

Information Bulletin
for
Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Admission (2026-27)



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INTRODUCTION TO UNIVERSITY

Central Sanskrit University (CSU), New Delhi, invites applications for admission to the Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme for the Academic Session 2026–27 from eligible candidates in the subjects/disciplines offered by the University and its approved Research Centres.

In pursuance of the recommendations of the Sanskrit Commission (1956–57), the Government of India established the Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan in 1970 for the promotion, preservation and advancement of Sanskrit education and research. It was conferred the status of a Deemed-to-be University on 7 May 2002.

Under the Central Sanskrit Universities Act, 2020, the erstwhile Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan became the Central Sanskrit University, Delhi, with effect from 30 April 2020. The University is accredited with an 'A++' Grade by NAAC and is committed to the advancement of Sanskrit, traditional Śāstras, Indian Knowledge Systems and interdisciplinary research.

Research Centres for Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme

Central Sanskrit University (CSU) offers the Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) programme through 25 Research Centres located across different parts of India. These Research Centres provide facilities and academic support for advanced research in various disciplines, subject to the availability of seats, eligible research supervisors, and applicable University rules.

The Knowledge Resource Centre (Library)

The Knowledge Resource Centre (Library) of Central Sanskrit University (CSU) is an important academic resource supporting teaching, learning, and research across the University. The University library system includes the central library at the Headquarters, campus libraries, and departmental libraries, providing access to resources in Sanskrit, Shastra, Indian Knowledge Systems, and modern disciplines.

The libraries maintain books, e-books, journals, rare books, manuscripts, and other scholarly resources relevant to the academic and research needs of students and scholars. CSU has also implemented the e-Granthalaya library management system at its various centres and provides Online Public Access Catalogue (OPAC) facilities for accessing library collections.

The University places particular emphasis on the preservation and enrichment of traditional knowledge resources, including rare Sanskrit and Shastric literature and manuscripts, while facilitating their access through modern library and digital systems.

Key Achievements & Milestones

Over the decades, Central Sanskrit University (CSU) has emerged as a premier institution dedicated to the preservation, advancement, and contemporary application of Sanskrit and Indian knowledge traditions.

- **A Premier Institution for Sanskrit Studies:**

Established in 1970 and accorded the status of a Central Sanskrit University under the Central Sanskrit Universities Act, 2020, CSU has developed a nationwide academic network dedicated to Sanskrit education, Shastric studies and research.

- **Preserving India's Manuscript Heritage:**

CSU contributes significantly to the preservation and scholarly study of India's textual heritage. The Ganganath Jha Campus, Prayagraj, houses 56,475 manuscripts, providing an important resource for manuscript logical and textual research.

- **Advancing Indian Knowledge Traditions:**

The University promotes systematic study and research in Indian Knowledge Traditions, integrating classical Sanskrit and Shastric learning with contemporary academic perspectives and interdisciplinary approaches.

- **Connecting Tradition with Emerging Disciplines:**

CSU has expanded its academic and research scope to include contemporary areas such as Computational Sanskrit, Computational Linguistics, Manuscriptology, Translation Studies, Yoga Science, Comparative Philosophy and other interdisciplinary fields, creating a bridge between India's intellectual heritage and modern scholarship.

PART A — GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Regulatory Framework

The Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme is governed by the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, as amended from time to time, together with the relevant Ordinances, Regulations, and academic provisions established by Central Sanskrit University (CSU), New Delhi.

2. Programme Identification

- **Name of Programme:** Vidyāvaridhi (Doctor of Philosophy / Ph.D.)
- **Degree Awarding Body:** Central Sanskrit University, New Delhi (A Central University established by an Act of Parliament)
- **Academic Session:** 2026–2027
- **Academic Control & Monitoring:** Research & Development Cell (RDC) / Central Research Board (CRB) and Academic Council, Central Sanskrit University

Central Sanskrit University shall award the Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) degree in accordance with the applicable University and statutory provisions.

3. Programme Overview

The Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) programme at Central Sanskrit University is designed to foster advanced, rigorous and original research in Sanskrit and the diverse intellectual traditions of India. It provides research opportunities across Shastras, Indian philosophy, Sanskrit, Pali and Prakrit, Manuscriptology and Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), while encouraging interdisciplinary engagement with contemporary fields such as Computational Sanskrit, Computational Linguistics and other emerging areas of scholarship.

