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### **GENERAL INFORMATION AND PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSION UNDER FOREIGN STUDENT (FS) CATEGORY**

#### **2020- 2021 ACADEMIC YEAR**

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## **DISCLAIMER TO APPLICANTS:**

**1. The contents of this bulletin are on the basis of policies applicable on the date of commencement of admission for the Academic Session 2020 – 2021. Additional information shall be uploaded to the University website: [www.aud.ac.in](http://www.aud.ac.in). Candidates seeking admission are hereby advised to regularly visit the website for updates and to take note of any modification of the admission processes described in the present bulletin.**

**2. Any change in the procedures for in-person appearance of applicants for admission activities as well as for verification of documents shall be notified in due course on the website.**

### **I(A). The Foreign Student (FS) admission category.**

AUD invites applications to its study programmes from citizens of countries other than India. AUD has a Foreign Student (FS) supernumerary admission quota -- in excess of the sum of seats of regular Indian admission categories -- for its undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programmes. The FS quota in UG and PG programmes is a percentage of the total of regular (non-supernumerary) Indian/domestic study seats. The number of FS seats in a PhD programme is determined by the programme's supervisory capacity. In some PhD programmes there are few or no FS seats in some admission years. **The FS PhD seats available in 2020 – 2021 in the various programmes are shown in Table below (page 3-4).**

Admission of foreign students is for full-time study in an approved programme with intention of completing an AUD degree. (Temporary/part-time enrolment of foreign students or research affiliation is allowed under some institutional agreements between AUD and foreign colleges/universities: see the web page of the AUD International Affairs Division for details.)

FS applicants must use the **online application portal for FS applicants** and pay the designated application fee there [[https://aud.ac.in/admissions/phd\\_admissions/2021-](https://aud.ac.in/admissions/phd_admissions/2021-) HYPERLINK]. **FS applicants should carefully read the bulletin describing the programme they seek admission to and follow the programme-specific instructions (in Section II below) for FS admission.**

- **FS admission is considered to be ‘in absentia’, whether or not the FS applicant is in India at the time of application.** No applicant under the FS category may be considered for admission under another category or quota, and no applicant under any domestic admission category (regular or supernumerary) is eligible for FS admission. FS admission to most programmes differs from domestic student admission. FS applicants are not usually expected to participate in the same admission steps as Indian (domestic) applicants; they might undergo alternate admission diagnostics.
- Minimum eligibility requirements for FS applicants are the same as (or equivalent to) those for Indian applicants of the general/unreserved admission category. *The MER are mentioned in the programme writeups in the general bulletin of information and on the admission web pages.* The numerical cut-offs for determining higher eligibility of domestic applicants do not apply to FS applicants.

- If an admission process includes viva voce entrance exercises or interviews, an FS applicant cannot be exempted from that activity because of her/his remote location. FS applicants will be interviewed via Skype or other electronic platform.

**‘Self-financing’ FS applicants** are those who apply at large and do not receive financial assistance as part of an official government/cultural/educational exchange programme recognized by the Indian government. Self-financing FS applicants pay the AUD application/FS processing fees and they pay the tuition indicated in the table below [Section I(C)]. **Financed/sponsored FS applicants** apply for admission to AUD as per the norms of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (Cultural Exchange Fellowship Programme) or another government-to-government scholarship programme. Their tuition payments to AUD are set by terms of their scholarship, as recognized by the university.

**TABLE : FS seats in PhD programmes**

<b>School</b>	<b>Programme Name</b>	<b>No. of seats for Foreign Students</b>
School of Human Studies	PhD Women and Gender Studies	1
	PhD Psychology	1
	PhD Disability Studies	1
School of Liberal Studies	PhD Mathematics	1
	PhD Sociology	1
	PhD in History	1
	PhD Economics	1
School of Letters	PhD in Comparative Literature and Translation Studies	1
	PhD Hindi	1
	PhD English	1
School of Development Studies	PhD Development Studies	1
School of Human Ecology	PhD Human Ecology	1
School of Business, Public Policy and Social Entrepreneurship	PhD in Management	2
School of Education Studies	PhD in Education	1
<b>Total FS PhD seats</b>		<b>15</b>

