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UGC-NET

NET Exam for PhD Admissions

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UGC NET

The UGC-NET is a national-level eligibility test, conducted by the National Testing Agency (NTA), which qualifies candidates for Assistant Professor roles and the Junior Research Fellowship (JRF). NET is held twice a year in June and December.

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The UGC recently announced that from the 2024-25 academic year, NET scores will be used for PhD admissions. This shift aims to simplify the admission process across universities by eliminating the need for separate PhD entrance exams.

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Categories for PhD Eligibility

Starting June 2024, NET-qualified candidates are grouped into three categories:

- **Category 1:** Eligible for JRF, Assistant Professor, and PhD.
- **Category 2:** Eligible for Assistant Professor and PhD (without JRF).
- **Category 3:** Eligible for PhD only (without JRF or Assistant Professor eligibility).

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Category Breakdown

Category	Qualified For	PhD Eligibility	Assistant Professor
1	JRF and Assistant Professor	Yes	Yes
2	Assistant Professor	Yes	Yes
3	PhD Only	Yes	No

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Selection and Validity of NET Scores

For Category 2 and 3 candidates, NET scores contribute 70% of the admission weight, with interviews making up the remaining 30%. NET scores are valid for PhD admissions for one year, so scores from June 2024 remain valid until June 2025.

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NET Exam Result Format

NET results are now declared in percentile format. PhD candidates can use their scores as part of their PhD admissions, with percentile scores helping universities standardize selection criteria.

PhD in Psychology

For candidates interested in PhD Psychology, clearing NET JRF in Psychology (Subject Code: 04) is required for direct admissions, simplifying the pathway to advanced study and research.

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