Duration of Programme

- Minimum Duration: The Vidyāvaridhi programme spans a minimum of three (3) years, including the mandatory coursework period, from the date of formal admission/registration.
- Maximum Duration: The maximum duration permitted for thesis submission is six (6) years from the date of admission.

Relaxation & Extension:

- A maximum extension of up to two (2) additional years may be granted under extraordinary circumstances as per university ordinances, subject to timely re-registration and academic approval.
- Women research scholars and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD > 40%) may be granted a relaxation of up to two (2) additional years in the maximum duration.
- In addition, eligible women scholars may avail Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme for up to 240 days, in accordance with GoI/UGC norms.

Programme Mode

- **Full-Time Scholars:** Candidates admitted under full-time status are required to pursue research in regular residency mode at their allotted campus/department/allied research center.
- **In-Service / Part-Time Scholars:**
 - (1) Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.
 - (2) The Candidate shall produce a "No Objection Certificate" for a part-time Ph.D. programme from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:
 - i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
 - ii. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.

If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

4. Eligibility Criteria for Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Admission

- Candidates who possess Acharya/M.A./Vidwat Uttama in Sanskrit or an equivalent qualification, and in the case of other disciplines, a Postgraduate Degree in the relevant subject/discipline or an equivalent qualification, from a University/Institution recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC), with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade, shall be eligible to apply.
- Eligibility for Ph.D. in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS): - Candidates holding a Master's degree in Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), or in any relevant discipline included under the School of Languages, Literature and Culture, including the subjects/categories specified under B-3, B-4 and B6, shall be eligible to apply.

- A candidate seeking admission after completion of a four-year/eight-semester bachelor's degree Programme, shall have secured a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale, wherever the grading system is followed.
- A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade will be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/differently Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the University Grants Commission from time to time.
- All foreign students who have passed a master's degree in any branch of Sanskrit from a recognized University in India with a minimum of 55% marks or in its equivalent category, or students holding a certified degree by the Academic Council of the University, can apply through the Ministry of External Affairs, Government of India and through the Ministry of Education.
- Candidates who qualified UGC-NET under the **“Assistant Professor and Admission to Ph.D.”** or **“Admission to Ph.D. Only”** category in **December 2025 or June 2026** shall be eligible to apply for admission to the Ph.D. programme. **JRF-qualified candidates shall be eligible to apply within the validity period specified in their JRF Award Letter.**
- For Foreign Students who appeared in the UGC NET Exam, the selection criteria will be the same. It is noteworthy that for foreign students, it will be mandatory to take approval from the institution(s) prescribed by the Government of India for further necessary action. Also, it shall be mandatory to act as per the rules prescribed from time to time.

The eligibility rules are decided in the light of the UGC Regulation, 2022, named University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) as UGC Gazetted Notification dated 7th November 2022 and in supersession of the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Awards of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2016 and its amendments.

Reservation

Central Sanskrit University shall follow the Reservation Policy of the Government of India, as amended and applicable from time to time, in matters relating to admission to the Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme.

Candidates claiming reservation/relaxation shall be required to submit valid certificates issued by the competent authority within the prescribed period.

The detailed category-wise seat matrix shall be published along with the subject-wise admission information.

5. MODE OF ADMISSION AND SELECTION

Admission to the Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) programme at Central Sanskrit University is governed through a unified, merit-based selection process. In accordance with university policy, qualifying the UGC-NET (under Category 1: JRF, Category 2: Assistant Professor & Ph.D., or Category 3: Ph.D. Only) is the mandatory eligibility baseline required to register and appear for the selection process.

The final composite merit shall be computed on a 100-point evaluation scale partitioned into two stages:

Composite Merit Score (100 Marks) = Entrance Test Score (70%) + Interview/Viva-Voce (30%)

5.1 Stage I: CSU Vidyāvaridhi Entrance Test (70% Weightage)

Candidates who fulfill the primary UGC-NET / JRF eligibility criteria must appear in the CSU Vidyāvaridhi Written Entrance Test.

- **Component Weightage:** Accounts for 70% of the final composite merit score.
- **Qualifying Benchmark:** Candidates must secure a minimum of 50% marks in aggregate in the Entrance Test to qualify for the Interview/Viva-Voce stage.
- **Category Relaxation:** A relaxation of 5% in qualifying marks (benchmarked at 45%) is admissible to candidates belonging to SC, ST, OBC (Non-Creamy Layer), Differently Abled (PwBD), and EWS categories.