## I(B). Eligibility for application and admission as 'Foreign Student'.

1. A person who holds citizenship and valid passport of a country other than India is *eligible* for admission under the 'Foreign Student' (FS) category.
2. A person who holds a valid Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card and a passport of country other than India is *eligible* for admission under FS category. *Any applicant who holds Indian citizenship/passport is not eligible for admission under FS category.*
3. No applicant may apply under the FS category **and** be considered for admission under any domestic (Indian) student categories (general, OBC, SC, ST, EWS, SGC, etc.).
4. Tibetan applicants with Identity Certificates issued by the Government of India (and not holding Indian passports) will be considered foreign applicants only to be admitted under the FS category.
5. A non-resident Indian (NRI) and citizen of India whose qualifying degree/certificate is from an international education board (e.g., International Baccalaureate/IB) or from a foreign school/HE institution/board is *not* eligible for admission under FS category.[1]
6. FS applicants are subject to rules of 'in absentia' admission regardless of whether they are in India or outside of the country at the time of application.

[1] 'Qualifying degree' means the degree/diploma/education credential most recently obtained as minimum education requirement for admission to the programme applied to: for Bachelor's degree, the secondary school diploma; for admission to a Master's programme, the BA/BSc/BBA; etc.

## I(C). Application fees and tuition fees.

The FS **application fees** (for self-financing and sponsored/financed applicants) are as follows.

- Foreign applicants from **non-SAARC countries** are required to pay an application fee equivalent to **USD 200** for applying to as many as two (2) AUD study programmes. (INR 15000 on DD/MM/2021)
- Foreign applicants from **SAARC countries and Tibet** are required to pay an application fee of equiv. **USD 100** (for up to two programmes). (INR 7500 on DD/MM/2021)
- The *application fee must be paid in INR through the application portal* via credit card/debit card or electronic transfer. The recognized exchange rate USD to INR on DD/MM/2021 is xxx.
- The application fee serves as a registration processing fee for provisionally admitted applicants and is not refundable.

### Annual FS tuition:

Programme	SAARC countries and Tibet	Non-SAARC countries
PhD*	Equivalent to USD 1200	Equivalent to USD 2000

\*PhD scholars of FS category pay the designated annual fees during every semester of programme enrolment, not only for the period of required course work.

## **I(D). Required information and documents.**

The FS admission portal/online application form will direct you to input information and upload digital scans or electronic documents. **The list of basic documents required for FS application is included here. Documents required of all FS applicants are indicated by \*.** Descriptions of other kinds of documents that need to be submitted at point of application (for example, ‘Statement of Purpose’ or ‘research proposal’) are given in the bulletin of information, on the AUD webpage for a specific programme and in Section II below (‘Programme-Specific Application Instructions’). Note that the application portal might not allow uploading of certain document/image formats or of items larger than 10 MB. You should provide the requested basic documents in the form of digital scans in Word or PDF, or .jpg for photos and images. File names should contain your name and a short description (for example: F Weber birth certificate.pdf). The online application portal will not allow you to complete your application and pay the required application fee if required documents have not been uploaded (or cannot be uploaded because they are in the wrong file format). *AUD is not obligated to process your application if the uploaded documents are illegible or not ‘readable’.*

\*1. **Birth certificate.** (If name on the BC is different from the name on education transcript/s, the applicant must also submit a separate affidavit/certificate linking the birth name and the name on education certificates.)

\*2. Valid **passport.** (The passport should be valid for at least six months at the time of submitting the application.)

\*3. A recent **photograph** showing full face of the applicant.

\*4. **Scans/e-files of all official transcripts/education/degree certificates** mentioned in your application. Must include the qualifying degree (see definition in I.B. above) and prior degrees going back to secondary school.

\*5. **Letter(s) authenticating education certificates** (in 4 above) by any one of the following: (a) an officer of the relevant educational institution; (b) an officer of the country’s education ministry; (c) the cultural/education officer of the country’s embassy in India. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) will validate documents of foreign applicants for a fee (see [www.aiu.ac.in](http://www.aiu.ac.in)) and AIU certificates may be submitted in place of institutional authentication letters. (Authentication letters are NOT required for Indian or SAARC-country education certificates.)

