



Ph.D. Admission Guidelines

Year 2025-26

(2nd Attempt)



Gujarat Vidyapith

(Founded by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920)

Mahatma Gandhi Campus, Ashram Marg, Ahmedabad-380009

Symbol



The symbol of Gujarat Vidyapith is a blooming lotus flower. In Devanagari script, it says **“Sa Vidya Ya Vimuktaye”** meaning knowledge is that which liberates (us). In Arabic, it says **“Al Hikmatu Zallatul Momine Fahaiso Wajdaha Ahkko Beha”** meaning to take all knowledge as our missing thing without hesitation.

This symbol has a banyan tree which represents growth. There is also the moon which symbolizes beauty, peace and development. The lotus represents non-attachment, the sacred spirit. The lamps on both sides of the circle symbolize knowledge.

Gujarat Vidyapith was established for to train people for participation in freedom struggle. The aim of political freedom was temporary but the devotion to self-realization and attainment of knowledge are our permanent ideals. This devotion should continue to grow like the banyan tree and the moon with the spirit of non-attachment of the lotus.

Disclaimer

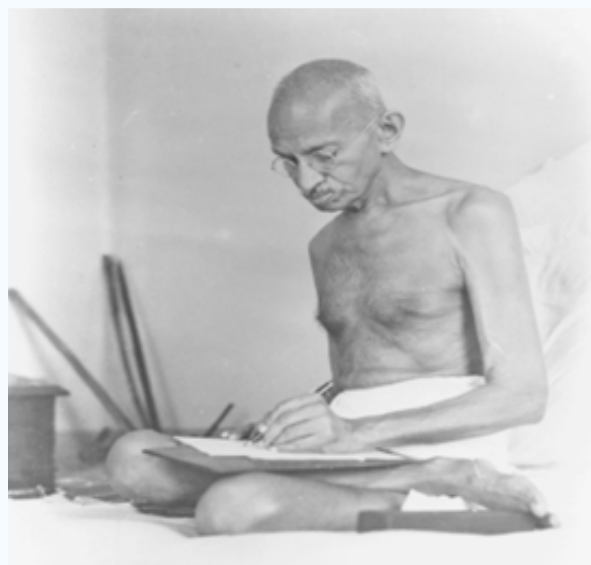
This Admission Guidelines has been designed for the convenience of the candidates registering for the courses of Gujarat Vidyapith in accordance with the UGC Ordinances and the Rules of Gujarat Vidyapith. Utmost care has been taken in preparing this Admission Guidelines. In case of any discrepancy, the UGC Ordinances and the Rules of Gujarat Vidyapith shall prevail.

Registrar
Gujarat Vidyapith

GUJARAT VIDYAPITH

(Deemed to be University)

(Established by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920)



Gandhiji started a nationwide movement of non-cooperation in 1920. As a part of this movement, he gave a call for the boycott of English schools and colleges. He also had wanted to rebuild the country along with non-violent struggle. That is why Gandhiji also gave constructive programs like the eleven vows. National education remained important in these programs. Gandhiji, along with the call for boycott of English education, created a positive atmosphere for the construction of a national university. As a result, the Gujarat Vidyapith was established by Gandhiji in 1920. Gandhiji wanted public awareness and innovation through education. In his inaugural speech of the Gujarat Mahavidyalaya affiliated to the Gujarat Vidyapith, he said, “I have only given a mantra. If a farmer's son can do it, then I have done the work of a sage.” Gujarat Vidyapith, which has a proud history of a century, continues to provide education based on Gandhian thought. It provides holistic education to the students through the development of the three H's - Head, Hand and Heart.

Gujarat Vidyapith has been granted the status of Deemed to be University by the UGC (University Grants Commission) since 1963. Gujarat Vidyapith was started as a National Educational Institution. The main objective of the institution is to prepare ethical, moral, energetic and dedicated workers for the reconstruction of the country according to the ideals given by Mahatma Gandhiji.

Accordingly, the education system of Gujarat Vidyapith includes community work, hostel life, social service, community living, prayer, simple and self-reliant life, real life work experience and participation in field work, labor and cleaning, spinning and industrial work. The education program has been linked to the national needs of rural upliftment, so that education is promoted to the grassroots levels of society. The vision of Gujarat Vidyapith is to conduct experiments in various fields of education to develop Gandhian Thoughts and values in all aspects of education.