Curricular Structure of Entrance Test:

- **Part A (50%):** Research Methodology (Foundations of research, textual criticism, Manuscriptology, Shastric debate principles/Vādagrantha techniques, digital humanities, and publication ethics).
- **Part B (50%):** Discipline-Specific Knowledge (Advanced domain mastery in the respective Shastra/Subject applied for).

Medium of Examination:

Sanskrit shall be the mandatory medium for the Entrance Test and Interview/Viva-Voce. However, candidates applying in Modern Subjects, Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), Yogic Science, Indian Languages (including Hindi, Pali, Prakrit, etc.), English, Sociology, Political Science, History, Education, and other approved disciplines shall be exempted from this requirement and may use Hindi or English, as applicable, for the Entrance Test and Interview/Viva-Voce.

5.2 Stage II: Presentation & Interview/Viva-Voce (30% Weightage)

Qualified candidates meeting the Entrance Test cutoffs shall be shortlisted to appear before the duly constituted Research Assessment Committee for the Viva-Voce.

- **Component Weightage:** Accounts for 30% of the final composite merit score.
- **Assessment Parameters:** The 30 marks are distributed across key research competencies:
 - **Research Aptitude & Proposal Defense:** Quality, relevance, originality, and feasibility of the submitted Research Synopsis.
 - **Shastric Foundation & Subject Knowledge:** Sound conceptual understanding of the subject, familiarity with **primary Shastric texts, relevant commentarial literature and established interpretive traditions**, and the ability to engage with textual and scholarly sources critically.
 - **Presentation & Shastric Communication:** Articulation, proficiency in research language (Sanskrit for Shastras), and methodological alignment with CSU thrust areas.

5.3 Tie-Breaking Hierarchy

In instances where two or more applicants secure an identical aggregate composite score (out of 100 marks), relative merit rank shall be determined strictly by the following descending order of priority:

1. First Priority — UGC-JRF Award: Candidates holding an active, valid Junior Research Fellowship (JRF).
2. Second Priority — UGC-NET Category: Candidates who have qualified UGC-NET for Assistant Professor and Ph.D. (Category 2) shall take precedence over Ph.D.-Only (Category 3) qualified candidates.
3. Third Priority — Entrance Test Performance: Candidates securing higher absolute marks in Stage I (CSU Entrance Test).

5.4 Final Authority

The University reserves the final right to determine selection and admission, subject to applicable rules, regulations and availability of seats.

6. Permissible Seats under each Research Supervisor

- As per Clause 6(3) of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, notified vide Gazette Notification dated 7 November 2022, an eligible Professor, Associate Professor and Assistant Professor may supervise up to eight (8), six (6) and four (4) Ph.D. scholars, respectively, at any given time.
- No teacher will be allowed to direct the research scholars admitted in Vidyāvaridhi more than the prescribed number. An additional 2 Seats for foreign students are permissible to all Research Supervisors.
- The Vice-Chancellor can modify the number as per the recommendations of the Dean (Research) and UGC Regulations from time to time or due to any other unavoidable circumstances.

7. Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme Fee

- The fee structure regarding the Vidyāvaridhi programme is published from time to time. The candidates are advised to visit the university website regularly for all the updates/information in this regard.
- A research scholar applying for admission in Vidyāvaridhi (PhD) in the campus or affiliated institute of Central Sanskrit University, Delhi must pay the fee **₹ 8200 (for Indian Students) and \$ 535 (for Foreign Students)**. The details are as follows:

First-Semester Fee for Academic Session 2026-27

S. No.	Particular	Fee (Indian Students)	Fee (Foreign Students)
1.	Admission Process Fee	₹ 200	\$ 15
2.	Admission	₹ 2000	\$ 125
3.	Library Security Money*	₹ 1400	\$ 90
4.	Enrolment	₹ 1000	\$ 65
5.	Identity Card	₹ 100	\$ 10
6.	Magazine (per annum)	₹ 600	\$ 40
7.	Student Fund	₹ 400	\$ 25
8.	Course Work Fee	₹ 1,500	\$ 100
9.	Fee for Examination in Course Work	₹ 1,000	\$ 65
Total Fee in first semester		₹ 8200	\$ 535

*Only **Library Security Money** is refundable if a research scholar completes her/his research work. If a research scholar leaves the programme without completing the research will not be eligible for a refund.

