AKAL UNIVERSITY

Ph.D ENTRANCE EXAMINATION 2026-2027

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Admission to Ph.D. programmes for the academic session 2026-27 is offered in the following disciplines:

S. No	Disciplines
1	Chemistry
2	Commerce
3	Computer Science & Engineering
4	Economics
5	Education
6	English
7	Mathematics
8	Physics
9	Punjabi
10	Management
11	Political Science
12	Zoology
13	History
14	Psychology

No. of Seats

Number of seats available in each department is subject to availability of supervisor's specializations where candidates(s) want to pursue their Ph.D. Programme.

Important Dates*

Submission of Application: **1st January 2026**

Written test and interview: **3rd January 2026**

Declaration of Result: **10th January 2026**

Last Date for the Submission of Ph.D Registration Forms: **30th January 2026**

Details of Entrance Examination*

Date	Paper	Time
3rd January 2026 (Saturday)	Paper-I (Objective type)	10.00A.M.-11.00A.M.
	Paper-II (Subjective paper)	11.30A.M.-1.30P.M.

*Dates are subject to change as per requirement.

1. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. programme:

1.1. Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme 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 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an 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.

1.2. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ differently-abled and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time, or for those who had obtained their Master's degree prior to 19th September, 1991. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark procedure.

2. Procedure for admission:

2.1. Akal University shall admit Ph.D. students through Entrance Test conducted by the Akal University. However, exemption from entrance test will be given to those who have already cleared any of the national test like UGC-/CSIR-NET/JRF, SLET, GATE, JEST, or any other prestigious test for national level scholarship/fellowship conducted at all India level on behalf of national institution(s).

2.2. Akal University shall admit candidates by a two stage process through:

2.2.1. An Entrance Test shall be qualifying with qualifying marks as 50%. A relaxation of 5% marks (50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy layers)/Differently-abled category. The Entrance Test shall be conducted at the Campus of the University.

2.2.2. An interview to be organized by the University. Candidates are required to discuss their research interest/area before the committee.

3. Treatment of Ph.D. through Distance Mode/Part-time:

3.1. Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

3.2. The candidate for a part-time Ph.D. programme must submit a "No Objection Certificate" from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:

3.2.1. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.

3.2.2. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.

3.2.3. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

FEE STRUCTURE FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME

Entrance Test Fee (Candidates without NET)	**Rs. 1,500/-**
Entrance Test Fee (NET Qualified candidates)	**Rs. 1,000/-**

Bank account details:

Account Name: Akal University **Bank Name: ICICI Bank** **Branch Name: Talwandi Sabo** **IFSC Code: ICIC0001507** **Account No. 629301117777**	**QR Code for online payment:**

If payment made through online, the transaction details (with UPI/UTR No.) must be attached along with the application form.

If fee is paid offline, the fee receipt has to be submitted along with the application form.