

## **AUD-CWDS PH.D. PROGRAMME IN WOMEN'S AND GENDER STUDIES (SCHOOL OF HUMAN STUDIES)**

### **Admissions 2018**

#### **Programme Description**

The Women's and Gender Studies Ph.D. Programme is conducted jointly by Ambedkar University Delhi and Centre for Women's Development Studies (Delhi) as part of a collaboration between the two institutions. It creates a space for questioning silences around gender that steer the workings of caste, class and community in contemporary and historical societies, and in the social sciences.

The pedagogies of teaching and learning employed at Women's and Gender Studies research programmes, are intended to further a feminist sensibility in ways that balance academic rigour with intellectual freedom.

At Ambedkar University Delhi, the Ph.D. is offered in conjunction with the M.Phil. programme within the School of Human Studies, an explorative, interdisciplinary space for thinking and reflecting on the myriad meanings of being human. The unique collaboration with the Centre for Women's Development Studies brings together the complementary strengths of each institution, where CWDS is known as a premier institution in the field of research in women's studies, and AUD known for its interdisciplinary orientation.

**No. of Seats:** 10

#### **Eligibility**

- i. Preference will be given to those who have completed MPhil in Women's and Gender Studies or in a related Social Sciences or Humanities discipline, or with equivalent experience and/or publications in the field.
- ii. Essential: Masters with 55% in the Social Sciences, Natural Sciences or in professional degrees like engineering, law and medicine or equivalent grade and 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.
- iii. The requirement of at least 55% marks or equivalent grade from a recognised University (50% in case of SC/ST candidates) at the Masters' level is also applicable to those with an M.Phil. Degree.

**Reservation of Seats:** In accordance with Government of NCT Delhi rules and the reservation roster will be followed for the research programmes admission.

**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.

**Course Work:**

Direct PhD in Women's and Gender Studies entails mandatory course work as allocated to the student. It will include specific courses designed to strengthen the core areas of research of each student and courses on methodology, theory or movements as required. The total number of credits of course work will depend on how many courses are allocated to each student and will vary accordingly.

Candidates with an MA degree will join MPhil candidates in taking courses in Research Methodology and Feminist Theories (see details under MPhil Admissions online.) Candidates holding the MPhil degree in an area/discipline *unrelated* to Women's and Gender Studies could be required to complete additional courses as determined by the Research Studies Committee (RSC). Even those PhD candidates, who already hold an MPhil degree in areas pertaining to Women's and Gender Studies, may be asked to undertake certain courses. The RSC could decide that research on the proposed topic requires a particular kind of preparation that the scholar has not yet obtained in her/his education and training and accordingly recommend the same.

Further details about courses can be found in the Note on M.Phil. WGS Admissions online.

**Fellowships and Stipend**

1. **AUD extends full fee waiver to all students belonging to SC, ST and PwD categories (please keep your certificates ready for admissions).**
2. Successful Ph.D. candidates will be eligible to apply for ICSSR Doctoral Fellowships through the CWDS, for which there is a separate application process including interview which will be undertaken after formal registration in the Ph.D. programme.
3. AUD will give stipend to PhD scholars who are not availing any fellowship/grant.

**MPhil/PhD WGS Important Dates for admissions 2018**

<b>11 June 2018 – 8 July 2018</b>	Open online registration of application to all the MPhil/PhD programmes
<b>9 July 2018</b>	Display the lists of eligible applicants to all the MPhil/PhD programmes for entrance examination.

<b>Admission Tests/Interview schedule for PhD WGS Programme</b>		
PhD Women's and Gender Studies 2018	16 July 2018 – 2:30 pm	Entrance Examination
	23 – 24 July 2018 – 10:00 am	Interview
	25 July 2018 (Evening)	Declaration of Admission list
	26 – 28 July 2018 – 10:00 am	First list Admissions
	30 July 2018 (Evening)	Declaration of Second Admission list (if required)
	31 July & 1 August	Second list Admissions (if required)

**Admission Process: Admission to the Ph.D. programme will comprise of three compulsory components: Research proposal, entrance exam and interview.**

1. The written exam will be of 50% weightage (50 marks) on 16<sup>th</sup> July, 2018 at the Kashmere Gate campus of AUD and will start at 2:30 pm sharp. The exam will be of one hour. Candidates are expected to prepare themselves on themes related to research methodology in the field of Women's and Gender Studies.
2. The proposal will be of 25% weightage (25 marks). Proposals will be checked for plagiarism which can be a ground for rejection. The screening of proposals will be held before the entrance exam and the candidates whose proposals are plagiarized will not be shortlisted for appearing in the entrance exam. The proposal should be between 2000-3000 words only.
3. The interview will also be of 25% weightage (25 marks). The names of candidates shortlisted for the interview will be put up on the AUD website according to the schedule mentioned above.

**For filling online application form follow the instructions carefully that is given with the online application form at AUD website. The research proposal has to be uploaded along with the application form. The proposal should have the title of the proposal along with the name and application number of the candidate so that it can be identified easily. We will not be able to process applications without proposal as these will be treated as incomplete.**

**For information about the M. Phil./Ph. D. programme in Women's and Gender Studies, contact Dr. Rachna Chaudhary ([rachna@aud.ac.in](mailto:rachna@aud.ac.in)) and/or Dr. Seema Kazi (seemakazi1@gmail.com).**

**It is crucial that the applicants provide complete contact information that includes an email address and phone number. Applicants are expected to visit AUD website (aud.ac.in) from time to time to remain informed about admissions activities and deadlines.**