Gujarat Vidyapith has the illustrious list of luminaries who have graced the position of Chancellor. Starting with Mahatma Gandhi, Gujarat Vidyapith has Sardar Patel, Dr. Rajendra Prasad, Morarji Desai, Ramlal Parikh, Dr. Sushila Nair, Navin Chandra Barot, Navalbhai Shah, Ravindra Verma, Narayan Desai, and Ila Bhatt Chancellors. Currently, Acharya Devvratji is the Chancellor.

Goals

1. The main task of the Vidyapith is to prepare ethical, moral, energetic, cultured and duty-bound workers for the ongoing activities to rebuild the country according to the ideals given by Mahatma Gandhi.
2. The teachers and administrators of the Vidyapith will be committed to accepting and implementing only those tools that are not opposed to non-violence and truth.
3. The administrators and teachers of institutions run by and approved by the Vidyapith shall consider untouchability as a stigma and shall endeavor to eradicate it and no child shall be kept out or treated unfairly after admission on the grounds of being untouchable.
4. The teaching staff, administrators and approved institutions etc. working in connection with the Vidyapith shall be those who believe in the activities of the spinning wheel and shall spin regularly and wear Khadi continuously except for unavoidable reasons.
5. The mother tongue will be given priority in the Vidyapith and all education will be imparted through the mother tongue.
6. Note: There will be no obstacle in using the same language while teaching other languages. For instance, Hindi will be taught through the medium of instruction in English.
7. The national language Hindi-Hindustani will have an essential place in the Vidyapith.
8. Note: Hindi-Hindustani is the language spoken by the general Hindu-Muslims in the North India and written in Devanagari or Persian script.
9. The Vidyapith will give industrial education equal importance as intellectual education and the industries that are helpful in the sustainable growth of the nation will be given place and not others.
10. The progress of India depends not on the cities but on the villages, therefore most of the resources of the Vidyapith and the teachers of the Vidyapith will be mainly used in the propagation of nation-building education in the villages.
11. The curriculum will be designed keeping the requirement of village folks in the centre.
12. In the institutions running under the Vidyapith, there will be complete respect for all the prevalent religions and for the self-development of the students, religious knowledge will be imparted keeping in view the principles of non-violence and truth.
13. Physical exercise and manual labour will have an important place in Vidyapith and it will be imparted to the students for the development of the people.

From Vice Chancellor's Desk



Dear friends,

I am delighted to welcome you to Gujarat Vidyapith, which was established by Mahatma Gandhi in 1920 as part of the movement for independence from British rule.

At the precious moment of the establishment of Gujarat Vidyapith, Mahatma Gandhi had compared this work to “Rishikarya” (a sacred work). It is clear from this that the Mahatma considered ‘service to the motherland as a sacred work’. The resolution and objectives that were conceived at that moment also echo the motto of ‘service to the nation in the spirit of nationalism’. Its objective clearly states that Gujarat Vidyapith will work to empower the youth with self-respect and make them committed to service to the country and society. In its 104-year proud history, Gujarat Vidyapith has followed the aims and objectives laid down by Mahatma Gandhi at its foundation.

In addition to adhering to the Gandhian values of simple living and high thinking, Gujarat Vidyapith gives special emphasis to character building and all-round development of youth in education so that students can develop their own independent employment in the direction of job creation after graduation. Gujarat Vidyapith also takes care of developing in the students the qualities of commitment, sense of social service and preservation and enhancement of the entire environment. Basically, higher education addresses issues affecting the well-being of society, knowledge creation and maintenance of the existing knowledge system. Gujarat Vidyapith takes all care to make the students aware of their responsibilities towards the society and the motherland. Gujarat Vidyapith involves the students in activities like National Service Scheme, Social Engagement Camps, Industry Engagement, etc. to make them fit and suitable according to the demands of the times.

The green campus of the Vidyapith is vibrant and full of academic and co-curricular activities that connect students with experts from various fields, erudite teachers and committed staff. We emphasize on classroom teaching, self-study, extension and research work on a regular basis as per the National Education Policy (NEP-2020).

Gujarat Vidyapith offers various undergraduate, postgraduate and post-graduate Ph.D. courses, where students get to choose from a wide range of multidisciplinary, value-added and skill-enhancing courses.

The magnificent library, publishing activities, museums, archaeological temple, Indian Language and Culture Institute provide opportunities for students to broaden their intellectual horizons. Furthermore, Shirmore Bathhouse, Sports Complex, Health Facility, Auditorium and Mandapam provide a platform for cultural expression. All these provide opportunities for the student's holistic personality development.

