

GREATER NOIDA, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

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ADMISSION PROCEDURE AND SCHEDULE - ODD SEM (August)- 2022-23

(Semester Commencing from August 2022)

Ph.D. in ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES, COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGINEERING, LAW, MANAGEMENT, JOURNALISM & MASS COMMUNICATION and LIBERAL ARTS

General

In line with its philosophy of being research and innovation driven, the Bennett University, Greater Noida has been offering Ph.D. programs since the year of its inception, in 2016 itself.

At present, the Ph.D. programs are being offered by:

- a) The School of Engineering and Applied Sciences (SEAS) offering Ph.D program in the following streams:
 - a. Biotechnology
 - b. Electronics and Communication Engineering,
 - c. Mechanical Engineering,
 - d. Mathematics
 - e. Physics
 - f. Chemistry
- b) The School of Computer Science Engineering and Technology (SCSET) offering Ph.D program in CSE.
 - c) The School of Law (SOL) offering Ph.D. program in Law.
 - d) The School of Management (SOM) offering Ph.D program in Management.
 - Areas of specialization for SOM: Marketing, Organizational Behaviour & Human Resource Management, Finance, Economics, Operations Management and Business Policy & Strategy.
 - e) Times School of Media (TSOM) offering Ph.D. program in Journalism and Mass Communication.
 - Areas of specialization for TSOM: Candidates can choose to work of any of the mass communication platforms including, Print Journalism, TV Journalism, Digital Journalism, Advertising & Marketing, Radio & Podcasting and Film Studies. The school also encourages its scholars to take up topics which involve interdisciplinary research.
- f) School of Liberal Arts (SoLA) offering Ph.D program in Economics, English Literature,

Philosophy, Political Science and Sociology.

The Ph.D. students are required to undertake advanced level course work, up to specified credits as per rules, including courses in research methodology. Further they are required to qualify in the comprehensive examination and get the Research Plan approved by their RAC at the end of course work.only thereafter,

they may register as scholars and take up intensive research work under the guidance of supervisor(s) onspecific areas/problems, for a minimum duration of three years. The research work is expected to result in new findings contributing to the knowledge in the chosen field. Doctoral research program gives an opportunity to scholars to demonstrate their analytical, innovative and independent thinking, leading to creativity and application of knowledge. Scholars are required to deliver seminars/showcase their research progress, regularly and require publishing their work, as specified in Ph.D. rules. Finally, they shall be required to submit the thesis, embodying their research findings for the award of the Ph.D. Degree.

Financial Support will be provided to selected full time Ph.D. students on vacancy basis, in the form of Ph.D. Assistantship.

Eliqibility Criteria:

For Computer Science Engineering and Technology

Academic Requirements (Minimum Qualifications): 50% Marks or a minimum CGPA of 5.5 on a 10-point scale in relevant program in M.Tech/MCA/ME/MSc/MS in any discipline from recognized University.

For Engineering and Applied Sciences

Academic Requirements (Minimum Qualifications): 60% Marks or a minimum CGPA of 6.5 on a10-point scale in relevant program in M.E./M.Tech./M.Sc./M.Phil.

For Law

To be eligible for applying for admission to Ph.D. Degree, the applicant should have:

- (i) Obtained a master's degree in Law/any other discipline from a recognized University with not less than 55% marks or its equivalent; provided that candidates with qualifications in social sciences, humanities and sciences may be admitted to the program, if the research they wish to pursue, interfaces with the discipline of law.
- (ii) Candidates who have appeared in the qualifying examination but awaiting results are also eligible to apply, *provided* that the result of the qualifying examination shall be submitted by the candidate at the time of Registration failing which their candidature shall be cancelled.
- (iii) Applicants with more than 3 years industry/ teaching/ practicing/ managerial/ professional experience would be given preference.

For Management

- (i) Candidates for admission to the Ph.D Program shall have a Master's degree, or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 60 % marks or with Aggregate CGPA of 6.5 on a scaleof 10 (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed).
- (ii) Professional qualification such as CA/ ICWA/CS with any Under-graduate Degree are also eligible to apply. Any equivalent degree 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 for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

For Journalism and Mass Communication

(i) Candidates applying for the Ph.D. program should have a master's degree in Journalism and Mass Communication with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in UGC 7-point scale. Candidates with a master's degree in other domains of social sciences are also eligible to apply, provided their area of research is essentially from mass communication. Research can be conducted in English or Hindi.

