

## **School of Liberal Studies (SLS)**

**PhD Programme (Sociology)**  
2017 – 2018



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### **SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES (SLS)**

SLS is home to postgraduate studies and research in Economics, History, Sociology and Mathematics. It offers a range of interdisciplinary, diverse and overlapping programmes that support, encourage and redefine liberal arts education through a number of interdisciplinary courses, participatory pedagogy and teaching-learning processes that goes beyond classroom to engage with the field.

#### **PhD ADMISSIONS 2017 for Sociology**

Applications are invited for PhD Programmes in Sociology. Please check AUD SLS Sociology faculty profiles to assess areas of specialisation that faculty members have. Some select areas and tentative research expertise currently available are on labour and public health; gender, sexuality and transnational feminisms; justice, equality and law; medical anthropology; social exclusion, caste and dalit politics; democracy, state and social movements; rural transformation and change; mental health in conflict settings; relationships, kinships and intimacies; urban studies and land politics; business and social entrepreneurship.

#### **SUPERVISORY ARRANGEMENT**

A Supervisor from the Sociology Faculty of SLS shall be assigned to each PhD scholar. A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) consisting of the Supervisor and two more faculty members from within and outside of the University would be constituted for each PhD scholar in due course. The RAC will meet regularly to monitor the research scholar's progress during the programme and will also make recommendations as required to ensure that the scholar completes all requirements of course work.

A 6-monthly progress report has to be submitted by supervisor in consultation with RAC.

Co-supervisory arrangements are possible with experts and scholars outside the School or even outside AUD on the conditions that they have recognised academic credentials, and the Research Studies Committee (RSC) of the School should be convinced that the involvement of this person would significantly enhance the quality of the scholar's research.

#### **COURSE WORK**

Candidates admitted in the PhD programmes are required to complete 16 credits of course work during a period of two semesters. In the first semester, two core courses of 4 credits each will be Theoretical Issues in Sociological Research and Methods and Techniques in Social Research. In the second semester, two 2 credit courses on Guided Reading and Workshop on Academic Writing will be transacted together with a 4 credit Elective course which the PhD scholar can choose from those offered from Sociology as well as outside of the Programme or School.

Participation in course work presumes a scholar's residence in Delhi region during the officially recognised academic year/ sessions and the scholar's regular attendance of classes and related academic activities.

**FEES:** Rs. 1450 per credit for course work or Rs. 5510 per semester during Research/ Dissertation + Rs. 500 per semester for Student Welfare Fund + Rs. 5,000 as refundable Security Deposit.

SC/ST and Differently abled research scholars will be fully exempt from paying tuition fee. For others, partial/ full fee waivers are available based on income status.

**STIPEND:** As may be determined by the AUD-Standing Committee Research (SCR) from time to time.

### **JOURNEY OF PHD CANDIDATE**

The minimum period for completion of PhD, including coursework period is three years, and maximum is 5 years. More details regarding rules governing PhD programmes at AUD are available in the Research Studies Regulation and all scholars will be guided by that.

Each scholar will be expected to provide a six monthly progress report throughout the duration of the PhD after successful completion of coursework within 12 months of enrolment. Besides making regular progress reports to the supervisor and RAC, each scholar shall have to make pre-submission seminar presentation to be arranged by the SLS RSC.

### **ADMISSIONS 2017**

**SEATS:** 10. The total number of seats may vary depending on the availability/ interest of research supervisor in the specific area in which the proposal has been advanced. The University is not obliged to fulfil all the advertised seats if the suitable candidates are not found.

**HOSTEL:** AUD has about 40 seats for women in its hostel in Kashmere Gate.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Candidates seeking admission in PhD programme must have Masters degree from a recognised University/Institute with 55% marks or an equivalent grade. A relaxation in marks of 5% or an equivalent relaxation of grade is allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non creamy layer, Delhi)/ differently-abled categories (DOPT/UGC list).

Meeting the eligibility criteria will not ensure admission but will also be dependent on statement of purpose, entrance test and interview.

### **APPLICATION**

At the time of submitting the application form a Statement of Purpose as well as Research Proposal need to be submitted. The Statement of Purpose should include a well articulated argument as to why the candidate wishes to pursue research at AUD. The SOP should not exceed 500 words. The applicants will be required to submit a written research proposal clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study not exceeding 2500 words.

### **ENTRANCE TEST and INTERVIEW**

Eligible candidates will be short listed for the written test. The examination will among other things test research methodological understanding of applicants. Only candidates qualifying in the written examination will be called for the interview. The interview shall be based on the courses that the candidate has done till the Master's level, the statement of purpose and the research proposal submitted.

A provisional admission to the PhD programme will then be offered to the candidates on the basis of combined merit of the research proposal, written entrance exam and interview.

### **APPLICATION DATES**

**On-line Application:** Until 10 July 2017

**Entrance Test:** 26 July 2017

**Interview:** 02/03 August 2017

\*Consult the website for further entrance related details. For more information, keep checking the admission website at: [www.aud.ac.in](http://www.aud.ac.in)

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