab University, Chandigarh. (OR)
- b) For cash Deposit: **CODE- E0060** (deposit at SBI Fee Counter of the PU)
- c) For online Fee Transaction:

A/C No.: 10444978333  
IFSC: SBIN0000742  
PU Branch, Sector-14  
Panjab University, Chandigarh  
SWIFT CODE: SBININBB443

**X. CERTIFICATES/DOCUMENTS REQUIRED FOR ADMISSION:**

Foreign Nationals students shall provide the following certificates/documents (whichever is applicable):

- 1) Academic Certificates/documents
- 2) Eligibility/equivalency certificate issued by the Deputy Registrar (General), Panjab University, Chandigarh or Academic certificates of passing the qualifying or equivalent examination approved by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU)/Common wealth

Universities/International Association of Universities (IAU) as equivalent to the corresponding Indian Degrees/Certificates.

- 3) Certificate of IELTS (at least Band 5) or TOEFL (at least 60 Bands), if the student belongs to non-English Speaking Country.
- 4) 'Medium of Instruction Certificate', provided the student belongs to non-English speaking Country and have successfully passed the degree/lower examination/course through English medium.
- 5) Copy of the Passport

#### **XI. DOCUMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED AFTER CONFIRMATION OF ADMISSION:**

- 1) The Foreign National students admitted are required to fill up Foreign Student Information System (FSIS) Form complete in all respects, along with copies of passport and Visa and submit to the office of Dean International Students, Panjab University, Chandigarh. This form is an urgent requirement of the Foreign Registration Office (FRO), Sector-9, Chandigarh and the student has to report to the Foreign Registration Office (FRO) within fourteen days of arrival in Chandigarh, with the number generated after the online submission of this form. (<https://indianfro.gov.in/eservices/home.jsp> )

Foreign Students Information System (FSIS) Form is to be submitted by hand by the student and the FSIS number will be issued by the office of the Dean International Students' office to the students.

#### **FSIS Form (To be submitted by Foreign National Students only after Confirmation of Admission)**

1. Name.....
2. Father's Name.....
3. Date of Birth.....
4. Sex (Male/Female) .....
5. Marital Status (Single/Married).....
6. Nationality.....
7. Particulars of Passport & Visa :
  - (a) Passport No. & Date .....
  - (b) Issuing Authority .....
  - (c) Valid upto .....
  - (d) Indian Visa/Entry Number .....
  - (e) Visa valid upto .....
8. Senior Supdt. Of Police-cum-Foreigner's Registration Office No. & Date:-  
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9. Date of First Arrival:-
  - (a) In India .....
  - (b) In Chandigarh .....

10. Permanent Address (in their Country) .....
11. Name & Address of Local Guardian, if any .....
12. Name & Address/Telephone No. of other Person to be contacted in emergency  
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13. Status as Student: .....  
(Cultural Scholar/Self-supporting/any other)
- 14 University/Department/ College where enrolled .....
15. Class ..... Roll No. ....
16. Address in Chandigarh .....
- Signature of the Student .....
- Dated: .....