For School of Liberal Arts

(i) Since the School of Liberal Arts is strongly devoted to inter-disciplinary research, candidates with a master's degree in any discipline from a recognized University with minimum 55% marks (or its equivalent grade) will be allowed to apply. The suitability of the educational qualifications will be determined by the school based on the area that the candidate wants to undertake the research on.

Note: Candidates who have appeared previously for Ph.D. admission, and not selected, shall not be eligible to apply for minimum one year, since last attempt.

Before filling Applications Candidates must read following and ensure:

- (i) Merely filling an application form does not entitle a candidate for admission. The admission is purely merit based. The University reserves the right to cancel/revoke its offer and/or acceptance of provisional admission at any point in time; No refund of application fee is allowed in any condition, whatsoever.
- (ii) Candidate cannot claim the seat, merely because it is available. University Admission Committee shall decide the minimum cut offs for merit in various programs and same shall be final.
- (iii) Candidate must fulfil all the eligibility criteria as laid down above if he/she wishes to be considered for admission.
- (iv) Candidates applying for Law program must also upload preliminary research proposal, along with their application. The preliminary research proposal should be around 2000 words including hypothesis, statement of problem, research methodology and a preliminary survey of literature. All research proposals will be screened through the anti-plagiarism software. Applications received without research proposal shall not be accepted.
- (v) Candidates applying for Management program Candidates are required to upload preliminary research proposal along with the application form. The candidates are encouraged to write about 2000 words including, background to the research problem, preliminary literature review, proposed theoretical model, proposed research methodology and expected outcomes. Application received without research proposal shall not be processed further.
- (vi) Candidates applying for Journalism and Mass Communication program- Candidates are required to submit a 2000 words Statement of Purpose along with the application form. The SoP should include their intended research topic, problem statement, preliminary literature review, proposed research methodology along with a paragraph explaining the candidate's eligibility and experience in the area to take up the work.
- (vii) Candidates applying for Liberal Arts program Candidates are required to upload preliminary research proposal along with the application form. The candidates are encouraged to write about 2000 words including, background to the research problem, preliminary literature review, proposed theoretical model, proposed research methodology and expected outcomes. Application received without research proposal shall not be processed further.
- (viii) Candidates applying for Biotechnology program Candidates are required to upload preliminary research proposal along with the application form.
- (ix) Candidates must produce certificate of proof of the above conditions at the time of Registration, failing which, they will be disqualified, and provisional admission offer shall be cancelled.

Shortlisting and Selection:

(a) The shortlisting of applications for admission test/interview will be done by the doctoral admission committee of respective schools, based on the profile of applicant as provided in the application form. (b) The applicants who fulfil the eligibility criteria and are shortlisted, shall be put through:

(A) For SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND APPLIED SCIENCES (SEAS)

- (i) **Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT)** a written test conducted by the University/School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.
- (ii) **The process of Interview** by a nominated committee of the School of Engineering and Applied Sciences.
- (iii) During the personal interview, the applicant will be assessed on interest and motivation in doing research, conceptual clarity on chosen area of research and past academic and research performances.

(B) For SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY (SCSET)

- (i) Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT) a written test conducted by the University/SCSET.
- (ii) The process of Interview by a nominated committee of the SCSET.
- (iii) During the personal interview, the applicant will be assessed on his interest and motivation in doing research, conceptual clarity on chosen area of research and his past academic and research performances.

(C) For School of Law (SoL)

- Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT) a written test conducted by the University/School of Law.
- (ii) Presentation of Preliminary Research Proposal and Interview: The candidates appearing in BRAT, shall be required to present their preliminary research proposal, (candidates thus, will have to submit/upload the same along with online application). The candidate shall also be interviewed to asses his/her interest and motivation in doing research, conceptual clarity on chosen area of research and his/her past academic and research performances.

(D) For School of Management

- (i) **Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT)** a written test conducted by the University/School of Management.
- (ii) The shortlisted students after written examination shall be invited for an interview/viva-voce to be organized by the SOM. The candidates would be required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Department Research Committee. The interview/viva voce shall consider the following aspects, viz. whether: (a) the candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research; (b) the research work can be suitably undertaken at the University/School; (c) the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

(E) For Times School of Media (TSoM)

- Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT) a written test conducted by the University/Times School of Media.
- (ii) The **shortlisted** candidates after written examination shall be invited for the presentation and viva before a selection committee. The presentation should demonstrate the candidate's knowledge of the subject domain and his/her research orientation and abilities. The presentation should be aligned with the candidate's Statement of Purpose submitted along with the application form.

