

Research Office

FAQs on PhD Program

1. What is the minimum duration of a PhD program in India?

Minimum Duration: 3 years (including coursework).

Maximum Duration: 6 years (from the date of admission).

2. Is coursework mandatory in a PhD program?

Yes, PhD candidates must complete coursework of a minimum of 12 credits, and the coursework is completed in two semesters.

3. What is the eligibility for admission into a PhD program?

A Master's degree or equivalent with at least 55% marks (or equivalent grade).

4. Is it compulsory to clear an NET for admission?

Galgotias University conducts a PhD Entrance Test. However, We Consider UGC-NET/JRF/CSIR-NET/GATE/Teacher Fellowship scores, and such candidates are exempted from the GU PhD Written Test.

5. How does the PhD entrance process work at Galgotias University?

Yes, the university conducts a PhD Entrance Test — a written exam held online.

Shortlisted candidates from the written test are called for an interview at the university.

Exemption: Candidates who have Qualified NET, SLET, GATE, or equivalent national tests are exempted from written tests, and appear in the interview directly..

6. Can I do a PhD part-time or through distance mode?

Part-time PhD is offered to the working professionals with NOC and regular visits.

Distance/online PhD: Not recognized. UGC mandates PhDs must be pursued in regular or part-time (in-person) mode only.

7. Is publication mandatory for PhD award?

The scholars are expected to publish at least two research papers in JCR listed Journals (scopus/sci/web of Sciences)

8. How is the supervisor assigned?

A supervisor is assigned in DC-1 in the second semester

9. Can I change my PhD supervisor?

Yes, under certain circumstances such as:

Transfer of supervisor

In any other issues

The process must be approved by the Research Office, and the higher authority.

10. Is there any stipend or fellowship support?

Yes.

Full-time PhD scholars who qualify the Galgotias University Fellowship PhD Screening Test are eligible for a stipend after completing one year of coursework.

11. Can I transfer from another university?

Yes, if the previous institution is UGC-recognized.

Only the coursework duration will be considered.

All other PhD milestones (proposal approval, RAC reviews, thesis submission, etc.) must be completed as per Galgotias University regulations.

12. What is plagiarism policy in PhD?

Galgotias University mandates strict plagiarism checks using software tools.

Thesis must be original, with less than 10% similarity (excluding bibliography, quotes, etc.).

13. How is the PhD degree awarded?

After successful completion of:

Coursework,

Approval of research proposal,

Progress reviews (3 DCs, 3 progress reviews)

Two Publications

Submission

Open defense of Viva

14. What is the fee structure?

First Year: Rs. 95 Thousands (It includes Examination Fee)

75 Thousand for the remaining years.

15. How long does one need to pay the fee?

The fee is paid until DC 3 (Pre-Submission viva is completed)

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