6. **Valid certificate of TOEFL/Academic IELTS/ELPC**, showing test score, *for applicants whose qualifying degrees are not from an English-medium institution/board.* This is not required if the school/HE institution (or the relevant academic programme of the school/HE institution) issuing transcripts per (4) and (5) above is an ‘English medium’ institution. **See clarification in Section I.E. below.**

7. **Proof of financial support** for the minimum normal registration period of the intended AUD study programme (2 years or 3 years). This proof would normally be one or more balance statements of bank

accounts in the name of the applicant or her/his parent of legal guardian. The statements must be not older than three months from the time of application. *If such proof cannot be provided at point of application, a provisionally admitted student will be required to provide evidence of financial viability once s/he is in Delhi. (See Section I.F.)*

8. For Nepalese applicants only: citizenship card along with Nepal passport.
9. For Tibetan applicants only: Registration Card (issued by Govt. of India).
10. FS applicants already holding an **Indian visa for higher study** (Student or Researcher category) should submit a scan of the same.
11. **Valid Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card**, if applicable. OCI card entitles the holder to study in India without Student or Researcher visa.
12. If applicant is in regular employment and availing of leave for the duration of their study in India, s/he should submit a '**No objection certificate**' (NOC) from the employer.
13. **Letter of scholarship award** from Indian or other government agency.

### **I(E). Language proficiency tests.**

AUD is a multi-language learning environment. Many AUD study programmes expect learners to be proficient or to become proficient in more than one language, including English. Admission of foreign students to AUD presumes their proficiency in academic English. No special proof of proficiency is required *if* (a) an FS applicant's most recent (or qualifying) educational degree was awarded by a recognized 'English-medium' institution, *or* (b) English was the official 'medium of instruction' of the programme they graduated from. **If neither (a) nor (b) is true, an FS applicant needs to provide evidence of academic proficiency in English in the form of a performance report/certificate of a standard examination of academic English, preferably TOEFL or IELTS (Academic only, not General Training version).** The reported test score must have been obtained within the preceding two years. For admission to all AUD programmes *except B.Voc. and Hindi language and literature*, an applicant's minimum IELTS score must be 6.5, or the TOEFL score must be in the 79 – 93 range (out of 120) or above. *Applicants to B.Voc. and Hindi language and literature programmes need not submit TOEFL or IELTS scores as described above.* Admission to Hindi programmes requires demonstration of proficiency in Hindi, as decided by programme faculty. Admission to B.Voc. programmes may require an applicant to demonstrate knowledge of English. (Contact [svs@aud.ac.in](mailto:svs@aud.ac.in) for instructions.)

In AUD programmes with compulsory English language courses, TOEFL or IELTS scores may be used to place the foreign student into the appropriate level of English language training.

### **I(F). What happens after you are offered admission?**

- FS applicants with complete and valid online applications will be contacted in due course about subsequent application steps. Those selected for admission are offered *provisional admission* upon verification of the documents provided during the admission process.