Date : 20/05/2025

Place : Ahmedabad

Dr. Harshad A. Patel

Vice Chancellor

ADMISSION PROGRAMME - 2025

Admission Process will go along the following

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| 1. Commencement of Online Admission Process | : 29/07/2025 |
| 2. Last Date of Online Application | : 02/08/2025 (till 5:00 pm) |
| 3. Group Discussion and Personal Interview (GDPI) | : 04/08/2025, Monday (03:00 pm) |
| 4. Eligibility Criteria | : (1) NET with JRF
(2) NET for Assistant Professor without JRF (1 Year Validity)
(3) NET for Ph.D. (1 Year Validity) |
| 5. Online Application Fee | : Rs. 750/- (Non-Refundable) |

Disclaimer :

The above-mentioned schedule is subject to change subject to notifications by the Central or State Government or its departments or adverse circumstances.

Steps to follow during the application process:

1. Visit the admission portal at www.gujaratvidyapith.org and register yourself using your gmail id.
Link for the application: <https://gujaratvidyapith.org/admission/>
2. Fill in the complete information required in the application form.
3. Scanned / digital copy of the applicant's passport size photograph and Aadhar card will have to be uploaded.
4. Submit the application form.
5. Pay the admission fee through online medium.
6. Check the filled application form and submit it by pressing the confirm button.
7. The application number and form will be emailed to the registered email ID.
8. You can download the application form through your login ID.

Required Documents for Application:

1. Email of the Applicant (Gmail Id)
2. Scanned/Digital Passport Size Photograph of the Applicant.
3. Adhaar Card of the Applicant
4. Marksheet of NET examination.

A. Subject-wise List of Available Seats for Ph.D*

Reservation-wise Description of the Ph.D Seats - 2025							
S.No.	Subject	Total	SC	ST	OBC	EWS	UR
			15%	7.50%	27%	10%	
1	Gujarati	5	1	0	1	1	2
2	Hindi	1	1	0	0	0	0
3	Economics	10	1	1	3	1	4
4	History	7	1	1	1	1	3
5	Sociology	1	0	0	0	0	1
6	Social Work	2	0	0	0	1	1
7	Education	11	2	1	3	1	4
8	Physical Education	3	0	0	0	1	2
9	Microbiology	6	1	0	1	1	3
10	Computer	1	0	0	0	0	1
11	Rural Management	2	0	0	1	0	1

Seats are subject to change*1. Ph.D Rules :**

- (1) Regulation: University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022
- (2) UGC Letter No. .F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648, March 27, 2024/7 Chaitra 1946)
- (3) MoU with UGC

2. Ph.D. Admission Eligibility Criteria:

(1) Candidates who have passed a 4 year/8 semester Bachelor's degree programme followed by a 1 year/2 semester Master's degree programme or a 3 year Bachelor's degree programme followed by a 2 year/4 semester Master's degree programme or a qualification declared equivalent to a Master's degree by the relevant statutory regulatory body with at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the point scale wherever a grading system is followed.

Or an equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution recognized by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is recognized, accredited or authorized by the authority established or incorporated under the law in its country to assess, accredit or ensure the quality and standards of the educational institution.

However, a candidate seeking admission after a 4 year/8 semester Bachelor's degree programme should have at least 75% marks in the aggregate or its equivalent grade in the point scale wherever a grading system is followed.

Relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories as per the decision of UGC from time to time.

(2) Applicants who have NET eligibility as per the UGC Letter No. .F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648, March 27, 2024/7 Chaitra 1946) are eligible for the interview.

3. Reservation Policy:

As per the rules laid down by the Government of India, certain categories of Indian citizens are admitted under the seats reserved for them. The categories and the limits of reservation are as follows:

- Scheduled Caste (SC) - 15% seats.
- Scheduled Tribe (ST) - 7.5% seats.
- Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer - OBC-NCL) - 27%
- Economically Weaker Section (EWS) - 10%
- Persons with Disabilities (PwD) - 5% seats

4. Admission Process:

As per the UGC Letter No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648, March 27, 2024/7 Chaitra 1946), the admission process will be as follow:

1. Category-1 (NET - Award of JRF and qualified for Assistant Professor) –Candidates who have cleared the NET exam for JRF will be given admission to 50% seats through direct interview. After that, the remaining seats will be filled from the merit list of Category-2 and Category-3..
2. Category-2 (NET - Qualified for Assistant Professor and admission to Ph.D.) & Category-3 (NET - Admission to Ph.D. only) – Candidates who have cleared NET (Category-2) for Assistant

Professor only and candidates who have cleared NET for Ph.D. (Category-3) will be admitted on the basis of merit based on 70% of NET marks and 30% of interview. The NET marks of the above Category-2 and Category-3 will be valid for one year only. Accordingly, only those who have cleared the NET exam of December-2024 or June/July 2025 will be eligible for application.