(F) For School of Liberal Arts (SoLA)

For SoLA, the students in the PhD program shall be admitted through three steps:

(i) Evaluating the statement of purpose, describing the area of interest of the researcher and how the education/work experience enables the candidate to

- (ii) An entrance exam (Candidates who have cleared the NET or UGC/CSIR (JRF) /ICAR or SLET/GATE/Teacher Fellowship holder shall be exempted from the entrance examination during the period of validity of the concerned test. They will however be required to appear for the Personal Interview.
- (iii) Interview

Details of Written Tests (Weightage, Syllabus, Duration etc.)

The weightage for admission, in the written examination shall be 70% marks viz 30% marks in the interview.

(A) Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT - Engineering and Applied Sciences)

- (a) The syllabus of examination for the written test shall be same as for UGC-NET/CSIR/GATE/GRE examinations:
- (b) Each candidate shall take the written test in relevant area /field to the student's discipline.
- (c) The test will typically be of **one-hour duration**. The questions in the test may be both objective as well as subjective.
- (d) **For Biotechnology**: Submission of research statement (to test the writing skill of the candidate). The question paper will be completely objective for duration of 1.5 hours.

(B) Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT - Law)

- (a) The syllabus of the examination for the written test shall comprise of contemporary issues on public policy development.
- (b) The written test will also assess the candidate based on the interface of law with humanities /Business Administration/ Science & Technology/English with sufficient options to choose from student's relevant discipline. The test will be typically of 2-hour duration and the questions in the test may be objective and/or subjective.

(C) Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT - Management)

- (a) Duration 2 hours
- (b) Number of Sections Two Each carrying 50 percent weightage and only subjective questions will be asked

Section A: Research Methodology:

The syllabus for Research Methodology section shall be same as for any course on Business Research Methods and Processes in Social Sciences. The candidates are expected to demonstrate knowledge of research processes and understanding of quantitative and qualitative research paradigms. Also, the candidates should be able to identify, explain, and compare, the key elements of a research proposal/report.

Section B: Principles of Management:

The syllabus for Principles of Management shall include, knowledge about basic functions and skills under management, management theories and philosophies and their application, understanding of the relationship between strategic, tactical, and operational plans. Also, they should be able to recognize the part communication plays in the management function.

(D) Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT - Media)

(a) The syllabus of the entrance test shall consist of general aptitude and knowledge of media domains, basis research methodology and communication research methods and

theories of mass communication.

- (b) The test will be of **90 minutes** and shall consist of objective questions.
- (c) Candidates are expected to pass the written test with minimum 50% marks to be able to qualify for the viva.

(E) Bennett Research Aptitude Test (BRAT – Liberal Arts)

- (a) Duration: 2 hours
- (b) 25 marks for the general test, consisting of tests of vocabulary, comprehension, logic and data interpretation.
- (c) 45 marks for the subject test.
- (d) The candidate must score minimum 50% marks in the entrance test to qualify for the interview.
- (e) The candidate's competence and required knowledge for the proposed research;
- (f) the research work area matches with the research interests of the School's faculty members
- (g) the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge. The candidates will have to upload the research proposal at the time of submitting the application form.

There shall be no exemptions from Written test and Interviews except School or Liberal Arts. Please refer para-F (b) of section: "Shortlisting and Selection".

(F) The University reserves the right to revise or change the pattern of admission/written testwith prior notification.

Schedules of Admissions:

- 1. The University opens Ph.D admissions with defined number of seats in different categories (Full time/Part Time/Sponsored and applicability of Teaching Assistantship) and may review and allocate additional seats subject to capacity
- 2. The call for PhD admissions remains open throughout academic year for programmes where seats are vacant out of approved numbers
- 3. The Schools/ Departments conduct entrance test at Quarterly/ Semester/ Annual intervals as per university rules, followed by interview and submit results for further approvals and notification
- 4. The student should fulfill minimum attendance rules as per university regulations.
- 5. The student rejected in 1st attempt will not be allowed to appear in BRAT at least for one year as per University PhD Ordinances.

