PhD (English) 2013-14: Counselling for Admissions
January 2014 Intake
Counselling Schedule: 11.00 am to 2.00 pm on Wednesday, 12 February 2014

Venue: Computer Laboratory, Department of English
Humanities and Social Sciences Building, Sardar Patel University
Vallabh Vidyanagar

Congratulations to all of applicants for PhD (English) counselling in Phase-II of 2013-14 who have successfully cleared the previous stages of the process for finalization of Admissions.

Major Stage in the Admission Process
Each qualified applicant will appear before the members of the PhD RDC, bringing with him/her seven copies of the presentation, (one each for the members, and one for the records) on a topic of his/her area of interest for research.

Shall make an oral presentation of not more than five minutes on the topic of his/her area of interest for research, with focus in particular on

(a) what is the proposed research area chosen
(b) why and how he/she thinks the research area chosen is important; and
(c) how much of work he/she has already put into it thus far.

Each of them will answer questions based on the short oral presentation asked by any of the members of the PhD RDC who might wish to do so.

Note: You are instructed in advance to take this very seriously as the PhD RDC will make an assessment of your research potential on the basis of your presentations and your response to questions put on it before taking a final decision on admission. Your failure to make a presentation will be taken as constituting a breach of the requirements on your part, thus leading to your automatic disqualification. Please do not approach any of the Department to seek suggestions on what topic you should take up.

Core Committee for Admission
The Core Committee for the PhD (English) Entrance Test will consist of the Head of the Department of English as the Convenor and include all the members of the PhD Research
Committee in the Department as members. It will perform the following functions as per the directives from the University:

**Division of Vacancies**
There are a total of $06 + 01 = 07$ seats vacant with recognised guides in Department of English and affiliated colleges respectively for the PhD (English) (Full-/Part-time) Programme in the January-February 2014 intake. The division of these 7 seats is as follows as per existing rules for PhD admissions after the implementation of the UGC Regulations 2009:

1. 40% for applicants with NET-JRF/NET-L/GSLET etc qualification, based on rankings, if any for deciding the merit (03).

2. 30% for applicants qualifying in the PhD (English) Entrance Test conducted by the Department of English, Sardar Patel University (02).

3. 30% for applicants with MPhil (English) applicants from SPU with 50% marks at the MA and MPhil Exams respectively (02).

4. The ongoing SAP-DRS Programme (Phase-II) of the UGC makes it necessary for us to adhere to the following division of seats on merit basis as per the university rules: (A) 70% for SPU; 10% for OUG; and 20% for OTG on both State-aided and Self-financed Programmes. Of the 70% seats for SPU, 48% are for Open; 07% for SC; 15% for ST; 27% for SEBC; and 03% for PH. The same set of criteria applies to the 10% OUG and 20% OTG seats.

5. The Break-up for 07 seats as per existing rules on reservations is as follows:

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*We are a SAP-DRS Department. Any seat that remains unfilled due to non-availability of candidates from other groups or categories would automatically stand converted to SPU Open as per the university rules.

**Criteria Used for Admission**
The PhD RDC will consider (1) the available vacancies, (2) the available specialisation/s, and (3) your research interest as evident in your presentation and the research supervisors’ current research interest, to decide finally on (a) the wording and/focus of each of the accepted research topics, and (b) the allocation of a research supervisor to those selected for admission, adhering strictly to the reservation policy of the University and the GoG. Preference in admission will be for NET-JRF; MPhil, NET-L, GSET; and those qualifying the Entrance Test (in that order), purely on final merit standing. The PhD RDC will list recommend the candidates selected to the University for admission to the PhD (English) programme.
Note: The decision of the PhD Research Committee on admissions to PhD programme shall be final ordinarily, but in case of any dispute arising out of it, the decision of the Honourable Vice Chancellor, Sardar Patel University shall be final and binding for all concerned.

If you are offered admission by the PhD Research Committee, your admission will be subject to fulfilment of the following Provisions made in Common Rules and Regulations for Admission to PhD 2011 of Sardar Patel University:

1. R.PG.PhD.21 concerning the reservation policies prescribed by the Union and/or State Government.

2. R.PG.PhD.24 setting a set of criteria including (i) research area, (ii) availability of vacancy and a guide in a proposed subject area, (iii) a good research proposal of 1 to 2 pages, and (iv) a presentation.

3. R.PG.PhD.34 authorising the committee to decide in a formal manner on the allotment of a supervisor for each of the selected research students, depending on the number of students per supervisor, the available specializations with the supervisors, and the research interest of the student as indicated by the student during counselling-cum-interview session, and in no case shall this allotment be left to the individual student or the supervisor.

4. R.PG.PhD.37 mandates research scholars, other than those with an MPhil degree, to undertake coursework consisting of components related to research methodology including quantitative methods, computer application, and review of published research in the relevant field etc for a minimum of three courses of three credits each and clear these within the first two terms/semesters from the date of registration, and the committee shall evaluate this coursework, duly certify it, treating it as pre-PhD preparation.

Should you be found wanting in regular work, interaction with the guide by mutual arrangement, irregularity in submission of reports, submissions if any set, or completion of coursework unless you are exempt from it by virtue of an MPhil degree, would constitute a breach of agreement. In case your supervisor brings any such instance to the note of the PhD RDC, the committee would recommend that your registration be cancelled. No plea shall be entertained thereafter.

If you are employed in a college/institution, then we would advise you to seek permission and an NOC in writing from the Principal of your college/institution.

Good wishes!

Convener, PhD (English) RDC
For and on behalf of the University