- A provisionally admitted FS candidate will be issued documents by AUD to enable her/him to obtain a student visa (or, for Ph.D. scholars, research visa). No provisionally admitted foreign student will be registered at AUD without a valid visa (Student or Research) unless they are in possession of such document as OCI card that conveys right to stay in the country and register in an Indian educational institution. For information about visa requirements, please visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>. FS candidates should await the official AUD admission ‘offer letter’ (with provisional registration number and other information) before applying for visas.
- **Additional requirements for registration:** (1) proof of suitable medical insurance, with ‘evacuation’ clause, for the FS *as well as* any dependent family members who stay with the FS in India; (2) banking details showing ownership or co-ownership of a bank account in India with funds sufficient to cover at least the first year of AUD tuition and living expenses in Delhi; *and* (3) evidence of personal and/or family financial resources sufficient to cover the student’s expenses of the whole intended period of study (2 years, 3 years or 4 years). (3) can be waived for government sponsored/financed FS candidates (defined above I.A.).
- FS are expected to pay the agreed tuition (see I.C.) on an annual basis at the beginning of each academic year. Payment of tuition and charges must be in Indian Rupees (INR) and can be done by electronic bank transfer. If an FS drops out before the end of the full academic year, part of the tuition may be refunded on a pro-rated basis. Any refund will be in INR.
- **AUD Student Services** is the administrative unit directly concerned with admission of foreign students. Once admitted, foreign students are assisted and advised by programme staff of their School and by the **International Affairs Division (IAD)**. IAD assists FS with matters such as general orientation towards the university, registration at the Foreigners Regional Registration Office and search for housing/accommodation. Contact IAD at [iadoffice@aud.ac.in](mailto:iadoffice@aud.ac.in).
- Please note that AUD cannot guarantee FS accommodation on its campuses. FS may apply for available university housing as other students do after they are provisionally admitted.

## II. Application instructions for specific programmes.

Before proceeding to the online application form/portal, read the information about admission in the general bulletin of information and on the AUD admission website *as well as instructions given below* about the programme(s) you are applying to. The application portal allows you to submit information and documents in stages (‘save and return’ option) before freezing and completing your application. Some programmes require you to email documents in addition to those you submit through the online application portal. Documents such as research proposals/prospectuses and statements of purpose will be checked with anti-plagiarism software. Plagiarized or falsified documents will result in rejection of an application.

The programme-specific instructions tell you what to do at point of application and what to expect after that. Contact information is provided for each study programme in case you have questions about the applications steps. **Once you have completed the online application form you will be contacted with further instructions, but you should also regularly check the AUD website for admission information/updates.**

Admission of all students to **Ph.D. programmes** is on the basis of several factors in addition to their performance in the previous ('qualifying') degree. **Details of the requirements (including additional documents to be submitted) for FS applicants to each research programmes are described below:**

**The university complies with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWD Act).**

### **SCHOOL OF BUSINESS, PUBLIC POLICY AND SOCIAL ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

For any queries contact: [deansbppse@aud.ac.in](mailto:deansbppse@aud.ac.in)

Degree Programme: **PhD in Management**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Candidates must have obtained a Master's degree in management studies or allied area, or a professional degree recognized by AIU as equivalent to the Master's, with at least 55% marks in aggregate (or equivalent grade). They must have minimum GMAT score of 650 and submit the GMAT report at point of application (online portal).
2. **Statement of purpose:** (300 – 500 words) articulating applicants' interest in management research, with mention of reasons for pursuing a doctoral degree in India and at AUD in particular. It should also include details of specific area(s) of research that the applicant is willing to undertake aligned with his/her specializations.
3. **Online presentation and interview:** Shortlisted candidates will be required to make brief online presentation of their research proposal followed by an online interview to access their intent and interest towards management research.
4. **Research proposal:** (1500 – 2000 words): indicating the broad area of research, the research proposal should explain the background, significance of the study, a brief review of literature, key questions, objectives and scope, and a brief description of the research process and methods that the candidate proposes to use along with references (in APA style).
5. All documents should be typed, 12 pt Arial font, 1.5 line spacing, saved as doc or pdf file, for naming use the following file naming convention. . .  
[Applicant name]\_[document type]\_PhD\_Management\_2020  
Example: Williams\_SOP\_PhD\_Management\_2020
6. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation from faculty or academic advisors who are familiar with educational/professional background of the applicant within the past five years. The letters of recommendation should describe the applicant's areas of interests, competence and development.
7. CV/biodata describing not only academic background but professional activities and accomplishments.

