

**School of  
Human Ecology (SHE)**

**PhD Programme  
2018-2023**



**Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)**  
(Established by the Government of the National Capital  
Territory of Delhi)  
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**SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY (SHE)**

SHE aims to develop a deep and multifaceted understanding of environmental concerns that includes perspectives from the social and the natural sciences. The School expects its students to graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to analyse and address environmental concerns keeping in mind social equity, academic rigour and ecological sustainability.

SHE aims to build praxis for socially just environmental futures.

**PHD ADMISSIONS 2018**

Applications are invited for PhD in the fields of:  
Applied Ecology  
Environmental and Ecological Economics  
Environmental History  
Urban Development and Environment  
Political Ecology  
Natural Resource Management

Land Use Change  
Rural and Agrarian Change  
Environment and Public Health.

**SUPERVISORY ARRANGEMENT**

A Supervisor from SHE shall be assigned after the offer of an admission has been made. A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) would be constituted for each scholar, which would meet regularly to recommend coursework and monitor the research scholar's progress during the programme.

Candidates are encouraged to discuss their proposed research with possible supervisors at AUD before beginning the application process.

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 doctoral scholar's research.

**COURSE WORK**

Candidates admitted without MPhil are required to complete a minimum of 16 credits of course work within a period of one or two semesters as prescribed by the RSC of the School.

The order in which these courses are completed and the number of credits to be undertaken in

one or two semesters is determined by the RSC on the basis of the recommendation of the candidate's RAC. The RSC has the right to prescribe course work even to admitted doctoral scholars already holding MPhil.

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 exercises. Exceptions to the 'residency requirement' could be for scholars who are prescribed course work or 'pre-thesis' learning activities of a kind which cannot be fulfilled at AUD or which the research studies committee specifically prescribes to be done in some other place/under special conditions.

Other courses and pre-submission activities could be prescribed to a doctoral scholar by the RSC, according to the scholar's particular research requirements.

**FEES:** Rs. 1570 per credit for Course Work or Rs. 5950 per semester during Research/ Dissertation + Rs.500 per semester for Student Welfare Fund + Rs.5000 as refundable Security Deposit

Partial/ full fee waivers and scholarships available.

**STIPEND:** The Stipend will be paid according to AUD norms.

## MONITORING PROGRESS OF PHD CANDIDATE

The duration of the doctoral scholar's enrolment is subject to the general research studies regulations of AUD. Scholars enrolling with MPhil may submit a dissertation for examination no sooner than 18 months following enrolment, while those enrolling without MPhil may submit it no sooner than 24 months after enrolment.

The supervisor and the SHE Research Studies Committee (RSC) will monitor four milestones during the PhD process:

◇ Successful completion of coursework: normally within 18 months of enrolment.

◇ Presentation and defense of research synopsis: between 18 and 24 months after enrolment.

◇ Pre-dissertation public viva to be arranged by the SHE RSC.

◇ PhD defense in presence of AUD supervisor, co-supervisor (if any), thesis examiners, and any other invited experts.

## ADMISSIONS 2018

**SEATS: 6** (including reservations as per the Roster).

**HOSTEL:** AUD has 45 seats for women in its hostel in Kashmere Gate.

## ELIGIBILITY

Candidates must have either already obtained MPhil or those holding MSc/MA must have displayed special aptitude such as completion of

a research thesis (or project of comparable scope) from a recognised University or scholarly publication(s).

Candidates' proposed research should align with the specializations of SHE faculty. Applicants are therefore encouraged to consult faculty profiles on the AUD website.

They must have passed with at least 55% or an equivalent grade/ class.

Relaxation in marks for reserved categories as per the Government of NCT of Delhi norms.

Meeting the eligibility criteria will not ensure admission but will also be dependent on research proposal, entrance test and interview.

**Research Proposal:** It should be up to five double-spaced pages with the application. The document should give a background of the proposed research, its questions/ objectives, a description of the chosen conceptual frameworks, and the historical-geographical context of the research. Each proposal will be put through plagiarism-check software and cases of plagiarism are grounds for summary disqualification of application.

**Entrance Test:** It will comprise essay questions addressing contemporary issues at the interface of environment and human society. It will presume an ability to respond to the questions from a broad social sciences perspective. Expected readings will be circulated beforehand.

The weightage of the **Research Proposal** is 25%.

The weightage of the **Entrance Test** is 50%.

The weightage of the **Interview** is 25%

Satisfactory performance in the admission procedure requires obtaining a minimum of 55% in proposal assessment, entrance test and interview combined for General Category with appropriate relaxation for Reserved Categories.

## APPLICATION DATES\*

**On-line Application:** Until 8 July 2018

**Entrance Test:** 23 July 2018

**Interview:** 24 July 2018

\*Consult the website for further entrance related details.

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