



**DEPARTMENT OF BUDDHIST STUDIES  
UNIVERSITY OF CALCUTTA  
KOLKATA**

## **Advertisement for Enrolment to Ph.D. Programme in Buddhist Studies**

Applications are invited for admission to the Department of Buddhist Studies, University of Calcutta, for Ph.D. Course and subsequent research work leading to Ph.D. degree in Buddhist Studies. Candidates desiring to pursue research work in Buddhist Studies may apply in the prescribed pro-forma (attached herewith) by paying Rs. 100/- (Through Online) **by 4<sup>th</sup> August 2025.**

Candidates having Master's Degree in Buddhist Studies/Pali will have to appear in an entrance Test of 100 marks, to be held in this Department on **18<sup>th</sup> August 2025 at 1.00 pm**, comprising a written examination, followed by an interview. The result of the entrance test will be published on **22<sup>nd</sup> August 2025** on the University website and Department Notice Board. The viva-voce will be conducted on **28<sup>th</sup> August 2025**. List of the selected candidate will be published on **15<sup>th</sup> September 2025** on the University website and Department Notice Board.

Master's degree holders in Buddhist Studies/Pali with 55% marks/ 'B' grade in UGC 7 point scale/ equivalent grade in aggregate are eligible to apply. 5% relaxation in marks would be allowed to candidates belonging to the SC/ ST/ OBC (non-creamy layer) /Differently abled categories and the candidates obtained their Master degree prior to 19.09.1991.

Master degree holders in other relevant subjects or degree holders may also apply subject to fulfillment of the Clauses 5.3 and 6.4 of the University of Calcutta (Regulation for the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy, Ph.D.) Regulations 2016. Candidates having degrees from other Universities and eligible foreign students need equivalence/clearance certificate from the competent authorities as laid down in the PhD Regulations 2016 (Clauses 5.1A and 5.1B).

**Details of the Entrance Test are given below:**

- 1) The Written Examination of One-hour duration shall comprise 50 Multiple Choice Type Questions of 2 marks each, from the core and allied subjects prescribed for CU MA Buddhist Studies Syllabus. There will be no negative markings.
- 2) Long Questions and MCQ would be based on the general theme of the Buddhist Studies.
- 3) Qualifying marks for Entrance Test will be 50%.
- 4) Successful candidates in the written examination will be called for an interview of 50 marks.
- 5) Candidates who have already passed NET/ SET/ MPhil examinations/ obtained DST-INSPIRE Fellowship or under Teacher Fellowship can directly appear in the interview skipping the written examination.
- 6) Interview of the eligible candidates would take place in the office of the Buddhist Studies 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Chatra Bhawan on 28<sup>th</sup> 2025 at 1.00 pm. Candidates must produce a well -structured research Proposal during the interview (notmore than 1500 words or four A4-size papers).
- 7) The list of qualified candidates for enrolment to the PhD Programme would be displayed on the Departmental Notice Board as well as on the University website by the 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

Relevant National/State Reservation policy shall be strictly followed.

\* Filled in application forms, accompanied by the Online Payment Receipt of Rs.100/- should be submitted (online to [aiswarya.biswas73@gmail.com](mailto:aiswarya.biswas73@gmail.com) **or** the hard copy to the office of the Department of Buddhist Studies, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of Chatra Bhawan/Room No 101, Ground Floor, Asutosh Building 87/1 College Street, Kolkata -700073 on all working days between 12 Noon to 4 PM. Fees will be paid through SBI Online Payment. <https://www.onlinesbi.com/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>

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**Application Form for the PhD Entrance Test 2025**

Self-Attested  
Photograph

Name (in block letters):

Date of Birth:

Father's Name:

Marital Status:

Whether SC/ ST/ OBC/ PH:

Permanent Address:

Phone/ Mobile No. :

e-mail ID :

Academic Qualifications:

Name of the Examination	Year	Board/University	Subject Taken	Div./Class	% of Marks

Whether passed NET/ SET/ SLET/ GATE/ MPhil/ MTech/ ME/ MD or equivalent examinations/ under

Teacher Fellowship:

Present position:

Date:

Signature of the candidate

Attach self-attested mark sheets/certificates and copy of Challan.