### **SCHOOL OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES**

For any queries contact: [deansds@aud.ac.in](mailto:deansds@aud.ac.in)

Degree Programme: **PhD in Development Studies**



The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose** (1000 words) describing the candidate's reasons for wishing to complete this programme,
2. **Research proposal** detailing the applicant's proposed research project. Instructions as for domestic applicants
3. **Written exercise** Candidates are required to submit a written essay online on the basis of readings uploaded on the AUD website.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**

### **SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STUDIES**

For any queries contact: [deanses@aud.ac.in](mailto:deanses@aud.ac.in)

Degree Programme: **PhD in Education**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose** (300 – 500 words) articulating the applicant's reasons for pursuing the PhD in Education.
2. A **research proposal** (maximum 3000 words) explaining the nature and the process of the proposed work is required. The proposal must identify the broad area of research and include a title of the study, significance of the study, a brief review of literature, a description of the process of inquiry and references (in APA style; references not included in the word limit).
3. Two letters of recommendation from faculty, supervisors or academic advisors who are familiar with educational/professional background of the applicant and can write about his/her areas of interests, strength and development.
4. Applicants may submit a CV/biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments (optional).
5. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**. During the interview, the candidate will be assessed for their suitability for a rigorous research programme and their intent and interest towards teaching, research and engagement in the field of education.

### **SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY**

For any queries contact: [deanshe@aud.ac.in](mailto:deanshe@aud.ac.in)

Degree Programme: **PhD in Human Ecology**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. A **Statement of Purpose and a research proposal**
2. *Statement of Purpose*: (300 – 500 words) addressing applicant's reasons for wanting to earn the degree in the field of Human Ecology and indicating specific interest in the programme which is

- aligned with the applicant's professional research interests and specializations of comparable scholarly record.
3. *Research Proposal*: A write-up of up to five double-spaced pages (Times New Roman font size 12) should be submitted with the application. It 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
  4. A **Written Exercise**: The candidates would be required to submit a written essay online on the basis of the readings uploaded to the AUD website.
  5. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation by teachers or academic advisors who have known the applicant within the past five years and can speak to her/his competencies and interests. Referee should not write about the applicant as they knew him/her more than five years ago unless relevant. The letter is a statement of competence and interest, not merely a 'character certificate'.
  6. Applicants must submit a C.V./Biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments.
  7. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**

### **SCHOOL OF HUMAN STUDIES**

For any queries contact: **deanshs@aud.ac.in**

Degree Programme: **PhD in Women and Gender Studies**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research Proposal** (3000 words excluding bibliography) should specify the reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD along with the research agenda and question, literature review of the available scholarship in the field and clearly mention possible methods of conducting the research.
  - A. The proposal should include a substantial bibliography. Citations should be in MLA style.
  - B. If the candidate proposes to conduct either ethnography or archival work in a language other than English, his/her proficiency in the language concerned should be mentioned in the proposal.
  - C. The soft copy file of the proposal should be named as the applicant's full name followed by space and proposal.
  - D. The proposal should be introduced by a title page containing the proposal/research project title, the applicant's full name, the degree most recently earned (and name of the institution), date of submission of the proposal.
2. Two letters of recommendation from referees testifying to the applicant's aptitude for research and his/her training in this or other relevant disciplines.
3. A **writing sample** in the form of a substantial piece of published or unpublished writing in an area that is related to Women's and Gender Studies. The writing sample should include an adequate scholarly reference apparatus reflecting the applicant's awareness of research questions in the field of Women's and Gender Studies. This could be an MA/MPhil dissertation chapter, journal article, or work in progress. The electronic copy file name of the writing sample should include the applicant's full name followed by space and writing sample.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

Degree Programme: **PhD in Disability Studies**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose** (3000 words) explaining why the applicant wishes to join the PhD Disability Studies programme.
2. **Writing sample** (recommended 3000-5000 words): if the applicant has done an MA Dissertation the applicant is requested to attach it.
3. **Portfolio of work** (required): does the applicant have any prior experience of work in the rural in the home country or work with disability studies; does the applicant have any prior experience of emancipatory research, etc.
4. Copies of certification of work experience, if any.
5. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