3. Candidates from Category-2 and Category-3 will be admitted to the vacant seats of NET-JRF as per the merit and reservation policy.

Instructions:

1. Applicants having NET qualification as per the UGC Letter No. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648, March 27, 2024/7 Chaitra 1946) will be eligible for interview.
2. Even after final admission, if at any stage, educational qualifications or other information is found to be incomplete or misrepresented, the admission will be cancelled.
3. While filling the application form, the candidate will have to upload the following documents online in PDF format. After filling the application form, no hard copies of any documents should be sent to the office. After getting admission, the candidate will have to submit self-attested copies of the following documents to the department.
 - (1) Graduation Marksheet (B.A./B.Com./B.Sc., etc.)
 - (2) Postgraduation Marksheet (M.A./M.Com./M.Sc., etc.)
 - (3) UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR Certificate
 - (4) SC, ST, OBC (Non-Creamy Layer), Economically Weaker Section (EWS) Certificate
 - (5) Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Certificate
 - (6) Adhaar Card
 - (7) NoC (For Part-Time Applicants)

5. Duration of the Ph.D Programme:

- (1) The Ph.D. programme shall be of a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- (2) A female Ph.D. student may be granted maternity leave/child care leave of up to 240 days during the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.

6. Fee Structure :

The fees for Ph.D. programme per semester will be as per the resolution of the Management Board of the Vidyapith. From the academic year 2025-26, the fees per semester will be as follows:-
Amount in Rupees (INR)

Fees Per Semester		
Sr.No	Particular	Amount in Rs.
1.	Education/Tuition Fees	5000-00
2.	Stationery/Material Fees	250-00
3.	Sports and Cultural Activities Fee	250-00
4.	Enhancing Professional Competency Fees	250-00
5.	Library Fees	250-00
6.	R.A.C. Fees	2000-00
	Total	8000-00
7.	Practical/Instrument/Laboratories maintenance (For Microbiology, Computer, Physical Education)	4000-00
8.	Total (For Microbiology, Computer, Physical Education)	12000-00

7. Other Fee:

- (1) Registration Fee (One Time): Rs. 1000/-
- (2) Course Work Fee (First Semester): Rs. 1000/-
- (3) Thesis Evaluation Fee (On Submission): Rs. 5000/-

Note:- The admitted students will have to pay the prescribed fee within a period of one month from the commencement of the semester. The student who fails to pay the fee within the prescribed time can continue his admission by paying the late fee till the mentioned date. The admission of the student who fails to pay the fee will be automatically cancelled. All the semester fees will have to be paid within the prescribed period during the period of study.

8. Gandhi Vichar Vistarak :

As per the resolution passed by the Gujarat Vidyapith Mandal on 21st March 2025, under the Gandhi Vichar Vistarak scheme, a maximum of five Ph.D. students interested in conducting research based on the principles of Mahatma Gandhi will be eligible to receive monthly financial assistance of ₹25,000 for a period of two years, subject to the prescribed rules and regulations.

9. Ph.D Part-Time Mode :

- (1) Candidates working full-time with educational institutions/research institutes will be allowed to pursue Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode. (Subject to fulfilling all the conditions stipulated in the UGC Rules 2022)

(2) Such candidate shall be required to submit a "No Objection Certificate" along with the application from the competent officer of the institution where he/she is employed, clearly stating that:

- I. The candidate is permitted to study on a part-time basis.
- II. His/Her official duties allow him/her to devote sufficient time to research.
- III. If necessary, he/she will be exempted from the duty of completing the course.

B. Other Points:

- (1) The student must pass the "Gandhi Vichar Mimamsa" examination conducted by Gujarat Vidyapith Hindi-Hindustani Prachar Samiti before submitting the thesis.
- (2) The Vidyapith shall have the right over the dissertation prepared in the Ph.D. course in the Vidyapith. Publication of any part of the dissertation/dissertation submitted can be done only after obtaining the prior approval of the Vidyapith.
- (3) The candidate admitted to the Ph.D. programme will have to do the compulsory coursework of six months of full-time class work and then take and pass the written examination. The medium of instruction for the coursework examination will be Gujarati/Hindi/English.



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