

School of Global Affairs (SGA)  
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**Bulletin of Information**  
**PhD Programme (Public Health) 2021—2022**

**(To be approved by School RSC and SCR)**

**School of Global Affairs (SGA)**

SGA offers a range of interdisciplinary, diverse and overlapping programmes in global studies, urban studies and public health that support, encourage and redefine liberal arts education through a number of interdisciplinary courses, participatory pedagogy and teaching-learning processes.

**PhD Programme in Public Health**

The School of Global Affairs offers admission on an annual basis to a PhD Programme in Public Health which underscores a reflective engagement with public health theory and practice and the development of research competency. Research scholars shall acquire or improve skills for effective review of and engagement with scholarship in their chosen areas of research. They are enabled to discover and apply methodologies necessary to carry out original research aimed at an interdisciplinary engagement with public health issues. Research scholars will actively contribute to the intellectual life of the University through regular communication about their research work with faculty and fellow students. The key output of Public Health research scholars' would be a thesis.

**Program Details and Requirements**

- The PhD program 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 program is guided by the research studies ordinance and regulations of the University, which can be found [here](#).
- Minimum duration of the PhD programme is **three years** and maximum duration is **six years**. Extensions and relaxations are applicable as per PhD Regulations 2021 that can be found [here](#).

- Doctoral candidates are required to complete a course work of 16 credits in the first year (two semesters) of admission, including course(s) on Research Methodology. Course work is prescribed by the Research Studies Committee (RSC) of 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.
- Each student admitted to the programme will be assigned a provisional Academic Advisor based on mutual interests of the students and respective faculty members. The provisional Academic Advisor will guide the student regarding the course work to be undertaken based on the research interests of the student.
- A doctoral supervisor is appointed from the School within a year of admission to the program. 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 program.
- Every candidate is expected to complete the six milestones of the PhD program
  - 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 (2021—2022)**

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

### ***Areas of Research***

- Health Social Sciences
- Economics of Health
- Health System
- Environment and Occupational Health
- Public Health Nutrition and Food Security
- Demography / Population Sciences

### ***Seats***

- Indian National Seats- 4, Foreign National- 1
- Reservations are as per the 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 the Public Health Programme Faculty of SGA. 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.

### ***Eligibility***

- Master’s degree or a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master’s degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in the ten-point scale or an equivalent degree from or its

equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) or an equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognised or authorised by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

- A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50%, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, is allowed for applicants belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/ Persons with Disability categories.

### ***Procedure for Admission***

- The admission to the PhD program is based on a two-stage process consisting of an Entrance Test and a Personal Interview.
- Applicants are required to submit an original Research Proposal at the time of online application.
- The research proposal must clearly delineate the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study. The research proposal should give a background of the proposed research, its broad questions/ objectives and a brief description of the relevant theoretical/conceptual frameworks. The word limit for the research proposal is 2500 words.
- Applicants are required to apply online on the admissions portal of the University with relevant documents.
- In view of the Covid-19 pandemic, the admission process, entrance test and interview will follow the format (online or offline) as decided by the University from time to time. Applicants are strongly advised to regularly check the [University Admissions website](#) regularly for details, updates and modifications.
- The Entrance Test shall be qualifying with qualifying marks as 50%. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of research methodology and the subject area.
- The Entrance Test will comprise subjective and objective-type questions based broadly on understanding of public health, health system, social sciences and research aptitude.
- An interview will be organized for the qualified applicants. The interview/viva voce shall consider the following:
  - i. whether the applicant possesses competence in the proposed research area.
  - ii. whether the research can be undertaken at the School.
  - iii. whether the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge in the field.

- The Entrance Test shall be of 70% weightage and performance in the interview shall carry a weight of 30%.
- The interview, the Entrance Test and exemptions from the Entrance Test are guided by the Regulations Relating to the Award of Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, 2021 that can be found [here](#).

### ***Important Dates***

The timelines related to the admissions process, date of Entrance Test and Personal Interview, and venue of the Test and Interview, and declaration of merit list will be announced on the University admissions website.

### ***Fees for Applications***

<b><i>(SC,ST, PwD)</i></b>	<b><i>(UR, OBC,EWS)</i></b>
<b><i>340 INR</i></b>	<b><i>700 INR</i></b>

### **IMPORTANT**

Please consult the [University admissions website](#) regularly for details and updates. For any queries, write to Dr. Samik Chowdhury, at [samik@aud.ac.in](mailto:samik@aud.ac.in)

### **Regulations Concerning Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) :**

<https://aud.ac.in/uploads/4/admission/admission-2022/rs/revised-regulations-concerning-degrees-of- doctor-of-philosophyphd.pdf>