- After the due deposit of admission fee in the first semester, the research scholar has to submit the fee semester-wise. The details regarding Semester Fee and other fees are as follows:

S. No.	Particular	Fee (Indian Students)	Fee (Foreign Students)
1.	Per Semester Fee (From 2 nd Semester onward)	₹ 2,500	\$ 160
2.	Re-registration Fee (after 6 years of research work) (For all Research Scholars including female Ph.D. scholars* and Persons with Disabilities having more than 40% disability) + Per Semester Fee (A maximum of an additional 2 years, not to exceed 8 years from the date of admission.) *Including the female Research Scholars who availed the maternity & childcare leave.	₹ 20,000 + ₹ 2,500	\$ 1,250 + \$ 160
3.	No Re-registration Fee (after 8 years of research work) + Per Semester Fee (Re-registration only for female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities having more than 40% disability. A maximum of additional two years which should not exceed 10 years from the date of admission.)	₹ 2,500	\$ 160
4.	De-registration Fee (De-registration will be permitted after the 18 Months of research work.)	₹ 1000	\$ 65
5.	Re-registration Fee after De-registration + Per Semester Fee(After De-registration)	₹ 50,000+ ₹ 2,500	\$ 3,250 + \$ 160

- **The University reserves the right to revise the fee structure in accordance with the decisions of the competent authority. Any such revision shall be applicable as per the approved University rules/policies.**
- If the identity card is lost or destroyed, the fee for the identity card will be Re. 100 (for Indian Students) or US \$ 10 (for foreign students) payable again with proper evidence.

8. Process of Admission & Registration to Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.)

- The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the Central Sanskrit University keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned, and considering the Central Reservation Policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.
- The applicants seeking admission in Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) can fill the prescribed online application from websites of Central Sanskrit University, Delhi through the Samarth Online Application Portal following this link: [Admissions - CENTRAL SANSKRIT UNIVERSITY](#)
- The candidates are required to register themselves on the Samarth Portal for Admission by uploading the latest passport-size photograph and other credentials.

Registration Processing Fee: The Candidate desirous of registering for admission to Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) programmes shall pay the following Registration Processing Fee:

All Disciplines/programmes	Unreserved	SC/ST/EWS/OBC/PwBD
	2000	1000
Note: The Application Processing Fee paid shall neither be refunded nor transferred to another discipline and shall not be reserved for any subsequent year, in any case.		

Mode of payment of registration processing fee: After the candidate has filled out the registration form online, he/she will have to make an online payment of the Registration Processing Fee through credit/debit card using the payment gateway available on the portal.

The schedule for the admission process

Sl. No.	Particulars	Important Dates
1.	Date of Notification for Ph.D.	12.10.2026
2.	Starting date of online registration	15.10.2026
3.	Closing date of online registration	31.10.2026
4.	Date of Examination (Tentative)	22.11.2026
5.	Result declaration (Tentative)	Second week of December, 2026

Section B: Department/Discipline

- **B1- School of Veda-Vedāṅga & Vedic Science**
- **B2-School of Shikshashastra (Education) and Kaushal Prashikshan**
- **B3-School of Language, Literature and Culture**
- **B4-School of Shastric Knowledge System**
- **B5-School of Darshan**
- **B6-School of Contemporary Knowledge Systems & Humanities Department**
- **B7-School of Multidisciplinary Science and Technology**
- **B8-School of Yogic Science & Holistic Health Practices**

Note: 1. **School-wise Distribution of Ph.D. Seats by Department/Discipline is attached in Annexure.**

2. The University reserves the right to increase, decrease, modify or withdraw the number of seats in any discipline, subject to the approval of the competent authority and applicable rules.

Interdisciplinary and Multidisciplinary Research:

Candidates from modern disciplines may undertake interdisciplinary or multidisciplinary research incorporating appropriate perspectives from Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS), subject to the approval of the competent authority and availability of eligible research supervision.

Collaborating Research Institutions:

In specific research areas, the University may approve or recognize collaborating research institutions based on valid Memoranda of Understanding (MoUs) and applicable University norms.

