



# AMBEDKAR UNIVESITY DELHI

## School of Liberal Studies

### PhD Programme in Economics

#### SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES

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 IN ECONOMICS

The Ph.D programme in economics aims to provide a well-rounded and rigorous training in economics which will enable research scholars to address substantive question using economic theory and empirical methods. It aims to produce scholars alive to the multiplicity of disciplinary traditions in economics and the connections of these traditions to each other and to other branches of human knowledge.

**Programme details** The normal duration of the programme is five years from the date of enrolment of the student. The programme is designed to be a full-time engagement for the students. No other degree will be awarded to students not successfully completing the programme.

In the first-year students take the required course on research methods and elective courses in their areas of interest. Thereafter the student is required to produce a thesis presenting his/her original research with the help active supervision / mentoring from the programme faculty.

**Research Advisory Committee** Each student admitted to the programme will be assigned a provisional Academic Advisor by the PhD programme faculty based on mutual interests of the students and respective faculty members. The provisional Academic Advisor will guide the student regarding the coursework to be undertaken based on the research interests of the student. The provisional Academic Advisor *may or may not* go on to become the Supervisor of the student with respect to his/her doctoral dissertation.

At the end of the second semester, the students shall submit a thesis proposal and a Supervisor will be assigned to the student from among the full-time faculty members of the Economics group. Simultaneously, a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) will be formed for each student. The RAC will be chaired by the Supervisor and consist of at least two more faculty members from within or outside the University.

Co-supervisory arrangements are possible with experts and scholars outside the School who have the requisite academic credentials is possible with the permission of the Research Studies Committee (RSC) of the School in cases where such an arrangement would significantly enhance the quality of the scholar's research.

**Coursework** Each student admitted to programme must complete 16 credits of coursework. Of this, 8 credits of compulsory Research Methods courses must be completed in the first semester. Of this, two credits to be constituted by a core introductory module 'Research Methods-1: Methods and Approaches to Economics' and the other six credits to be earned from the course 'Research Methods-2' by choosing from different tracks of three research methods electives, which will cover Mathematical Methods, Historical Methods and Political Economy, and Econometrics.

In the second semester, the student must complete two 4-credit elective courses. Of the two Elective courses, the student may opt for 'at most one' elective course from other programmes in the University based on their research interests and with consultation and approval of the Academic Advisor and PhD Programme Coordinator.

**Journey of the PhD Student** 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.

The following table provides the timeline for the PhD student during her/his enrolment in the Programme:

<i>Task</i>	<i>Duration/Deadline</i>
Coursework	1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> semester
Thesis proposal and formation of Research Advisory Committee	By the end of 2nd semester
Confirmation of thesis proposal	By the end of 5th semester; Desirable by end of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Semester
Submission	at least 3 years and at most 5 years from the date of enrolment in the programme

The student has to make a pre-submission presentation, and if recommended for submission, must submit the thesis within three months.

**Fees:** Rs.1680 per credit for course work or Rs 6370 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:** The Stipend will be paid according to AUD norms.

## ADMISSIONS 2019

Applications are invited for the full-time PhD Programme in Economics for 2019.

### **Seats:** 06.

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.

**Eligibility** A Masters degree in any subject with at least 55% marks or equivalent letter grade will be the minimum eligibility for admission. 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 the entrance test, research proposal and interview.

**Entrance** Admission to the Programme will be through a written test (50%), research proposal (25%) and interview (25%).

The applicants are required to submit a written research proposal along with the application. The research proposal (not exceeding 2500 words) clearly delineate his/her tentative research theme/focus/areas and should elaborate on the research questions comprehensively.

The written test will evaluate the knowledge of Economics equivalent to the core courses in AUD's M.A. Economics programme.

For the interview the candidate will be required to present her/his research proposal and would be expected to have a comprehensive understanding in the area chosen in the proposal.

The selection process, and specially the interview, would emphasize innovative thinking ability and a genuine interest in research. The alignment of the student's research interest with the on-going thrust research areas of the faculty would also be taken into account. Applicants are requested to familiarise themselves with the research interests of the faculty through their profiles on the University website.

## APPLICATION DATES

**Online Application:** 10 June to 8 July 2019

**Entrance Test:** 19 July 2019

**Interview:** 29 - 30 July 2019

\*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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