

Notice
University of Calcutta
Women's Studies Research Centre
Advertisement for Admission to Ph.D. Programme

RET in Women's Studies Research Centre 2025

Applications are invited for admission to the Women's Studies Research Centre, University of Calcutta for Ph.D. Course and subsequent research work leading to Ph.D. degree in Women's Studies Research Centre.

The total number of seats is 12.

The admission to the Ph.D. programme will be guided by **Ph.D. Regulation** of Calcutta University and other relevant rules and orders of the University. Reservation rules as applicable as under National / State reservation policy.

Candidates desiring to pursue research work in Women's Studies Research Centre may apply in the prescribed proforma by paying Rs.100/- though SBI collect (Calcutta University > Payment for MISC Fees > Filled up Application for Admission to Ph.D., along with the self-attested relevant documents and the payment receipt, is to be submitted by physically visiting the Alipore Campus (1, Reformatory Street, Kolkata 700027, 4th Floor) and depositing it at office of the Director, WSRC on working days between **12.30 PM to 4.30 PM by 02/09/2025**

A. The Process of Admission:

Written test will be of 50 marks of two hours duration. The modules of test will be as follows:

- i) Multiple choice questions of 1 mark each - 30 marks
- ii) One essay type question – 20 marks

Qualifying marks for the written test is 25 marks

Interview will be of 50 marks following the clauses of 5.4, 5.5, 5.6, 5.7 and 5.8 and other clauses as applicable.

B. Syllabus for the written test:

1. **Major Concepts:** Cultural aspects and social construction of gender roles and identity, Patriarchal paradigm, Gender-class-caste interface.
2. **Women's Studies:** Meaning, basic concepts and significance. Growth of Women's Studies in India and in other countries, Millennium Development Goals, Women's movement in India.
3. **Theoretical approaches to feminism:** Liberal; Radical; Post-Modernist; Psychoanalytical.
4. **Gender Issues in India:** Issues related to health, work, violence

and sexuality, Women in public space and in politics.

5. **Women's empowerment and gender mainstreaming:** Rights, laws and policies for women's empowerment, provisions for women in the Indian constitution.

References:

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5. Lacan, J. (1981). *The four fundamental concepts of psychoanalysis*. New York: Norton.
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C. Eligibility:

1. Candidates should have their Master's Degree in **Women's Studies/Arts** (Buddhist Studies, English, History, Political Science, Philosophy)/ **Home Science/ Science** (Psychology, Anthropology)/**Education** or any other discipline subject to the approval of Ph.D. Advisory Committee before registration.

- a) from University of Calcutta or
- b) from other UGC recognized Universities/Institutes,

D. Application Process:

Those candidates, who have already **passed NET/SET/SLET/GATE Examinations need not appear in the written examinations** and can directly appear at the interview. All candidates (including those in exempted category) are required to **Download the Application Form** from the University website: www.caluniv.ac.in (Admission Notification) and submit the same to the office of the Director.

• Other Information:

- 1) All candidates applying to RET and or interview must constantly watch the website
- 2) List of eligible candidates for Written Test (RET) will be displayed on the Notice Board of the WSRC on **09/09/2025**. No personal intimation will be sent to any applicant.
- 3) The RET (Ph. D. Entrance Test) will be held offline.
- 4) **Date, Time & Venue of Written Test: 12/09/2025 at 12 noon in WSRC, Alipore Campus, 1, Reformatory Street, Kolkata 700027.**
- 5) List of eligible candidates for interview and the date and time of interview will be displayed on the Notice Board of the WSRC on **23/09/2025**.
- 6) The interview will be held offline.
- 7) Final List of selected Candidates to be published after the Puja Recess