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Admission to Ph.D. in Economics 2024

## Notification

Eligibility

- Candidates having Master's degree in Economics or equivalent with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale are eligible for apply for admission to the Ph.D. programme
- A relaxation of 5% of marks, may be applicable for candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled and other reserved categories as per the UGC norm

Procedure for Admission

- Candidates with NET/SET/M.Phil (from any recognized university with 2-semester/ 1-year course work) or qualifying the research entrance test (RET) conducted by the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta
- Candidates with NET/SET/M.Phil and final year M.Phil candidates in Economics (or related discipline like Development Studies, Foreign Policy Management, etc. with Masters degree in Economics) completing pre-submission seminar and viva-voce process by December 31, 2023 from any UGC recognized university and awaiting for final results are exempted from RET. They are eligible to appear directly in the interview.
- Final year M.Phil candidates waiting for final results as mentioned above are required to submit their enrolment certificate and a letter from the Head of their respective Departments or higher authority of the University stating the fulfillment of conditions mentioned above. They have to submit their final result by January 12, 2024, if selected in the viva, failing which theiradmission would stand cancelled.
- Candidates with at least 55% marks in Economics at the Master's level from any UGC recognized university are eligible to appear in RET. Candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled and other reserved categories as per the UGC norm need to have at least 50% to sit in the written test.
- Candidates with NET/ SET/ M.Phil or any other equivalent examination recognized by UGC, or getting at least 50 % marks in RET are eligible for appearing viva for final selection
- Candidates appearing viva have to submit statement of purpose (SoP) indicating the area of research interest (not exceeding 1000 words) on the basis of which a final interview will be conducted.
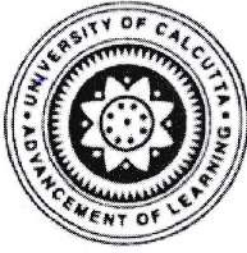
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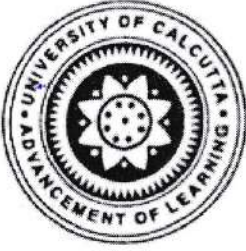PHONE: 91 – 33 – 25575082
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- Final selection of candidates for enrolment in Ph.D. programme 2024 will be made purely on the basis of performance in interview following the criteria mentioned in the **University of Calcutta(Regulation for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.), Regulations 2016**
- The cut off qualifying marks for admission is 50% in interview.
- At most 14candidates [with full concurrence with the reservation policy Rules 2013 [Sub-rule 1(e) of Rule 6])] will be enrolled this year (2023)
- The list of finally selected candidates would be posted in the Departmental Notice Board and in the University website

Important Dates

| Events	Date
Notification for admission	13-11-2023
Last date of submission of application	24-11-2023
RET Examination	29-11-2023
Publication of result of RET	04-12-2023
Submission of Statement of Purpose (SOP)	11-12-2023
Interview	13-12-2023 and 14-12-2023
Publication of list of selected candidates	TBA

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Instructions for submission of application form

1. **Download the Application Form by using the link https://www.caluniv.ac.in/admission/CU_RET_Form.pdf and submit the filled in ApplicationForm online, self-attested copy of relevant mark sheets, along with the receipt of deposition ofApplication Fee of 100/. (one hundred only) paid through State Bank Collect**

2. **For online payment go to https://www.onlinesbi.com/sbicollect/ then proceed then state (West Bengal), type of corporate -educational institution-Calcutta University online payment-payment for MISC fees-category- application for admission to Ph.D.**

3. **Fill the remark box also write application for admission to Ph.D., ignore registration no.**

4. **Take a print out of the payment receipt**

5. **Submit the hard copy of your application form along with two copies of recent colored passport size photograph, bank receipt and other relevant documents at the Office of the Department of Economics, University of Calcutta, 56A, B.T. Road, Kolkata 700050 during 10 AM to 3 PM within the due date.**
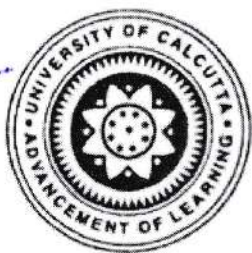
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Structure of the RET

- The RET is a written examination of two hours duration.
- The test contains 35 multiple choice questions (MCQ) for 70 marks and one essay type question for 30 marks.
- Syllabus of the test covers Economic Theory (40 marks), Mathematical Economics and Econometrics (30 marks), Development Economics and Indian Economics (30 marks).
- Questions from Economic Theory, Mathematical Economics and Econometrics are MCQ, questions from Development Economics and Indian Economics are research based essay type.

Syllabus for RET

- **Microeconomic Theory**: Theory of Consumer Behavior, Theory of Firm, Analysis of Market Structure, Theory of Distribution, General Equilibrium, Welfare Economics, Asymmetric Information, Public Goods and Externalities;
- **Macroeconomic Theory**: National Income Accounting, Aggregate Demand-Simple Keynesian Model, IS-LM Model, Interaction Between Aggregate Demand & Aggregate Supply- Short-run & Long-run Equilibrium, Rational Expectation, Classical Full Employment Model- Determination of Real Wage, Interest Rate & Price Level, Real Business Cycle, Demand for Money, Supply of Money, Consumption Function, Investment Function, Inflation, Growth, Open-economy Macroeconomics;
- **Econometrics**: Classical Linear Regression Model (both 2-variable & k-variable cases)- Estimation, Hypothesis Testing, Problems of Heteroskedasticity, Autocorrelation and Multicollinearity, Time Series Econometric Model, Panel Data Econometric Model;
- **Mathematical Economics**: Optimization in Economics (Static & Dynamic), System of Simultaneous Equations and Cramer's Rule, Input-Output Analysis, Linear Programming, Elements of Game Theory;
- **Development Economics**: Problems of transitional developing economies under globalisation
- **Indian Economics**: Indian economic problems during pre- and post-reform period.

Head of the Dept. of Economics
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