C. Research Centres for Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme

1. **Central Sanskrit University**, Ekalavya Campus, Village- Sipai Para, PO- Lembucherra, District- West Tripura, State- Tripura, Pin- 799210
2. **Central Sanskrit University**, Shri Raghunath Kirti Campus, Devprayag, Pauri Garhwal-249301 (Uttarakhand)
3. **Central Sanskrit University**, Ved Vyas Campus, Village- Balahar, Tehsil- Dehra, Distt. Kangra 177108, (Himachal Pradesh)
4. **Central Sanskrit University**, Shri Maharaja Ranbir Singh Campus, Vill & P.O. Kot Bhalwal, (Near Central Jail), Tehsil/Distt – Jammu 181122, (Jammu)
5. **Central Sanskrit University**, Guruvayoor Campus, Post Office-Puranattukara, Distt. -Trichur 680551, (Kerala)
6. **Central Sanskrit University**, Rajiv Gandhi Campus, Post Office - Sringeri, Distt. - Chikmagalur 577139, (Karnataka)
7. **Central Sanskrit University**, Nashik Campus, Takekar Shiksh Sankul, Near Bafana Ware house, Sayyad Pimpri, Nashik - 422003 (Maharashtra)
8. **Central Sanskrit University**, Bhopal Campus, Sanskrit Marg, Bagsewaniya, Bhopal 462043, (Madhya Pradesh)
9. **Central Sanskrit University**, Shri Sadashiv Campus, Near Mochi Sahi Chhak, Puri 752 001, (Orissa)
10. **Central Sanskrit University**, Jaipur Campus, Triveni Nagar, Gopal Pura ByPass, Jaipur 302018, (Rajasthan)

11. **Central Sanskrit University**, Lucknow Campus, Vishal Khand- 4, Gomti Nagar, Lucknow, Pin – 226 010 (Uttar Pradesh)
12. **Central Sanskrit University**, Sh. Ganganath Jha Campus, Azad Park, Prayagraj 211001 (Uttar Pradesh)
13. **Central Sanskrit University**, 56-57, Institutional Area, Janakpuri, New Delhi- 110058
14. **Poornaprajana Samsodhan Mandiram**, Katriguppa Main Road, Bengaluru 560028 (Karnataka)
15. **Vedic Samshodhan Mandal**, Vaidika Samshodhana Mandala, T.M.V. Colony, Mukund Nagar, Tilak Vidyapeetha, Gultekadi, Pune-411037 (Maharashtra)
16. **Shri Chinmay International foundation, Chinmaya International Foundation**, Adi Sankara Nilayam, Adi Sankara Marg Veliyanad - PO, Ernakulam – 682313 (Kerala)
17. **Sri Sitaram Vaidic Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya**, 7/2A, P.W.D. Road, Kolkata – 700035 (West Bengal)
18. **Shri Diwan Krishan Kishore S.D. Adarsh Sanskrit College**, Ambala Cantt. – 133001 (Haryana)
19. **Shri Bhagwandas Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya**, P.O.-Gurukul Kangri, Distt-Haridwar, Uttarakhand -249404.
20. **Kaliachak Bikram Kishore Adarsh Sanskrit Mahavidyalaya**, Vill-Kaliachak, P.O.-Heria, Distt- Purba Medinipur, West Bengal – 721430
21. **IKS-EDS Center Deccan College**, Rd, Yerawada, Pune, Maharashtra 411006.
22. **Sanskrit Academy**, Sanskrit Building, Ravindra Nagar, Osmania University, Amberpet, Secunderabad, Telangana 500007
23. **Calicut Adarsha Sanskrit Vidyapeetha**, P.O.-Balussery, Distt.-Kozhikode, Kerala- 673612
24. **Haryana Adarsh Sanskrit Vidyapeetha** (Headquarters Extension-01), Baghola, Haryana
25. **Mumba Devi Adarsh Postgraduate Research Institute**, Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan, Kulapati Munshi Marg, Chowpatty, Mumbai.

Note: The Vidyāvaridhi (Ph.D.) Programme may be offered at designated Central Sanskrit University campuses and at other research centres recognized / approved by the University, subject to the availability of seats, eligible research supervisors and applicable University rules. The research centre allotted to a selected candidate shall be determined by the University in accordance with the approved admission procedure.