

School of Education Studies (SES)
Dr B R Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)
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Lodhi Road Campus

Bulletin of Information
PhD Programme in Education
Admissions 2020-2021

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SES is envisioned to evolve as a community of professionals and scholars endeavouring to understand education in its historical and contemporary contexts through engaged scholarship and practice. The School aims to bridge the gap between the theory and practice of education in its multiple locations—in that, it attempts to foster greater convergence between the study of education as a social phenomenon and the preparation of professional educators and social activists. In pursuit of this vision, SES launched the MA Education programme in 2012, MA Education (Early Childhood Care and Education) in 2014, a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme in 2019 and a PhD Programme in Education in 2019. These programmes are part of the School’s endeavour to bring in convergence between the professional and the liberal dimensions of education.

PhD Programme in Education

The doctoral programme is designed to engage scholars committed to identifying challenges in education, developing newer insights and contributing to the knowledge construction in this discipline. The programme aims to question, study, and critique the various forces influencing the discourse of education and respond by creating alternative pathways. It aims to nurture research scholars who develop the capacity to study the changing landscape of education and the critical issues in the various sites of practice. It intends to develop evidence based approaches to promote equity and social justice. The programme is designed to enable candidates to engage in rigorous scholarship and enhance the existing literature in the field with high quality research. The courses will encourage candidates to examine topics through multiple lenses grounded in different disciplines. SES offers specialisation in the following areas: Educational Theory, Curriculum Studies, Education Policy and Reform, Higher Education, Economics of Education, Language and Literacy, Social Science Education, Early Childhood Care and Education, Inclusive Education, Critical Pedagogy, Child and Youth Studies and Teacher Education.

Programme details

- The PhD programme strictly adheres to the rules and regulations of the University Grants Commission, as they are enforced and revised from time to time. The current regulations in force can be found [here](#).
- The PhD programme is guided by the research studies ordinance and regulations of the University, which can be found [here](#).

- Minimum duration of **three years** and maximum duration is **six years**. Extensions and relaxations are applicable as per PhD Regulations 2021 [here](#).
- Each student admitted to the programme must complete 16 credits of coursework. The 16 credits of workload must be undertaken by the scholar in the first two semesters of the PhD programme and must be completed by the end of the first year as per AUD guidelines. More details of courses can be found here: <https://ses.aud.ac.in/programme/research-studies/60-phd-in-education>
- Candidates already holding M. Phil. degree and admitted to the Ph.D. programme, or those who have already completed the course work in M.Phil. and have been permitted to proceed to the Ph.D. in integrated course, may be exempted by the School Research Studies Committee (RSC) from the Ph.D. course work. All other candidates admitted to the Ph.D. programme shall be required to complete the Ph.D. course work prescribed by the 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.
- A doctoral supervisor is appointed from the School within a year of admission to the programme. Experts and scholars with academic credentials from outside the School or university can be appointed as co-supervisors in case the candidate requires additional or specialized guidance.
- A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) is appointed for every candidate, with the supervisor as the convener of the committee. The RAC advises the candidate and monitors her/his/ their progress in the PhD programme.
- Every candidate is expected to complete the **six milestones** of the PhD programme
- Course work
- Presentation and defense of a research synopsis
- Pre-submission presentation
- Pre-submission requirements of conference presentations and publication
- Production of an original thesis
- Viva-voce examination of the PhD thesis

Fees

- Rs. 1,680/- per credit for Course Work, and
- Rs. 6,370/- per semester during Research/ Dissertation
- Rs. 500/- per semester for Student Welfare Fund
- Rs. 5,000/- as refundable Security Deposit

- Partial/full fee waivers are available as per University norms.

Stipend for Research Scholars'

- At present, all PhD candidates who are not drawing any other scholarship/ fellowship are eligible for a stipend of Rs. 16,000/- per month for a maximum duration of **three (03) years**, subject to satisfactory work progress in every semester. The amount and duration may be revised by the University from time to time.
- “AUD Research Excellence Scholarship” will be awarded to 25 meritorious candidates in the University, commensurate with UGC-JRF (Social Sciences and Humanities) fellowships. Other scholarships and research internships may be announced by the university from time to time.
- PhD candidates may be employed as Teaching Assistants subject to need of the School and the approval of their supervisors and Chair RSC. Teaching Assistants will be paid a remuneration as per University norms.

