Punyashlok Ahilyadevi Holkar Solapur University, Solapur

Ph.D. Admission 2026

General Instructions for Ph.D. Entrance Test PET-10 (2026)

1. Online applications are invited for admission to the Ph.D. Programme for the academic year 2026. The admission process shall be conducted in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, and the regulations approved by the University authorities. Detailed information regarding the entrance test, online application process, available intake capacity, and Ph.D. regulations is available on the official University website, http://sus.ac.in, under the PET-10 (2026) section.

2. Candidates are advised to carefully read and understand the admission notification, rules, regulations, and guidelines specified in the Rules for the Ph.D. Programme, 2026 before submitting their applications.

3. All candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. Programme shall be required to appear for the Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) and the subsequent interview/viva-voce, except those exempted from appearing for the PET under the applicable rules and regulations.

4. Before submitting the online application, candidates must check the subject-wise and category-wise intake capacity available for Home University and Other University candidates, as specified in the admission notification.

5. The online application form is available on the University website, http://sus.ac.in, under the PET-10 (2026) section.

6. Candidates are not required to submit a hard copy of the online application form to the University after submitting it online. However, they may retain a printout of the submitted application form for their personal records.

7. After submitting the PET-10 (2026) online application form, candidates shall be required to submit two copies of the application form, along with two sets of photocopies of the relevant documents to the University at the time of interview.

8. Entrance Test Fee

The entrance test fee shall be as follows:

• For Open Category: Rs. 1200/- • For Reserved Category: Rs. 800/-

9. The entrance test fee shall be non-refundable.

10. The entrance test fee shall be paid through the online payment gateway provided on the University website.

11. While filling out the application form for PET-10 (2026), candidates must ensure that they pay the prescribed fee applicable to their respective category, i.e., Open Category or Reserved Category.

12. Candidates may apply for more than one subject, provided they fulfil the prescribed eligibility criteria for each subject. However, they shall be required to pay the prescribed entrance test fee separately for each subject and appear for the entrance test separately for each subject.

13. The reservation policy of the Government of Maharashtra shall be followed in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.

14. The entrance test schedule and other relevant admission-related information shall be available on the University website, http://sus.ac.in, under the PET-10 (2026) section. Candidates are advised to visit the website regularly for updates regarding the entrance test and admission procedure.

15. Candidates who are employed shall be required to submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from their employer at the time of admission.

16. The merit list of selected candidates and the waiting list, if applicable, for filling vacant seats shall be prepared by the concerned Central Admission Committee (CAC) in order of merit. The merit list and waiting list shall be valid only for PET-10 (2026).

17. The admission process for the Ph.D. Programme shall consist of the following two stages:

A. Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET)

i. The PET syllabus shall comprise 50% research methodology and 50% subject-specific content.

ii. Candidates securing at least 50% marks in the entrance test shall be eligible to be called for an interview. A relaxation of 5 percentage points in the qualifying marks shall be allowed for candidates belonging to the SC/ST/OBC and differently-abled categories, the Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories as specified by the University Grants Commission from time to time.

iii. The University shall determine the number of eligible candidates to be called for an interview, taking into consideration the number of Ph.D. seats available.

iv. For candidates selected through the entrance test conducted by the University, a weightage of 70% shall be assigned to the entrance test and 30% to performance in the interview/viva-voce.

v. Candidates possessing a valid NET qualification and exempted from appearing for the PET in the concerned subject, in accordance with the applicable rules, shall be awarded 70 marks for the qualifying examination, with the remaining 30 marks allocated to the interview/viva-voce.

vi. The PET score shall be valid only for PET-10 (2026). The PET shall be conducted only once a year.
vii. Candidates may appear for the PET in multiple subjects, provided they possess the requisite postgraduate qualifications in the respective subjects.

B. Interview/Interaction

All eligible candidates shall appear for an interview/interaction conducted by the Central Admission Committee (CAC). During the interview, candidates shall be required to discuss their research interests and proposed area of research. The interview shall assess the following aspects:

i. Whether the candidate possesses the competence and aptitude required to undertake the proposed research.

ii. Whether the proposed research can be suitably undertaken at the proposed research centre.

iii. Whether the proposed area of research has the potential to contribute to new or additional knowledge.

18. There shall be no negative marking in the entrance test.

19. Qualifying in the entrance test shall not confer an automatic right to admission to the Ph.D. Programme. Admission shall be subject to the prescribed selection procedure, eligibility requirements, availability of seats, and approval by the competent University authorities.

20. The admission quota shall be 80% for Home University candidates and 20% for Other University candidates. The applicable reservation rules shall be implemented separately within the 80% Home University quota and the 20% Other University quota, in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations.

21. The syllabus for the entrance test is available on the University website, http://sus.ac.in, under the PET-10 (2026) section.

22. For assistance with technical issues related to the online application process, candidates may contact the following helpline numbers or email address: Helpline Numbers: 9152252026 / 9152252077 / 9152252049 Email: pahsuphd@admissiondesk.org

23. The University reserves the right to increase or decrease the number of Ph.D. seats available under research guides at any stage of the PET-10 (2026) admission process and to modify the admission procedure, wherever necessary, in accordance with the applicable rules and regulations. Notifications regarding such changes shall be published periodically on the University website, http://sus.ac.in, under the PET-10 (2026) section.

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