PhD (English) 2013-14: Counselling for Admissions
January/February 2015 Intake
Counselling Schedule: 11.00 am to 01.00 pm on Monday, 09 February 2015

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

The process for admission to PhD programmes is Session-2 (January/February 2015) intake of 2014-15 ends with the last stage counselling. The results are out and are available for access on <http://www.spuvvn.edu/students_corner/admissions/phd_merit/index.php>.

No Students Qualified in following subjects in Ph.D. Entrance Test:
Medical Bio Technology
Sanskrit
Genetics
English
Environmental Science
History
Industrial Chemistry
Business Studies (Commerce)
Medical Technology
Botany
Zoology
Sociology

Applicants for Ph D having NET/SLET/JRF Cleared Category
1. Ms Purvi Narendrabhai Gajera
2. Mr Sarjeet Umeshkumar Singh

Applicants Qualified for Ph D having M Phil PASS (From SPU) Category
1. Ms Anjanaben Nathabhai Parmar
2. Mr Diptanshu Shailendrakumar Bhatt
3. Mr Hardikkumar Sureshchandra Bhatt
4. Mr Himanshukumar Kanaiyalal Upadhyay
5. Mr Kartikkumar Ashokkumar Jagtap
6. Ms Komal Bhagwan Raichandani F
Congratulations to all of applicants for PhD (English) counselling in Phase-I of 2014-15 who have successfully cleared the previous stages of the process for finalization of Admissions. Unfortunately, no candidate has cleared the PhD (English) Entrance Examination January 2015.

All the seats available during this session may now be shared between 02 NET-SLET and 10 MPhil Pass Candidates in the ratio of 40:60 during this session, depending on candidates’s performance in major stages 1, 2, and 3 in the counselling session as listed below.

**Major Stage in the Admission Process**
1. 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.

2. 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.

3. 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 $03 + 01 = 04$ 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 2015 (Session-2) intake for 2014-15.
Total Vacant Seat in Department of English: 03

|   | Dr J H Khan (Department) | 03 |

Total Vacant Seats in English in Affiliated Colleges under SPU: - 01

|   | Dr S A Gandhi (AAC) | 01 |

The division of these 04 seats is as follows as per existing rules for PhD admissions after the implementation of the UGC Regulations for Admission to MPhil and PhD programmes 2009 and the Common Rules and Regulations for Admission to PhD, 2011 of Sardar Patel University:

1. 40% for applicants with NET-JRF/NET-L/GSLET etc qualification, based on rankings, if any for deciding the merit (1.6; available: 02).

2. 30% for applicants qualifying in the PhD (English) Entrance Test conducted by the Department of English, Sardar Patel University (1.2; available: 0).

3. 30% for applicants with MPhil (English) applicants from SPU with 50% marks at the MA and MPhil Exams respectively (1.2; available: 10). MPhil Pass category will also take the residue of (0.8+3.6=) 1.2 + 1.2 = 2.4 Seats.

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 and performance in the final 3 stages of counselling. 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.

Note: There will be Mandatory Coursework for a semester for those from the Entrance Test Pass group/NET-JRF/NET-L/GSLET etc as per UGC Regulations for Admission to MPhil and PhD programmes 2009 and the Common Rules and Regulations for Admission to PhD 2011 of Sardar Patel University based on it. We shall not be able to entertain any requests for exemptions.

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