(a) Applications open

- 20th May 2022 onwards

(b) Venue and schedule for Written Test and Interview Dates

- (i) Written entrance tests (BRAT) for eligible candidates only **18**th **July 2022** & Subsequent dates to be intimated by the respective School (<u>on/off-line as per COVID situation</u>)
- (ii) Interview/Presentation of Research Proposal (as applicable) **18**th **July 2022** & Subsequent dates to be intimated by the respective School (<u>on/off-line as per COVID situation</u>)
- (iii) Date of declaration of the result: **27th July 2022** for the 2nd batch
- (iv) Date of Registration: 4th August 2022 for the 2nd batch
- (v) Date of commencement of Program: 9th August 2022 for the 2nd batch

(vi) Venue - Bennett University Campus,
Plot 8-11. Tech Zone II, Near Dabra Village.
Greater Noida, Uttar Pradesh, India.

*The dates for Written Test and Interview as given above are tentative for University-wide admissions across Schools for a particular academic year. School will conduct BRAT through rolling mode in between a semester, based on vacancies. Any changes in the dates will be indicated on the University's website.

APPLICATION PROCESS

- 1. How to Fill the Application Form: The students fill the application forms online:
 - (a) Apply on-line using net banking/credit/debit card at application portal i.e. 'NoPaperForms' which can be accessed through www.bennett.edu.in >>> Admissions. Follow the guidelines thereafter.
 - (b) Candidates applying for Law/ Management programs must also upload preliminary research proposal, as explained above along with application. Applications received without same shall not be accepted.
- 2. Cost of Form Rs 1000/-.
- 3. Admission granted to student may be revoked for noncompliance/not meeting the admission criteria/ being found ineligible, even if same is detected at a later date. All admissions will be subject to verification of facts from the original certificates/ documents of the candidates. The decision of the Admission Committee of the University regarding the eligibility of any applicant shall be final.

Institutional Fee*

The fee shall be Rs. 60,000/- per year. It shall be payable in two instalments of Rs 30,000/-per semester.

(For candidates registered under NRI/International category*

- the fee shall be US\$ 1500 per annum payable in two instalments of US \$750 per semester.

Security Deposit – Rs. 30000/- (One time, payable at time of Registration, Refundable after completion or withdrawal from the program)

An additional mandatory Examination Fees Charges of INR 10,000 per year, payable twice at INR 5,000 at the time of registration in the semester.

*The fee structure may be revised by the management from time to time.

Ph.D. Assistantship:

Financial Support will be provided to selected Fulltime Ph.D. students on vacancy basis, in theform of Ph.D. Assistantship, subject to terms and conditions as per University rules.

- Slab 1. INR 25 thousand per month plus hostel accommodation on twin sharing basis /food and requiring 8 hours Teaching Assistantship per week.
- Slab 2. INR 40 thousand per month (with no hostel accommodation and food) and requiring 8 hours Teaching Assistantship per week.

Notes:

- (a) Conditions for continuation and total duration of applicability of the Ph.D. Assistantship shall be as per the Ph.D. regulations of the University.
- (b) The teaching load for Assistantship shall be verified and authenticated at Departmental/School level and approved by Dean (R&C)
- (c) The management reserves the right to revise the rates/terms of TA ship from time to time.

*Conditions to be eligible for NRI/International Students Quota

(a) NRI/PIO/OCI

- (i) PIO (Person of Indian Origin). A person who or whose any of ancestors were Indian national and who is presently holding another country's citizenship/ nationality i.e. he/she is holding foreign passport.
- (ii) OCI (Overseas Citizen of India). A person registered as "Overseas Citizen of India" (OCI) cardholder under section 7A of the Citizenship Act, 1955.
- (iii) NRI shall be a student, whose mother or father, first degree relation including the real brother and sister or grandparents both paternal and maternal are NRIs.
- (iv) This quota may also be availed by wards of NRI persons, who should be the nearest relation to include real brother and sister of father and mother i.e. real uncle and real aunt, first degree-paternal and maternal cousins. However, such persons, who have looked after such student as the guardian, need to produce an evidence to the effect, along with an affidavit signed by authorities in country where such person is residing.
- (v) NRI, in this context shall imply an Indian Citizen who stays abroad for employment/carrying on business or vocation outside India or stays abroad under circumstances indicating an intention for an uncertain duration of stay abroad.
- (vi) Students having done their PG from foreign University and falling under categories (i) to (v) above shall be treated under NRI category admission.
- **(b) International Student** All students who are foreign country passport holders and have passed their PG exams from a foreign University.

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