



Greetings from UPES!

Thanks for showing interest in PhD program at UPES.

UPES, University of tomorrow, is located in foothills of Himalaya in Uttarakhand, India and is committed for research and innovation for the societal needs addressing to various issues concerned with environment sustainability, energy, water remediation, health, environment, waste utilization, etc.

UPES is ranked 148th position as per QS World Ranking Asia 2025. Further, as per recent NIRF 2024 rankings, UPES is 46th University in India and has been accredited with grade 'A' by NAAC.

Why UPES for your PhD:

- **Ranked number 1 private University in country with maximum representation of faculty members in list of top 2 percent researchers globally released by Stanford University.** 46 faculty members from UPES are part of this coveted list.
- **100 full time Ph.D. scholars** shall be awarded a **fellowship of INR 25000 per month during coursework and INR 30000** per month after that until the end of 3 years from commencement of session.
- Option for Continuation of fellowship after 3 years based on performance.
- INSPIRE/ CSIR-NET-JRF Qualified candidates to get INR 2 lac per year for scholastic purposes*
- **75% waiver** on semester program fee for full time Ph.D. Scholars.
- Research and innovation friendly environment having state of art infrastructure.
- Strong PhD alumni network.

Eligibility:

Master's degree or equivalent in relevant discipline with minimum 55% marks or equivalent grade from a recognized institute (applicable for full time and part time).

Fee Structure

INR 1 lac per semester.

Semester Fee Waiver (valid for full tenure of PhD Program)

Full Time: - 75 % waiver on Program Semester fee. Program Semester fee after waiver – INR 25000.

Part Time: - No waiver on Program Semester fee. Program Semester fee – INR 1 lac.

Please Note- All scholarships are payable as per the University's policy

PhD Programs and Domains:

School	Degree name	Program Domain
School of Advanced Engineering	PhD (Physics)	-
	PhD (Chemistry)	-
	PhD (Mathematics)	-
	PhD (Geosciences)	-
	PhD (Engineering)	Aerospace, Chemical, Civil, Safety, Electrical, Electronics, Mechanical, Petroleum, Renewable Energy and many more
School of Computer Science	PhD (Computer Science and Engineering)	For M.Tech Students
	PhD (Computer Science)	For M.Sc. / MCA students, - AI-ML, Cyber security, Data Science
School of Business	PhD (Economics)	-
	PhD (Management)	Energy, General, Transportation
School of Law	PhD (Law)	Law
School of Design	PhD (Design)	Industrial, Transportation, Fashion
School of Health Sciences	PhD (Biomedical Engineering)	-
	PhD (Pharmaceutical Sciences)	-
	PhD (Food & Nutrition Sciences)	-
	PhD (Microbiology)	-
	PhD (Biotechnology)	-
School of Liberal Studies	PhD (Economics) PhD (Political science) PhD (English Literature) PhD (Psychology) PhD (History) PhD (Journalism and Mass Media) PhD (Communication)	-
PhD (Himalayan Innovation and Leadership Lab) **	PhD (Himalayan Innovation and Leadership Lab)	Science, Technology, Innovation and Management areas for Himalayan Region.
		Ecology and Environment
		Management of Himalayan biodiversity
		Disaster Management
		Frugal Innovation
		Sustainability
		Entrepreneurship opportunities
		Himalayan Resource Management
		Cultural Anthropology and Ethnography
		Geological Studies in Himalayan Studies
PhD (Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation) **	PhD (Center for Interdisciplinary Research and Innovation)	Renewable Energy and Sustainability
		Artificial Intelligence and Machine Learning
		Advanced Materials
		Health and Biomedical Sciences
		Environmental Science and Engineering

**** Selected candidates will be registered in relevant schools.**

Selection Process

- Fill the application form online <https://phd.upes.ac.in/appform.aspx> and pay application fee of INR 1000 before 1st June 2025.
- Appear for UPES Research Entrance Test (RET) on 11th June 2025 in online-proctored mode i.e. online mode, exempted for UGCNET/GATE/SET/GPAT/CSIR/Inspire qualified candidates.
- RET Selected and Exempted candidates to submit Research proposal on phd@upes.ac.in approximately 1000 words on or before 5th July 2025.
- RET Selected and Exempted candidates to book interview slots on 15th July 2025 through the link which shall be shared on or before 15th July 2025.
- RET Selected and Exempted candidates to appear for interview on 28th/29th/30th July 2025.
- Issuance of Offer letters to finally selected candidates on or before 12th August 2025.
- Payment of enrolment fee as per date specified in the admission offer letter i.e. 17th August 2025.
- Orientation scheduled in Campus on 25th August 2025 at 9 AM.
- Commencement of session – 27th August 2025.

Research Entrance Test (RET) Details:

RET is a 3 hours online proctored (online through Codetantra Platform) test having two sections. It will be held on 11th June 2025, between 10 am-1 pm. You will receive online test login details from Codetantra team via email. RET details are:

TIME		3 HOURS	
SECTION	TOTAL QUESTIONS	MARKS	TOPIC
Section A	50 Questions (1 Mark Each)	50	Research/General Aptitude Objective Questions
Section B	50 Questions (1 Mark Each)	50	Domain specific Objective Questions
	Total	100	

For School of Liberal Studies, RET will have subjective components.

Important : RET will be in the online mode, you will receive online log in credentials through Codetantra team before test date. The test will be done over the Codetantra platform.

Important Dates to Remember:

July 2025 Intake	
Key Timelines	Important Dates
Last Date to Apply	1 st June 2025
RET Exam	11 th June 2025
RET Result Declaration	27 th June 2025
Submission of Research Proposal on phd@upes.ac.in – approx. 1000 words	5 th July 2025
Online Interview Booking/Scheduling	15 th July 2025
Interviews	28 th , 29 th & 30 th July 2025
Interview Result Declaration	12 th August 2025
Last date to Pay Fee	17 th August 2025
Registration Date	22 nd August 2025
Orientation Date	25 th August 2025
Commencement of Session	27 th August 2025

**University reserves the right to change/cancel/withdraw the fellowship amount or research grant of INR 2 lac purely on discretionary basis.*

**Candidates are advised to check seats availability before applying for any program with University. Application fee once paid is non –refundable.*

**Please ensure to go through eligibility criteria and in case of not meeting the same, University reserves right to reject your application at any stage of admission process. Any application fee paid in case of non-eligibility shall not be refunded.*

**The admission norms are subject to changes as recommended by UGC.*

**Seats in all programs are limited and candidates are recommended to apply at the earliest and avoid waiting till last date.*

**We follow strict Admission timelines as mentioned above and you are recommended to adhere to them. No delayed requests shall be entertained*

** Please share applicant payment snapshot/details to phd@upes.ac.in once you have completed the application and paid application fee.*

**All communication related to PhD admissions at UPES shall be done through phd@upes.ac.in id only. Please mark Email Id- phd@upes.ac.in as safe in your inbox setting so as to receive our emails directly into your inbox. UPES shall not be liable if you miss any communication from phd@upes.ac.in*

**Application fee is non- refundable fee.*

** Interview Selection process will be conducted online on MS-Teams and you are not required to visit University for same.*

** For International Scholars, once selected, candidates are requested to share list of documents required from UPES for visa formalities.*

For any communication regarding PhD at UPES, please get in touch only with +91-9548644105 or write to phd@upes.ac.in. University shall not be liable if you interact with any other email id/contact number regarding PhD Admissions at UPES.

Best Wishes,
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