Degree Programme: **PhD in Psychology (Psychosocial Studies)**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research proposal** (2500 - 3000 words) indicating research agenda, methodology planned and a bibliography. The applicant may also indicate their specific interest in and fit with the Psychosocial Studies PhD programme at AUD.
2. **Writing sample** in the form of published or unpublished work such as a term paper, a research paper, book chapter or a chapter from a Masters or MPhil dissertation that best reflects the applicant's research acumen (one item).
3. The applicant is also required to submit, after completion of the application form, an essay based on readings and instructions to be uploaded on the website (PhD Psychosocial Studies in the Admissions Section).
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

**SCHOOL OF LETTERS**

For any queries contact: [deansol@aud.ac.in](mailto:deansol@aud.ac.in)

Degree Programme: **PhD in Comparative Literature and Translations Studies**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research Proposal** (3000 words excluding a substantial bibliography) detailing the applicant's research agenda and question, their proficiency in the languages they intend to conduct the research, and the reasons for applying to our wishing to pursue this programme at AUD.
2. Three letters of recommendation from referees who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for research and their training in this or other relevant disciplines.

3. **Writing Sample** in the form of a substantial piece of published/unpublished writing (dissertation chapter, journal article, or work in progress) in an area that is closely related to the literary humanities in general. The writing sample should be a finished piece of writing, with an adequate scholarly reference apparatus, which reflects the applicant's ability to address research questions in the fields of Comparative Literature and/or Translation Studies. If the original piece of writing is not in English, an adequate translation of the same should be made available in English.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

#### Degree Programme: **PhD in English**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research proposal** (with a substantial bibliography) between 2500 to 3000 words specifying the applicant's research area and research questions.
2. A **writing sample** of 2500 to 3000 words on something other than the proposed topic of research preferably, an essay or a term paper, a chapter from a dissertation, or a published paper, with proper references and a bibliography.
3. Three letters of recommendation to be submitted by referees who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for and interest in research in the relevant field. These should be emailed or posted by the referee directly to the Programme Coordinator, PhD English ([pcresenglish@aud.ac.in](mailto:pcresenglish@aud.ac.in)).
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

#### Degree Programme: **PhD in Hindi**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research proposal** (with bibliography) of approximately 3000 words specifying the applicant's research area and research questions.
2. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.
3. For any admission related query, please email FMA at [Pcphdhindi@aud.ac.in](mailto:Pcphdhindi@aud.ac.in)/[Deansol@aud.ac.in](mailto:Deansol@aud.ac.in)

#### **SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES**

For any queries contact: [deansls@aud.ac.in](mailto:deansls@aud.ac.in)

#### Degree Programme: **PhD in Economics**

The selection criteria for the programme is as follows:

1. Applicants may have a Master's degree in any discipline but their undergraduate training must have included mathematics (as main subject/concentration/'major' or 'minor' area).
2. **Research proposal** (no word limit) with bibliography detailing the proposed research study and the reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

4. Two letters of recommendations from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.

#### Degree Programmes: **PhD in History**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research proposal** as described in the general bulletin/application instructions for the M Phil and PhD History programmes on the AUD website.
2. **Statement of purpose** (300 – 600 words) indicating reasons for wishing to pursue research studies in India and at AUD in particular. The SOP must be a Word document or pdf and have a file name as follows: [Applicant surname]\_SOP MPhil History [or PhD History]\_2020. It must be uploaded with the online application.
3. Two letters of recommendation by teachers or academic advisors who have known the applicant within the past five years and can speak to her/his competencies and interests. Referee should not write about the applicant as they knew him/her more than five years ago unless relevant. The letter is a statement of competence and interest, not merely a 'character certificate'.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**. The interview shall focus on the applicant's research proposal and shall be used to assess the applicant's capacity or potential to do historical research.

#### Degree Programmes: **PhD in Mathematics**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Eligible applicants must have a high first division (or equivalent) in mathematics or an allied discipline in both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.
2. **Statement of purpose** (500 words) including area of research interest, proposed research study and reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD.
3. Three letters of recommendation of which at least two are from persons who have taught the candidate mathematics at the Master's level. The letters should clearly address the capability of the candidate to do research in mathematics.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

#### Degree Programme: **PhD in Sociology**

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose** (500 words) should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in sociology at AUD.
2. **Research proposal** (maximum 2500 words) clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.

3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.