



# KALINGA UNIVERSITY

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## Ph.D. Admission Policy

Kalinga University, Naya Raipur

### PREAMBLE

In accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016, 2018, and 2022, Kalinga University, Naya Raipur (hereinafter referred to as the University), adopts this Ph.D. Admission Policy. The objective is to regulate and standardize doctoral admissions while ensuring transparency, academic excellence, and adherence to ethical and statutory requirements.

### OBJECTIVES

This policy seeks to:

Ensure a merit-based and transparent admission system.

Admit candidates demonstrating outstanding academic and research potential.

Uphold compliance with UGC regulations and maintain national and international research standards.

Foster inclusivity, diversity, and equal opportunity in doctoral education.

Encourage interdisciplinary, socially relevant, and innovative research.

### ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

A Master's degree (or equivalent) in a relevant discipline from a recognized university with at least 55% aggregate marks or an equivalent grade.

A relaxation of 5% (i.e., 50%) shall apply to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Differently-Abled categories as per UGC norms.

Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET (including JRF), UGC-CSIR NET, GATE, CEED, GPAT, or equivalent national-level tests are exempted from the University's entrance test but must appear for an interview.

Candidates with an M.Phil. degree (recognized by UGC) with coursework shall be eligible for direct admission, subject to evaluation.

Working professionals from academia, industry, or government with relevant experience may apply for part-time Ph.D. programs, provided they meet academic requirements.

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## ADMISSION PROCESS

The admission process shall include the following stages:

### 1. Notification & Application

The University shall issue admission notifications through newspapers, the official website, and digital platforms.

Applicants must submit duly filled applications with required credentials and a research proposal within the prescribed deadline.

### 2. Entrance Examination

All applicants, except those exempted under eligibility Clause 3, must appear for the Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET).

The PET shall comprise:

50% Research Methodology

50% Subject-Specific Content

Minimum qualifying marks: 55% (50% for SC/ST/OBC-NCL/Differently-Abled).

### 3. Interview & Final Selection

Shortlisted candidates shall present their research proposal and appear for an interview before the Research Advisory Committee (RAC).

Evaluation shall be based on:

Research aptitude and feasibility of the proposal

Academic and professional background

Alignment with the University's research priorities

Final selection will be based on a composite score: 70% weightage for PET (if applicable) and 30% for interview.

The merit list shall be published on the University website.

Note: Selected candidates must successfully complete Ph.D. coursework with a minimum of 50% marks.

## DOCTORAL RESEARCH COMMITTEE (DRC)

The Doctoral Research Committee (DRC) shall be the apex body responsible for regulating admissions, ensuring academic integrity, and monitoring compliance with UGC norms. Its composition shall be as per UGC guidelines.



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## Reservation Policy

The University follows the Reservation Policy of the Government of India and UGC, ensuring equitable access for SC, ST, OBC (NCL), EWS, and differently-abled candidates.

## Validity of Admission

Candidates must complete their enrollment within the period specified in the offer letter, which will be considered as the date of admission confirmation.

Failure to enroll within the prescribed period may result in cancellation, unless prior approval is granted by the DRC.

## FEE STRUCTURE

Ph.D. admission, coursework, and annual research fees shall be determined by the University Fee Regulation Committee and notified in advance.

Candidates availing fellowships/scholarships from UGC, CSIR, INSPIRE, ICSSR, DST, or other agencies must comply with their respective funding conditions.

## CANCELLATION OF ADMISSION

Admission shall be cancelled in cases of:

Submission of fraudulent or misleading information.

Breach of the University's code of conduct or research ethics.

Plagiarism or violation of UGC regulations.

Failure to complete coursework or progress requirements within stipulated timelines.

## POLICY REVIEW & AMENDMENTS

The Academic Council and DRC shall periodically review and update this policy in line with UGC regulations and emerging research needs. All amendments shall be duly notified.

## CONCLUSION

Kalinga University, Naya Raipur reaffirms its commitment to academic excellence, transparency, and ethical research practices through this Ph.D. Admission Policy. The University pledges strict adherence to UGC norms while fostering a culture of innovation, integrity, and socially impactful research.