Hostel

- AUD has about 40 seats for women candidates in its hostel at Kashmere Gate
- Details of admission to the hostel can be found [here](#).

Admission to the Ph.D. Programme (2020—2021)

Potential applicants to the PhD programme are encouraged to familiarize themselves with research specializations at the School and get in touch with faculty members at the stage of applications. The research profiles of doctoral supervisors are available [here](#).

Candidates will be admitted in the programme with the following criteria:

- a. Eligibility
- b. Written Entrance Test
- c. Interview

Eligibility: The minimum eligibility for applying for PhD is 55 % marks or an equivalent grade in Post-Graduate degree. A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, may be allowed for candidates belonging to SC/ ST/ OBC (non-creamy layer)/Person with Disability categories. The eligibility marks of 55% (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) and the relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on the qualifying marks without including the grace mark. Meeting the eligibility criteria alone will not ensure admission. Candidate’s proposed research should align with the specialisations of SES faculty. Applicants are therefore encouraged to consult SES faculty profiles on the AUD website.

Research Proposal and Statement of Purpose

- Along with the application document, the candidate must submit a Research Proposal not exceeding 1500 words, explaining the nature and the process of the proposed work. The research proposal must clearly delineate the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study. The proposal must include a section on the significance of the study, a brief review of literature and a description of the process of inquiry. The proposed area of research must align with the research interests of the Programme Faculty of the PhD Education programme.
- In addition, candidates must submit a Statement of Purpose articulating why they wish to pursue a PhD in Education, not exceeding 500 words.

Written Entrance Test: Candidates who fulfil the basic criteria will be invited to appear for a written examination conducted by the School of Education Studies (SES) at the university. The exam will be qualifying with 50% marks as qualifying. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology and 50% subject specific, i.e., Education.

Exemptions from the Written Test

Applicants, who have qualified UGC-JRF/CSIR-JRF/DBT-JRF or an equivalent as specified by UGC, may directly appear for interview. The marks obtained by such candidates i.e., 30% weightage for the performance in the interview, will be scaled to 100% for determining the merit list.

Applicants who are employed as Group A officers by the Central Government or the State Government or as Group A officers of AUD or as full-time/regular Assistant Professors of AUD, may directly appear for the interview and the marks obtained i.e., 30% weightage for the performance in the interview, will be scaled to 100% for determining the merit list.

Interview: An interview will be organised for the candidates who have qualified the written test or are exempted from appearing for the written test as specified above. The candidates will be required to discuss their research interests/areas during the interview. An interview / viva voce to be conducted by the university which shall consider the following:

- whether the applicant possesses the competence of the proposed research area
- whether the research can be undertaken in the school
- whether the proposed area of research can contribute to the new / additional knowledge.

The interview/ viva voce will carry a weightage of 30%

For the selection of candidates and preparation of merit, a weightage of 70% to the Entrance Test and 30% to the performance in the interview shall be calculated. Based on the composite score, the candidate will be offered admission to the PhD programme at the School of Education Studies (SES).

Seats

- Total 10 | UR 04 | OBC 03 | SC 01 | SC PwD 01 | ST 01 | Foreign Student (Supernumerary) 01
- Reservations are as per rules of the university and orders of the Government of NCT of Delhi, as applicable from time to time.
- Candidates' proposed research should align with the specializations of Educational Programme faculty at SES. The School reserves the right to decline admission to candidates in cases where the topic does not align

with faculty specializations or the School does not possess the necessary infrastructural requirements/
laboratories.

Venue of Exam & Interview: [AUD Lodhi Road Campus](#), Aliganj (Near Jor Bagh Metro Station)

For any Admissions related query, write to the Ph.D. Programme Coordinator (Email:
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