

Notification for Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme for the Academic Year: 2026-27

Gujarat Maritime University invites applications in the prescribed form for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme for the Academic Year 2026-27 in the following disciplines

1. Ph.D. in Law
2. Ph.D. in Management

Sr no	Discipline / Domain	Seats	Mode of Enrolment
Ph.D. in Law			
1	Law	01	Full Time/ Part Time
Ph.D. in Management			
1	Management	13	Full Time/ Part Time

Note: The University reserves the right to decide the number of eligible candidates to be called for the Research Proposal Presentation and Interview, based on the availability of seats and Ph.D. Supervisors.

1. Eligibility Criteria for Admission to the Ph.D. Programme (Eligibility Criteria of Qualifying Degree):

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

- (a) Candidates applying for admission to the '**Ph.D. in Law**' Programme must possess a **Master's Degree in Law** from any University recognized by the UGC, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed; or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory

authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.

- (b) Candidates applying for admission to the '**Ph.D. in Management**' Programme must possess a **Master's in Management** from any University recognized by the UGC, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed; or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.
- (c) Candidates in their final year of study in the respective Master's degrees are eligible to apply, subject to their securing the minimum marks or equivalent grade prior to the date of admission to the Ph.D. Programme.

2. Procedure for Admission:

- (a) Admission will be based on the criteria notified by the University, considering the reservation policy, as applicable.
- (b) Admission to the Ph.D. programme will be made using the following methods:
 - i. The University will admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET, based on the Presentation (of the proposed research before the Panel for Ph.D. Research Proposal Presentation) and Interview.

And / Or

- ii. The University will admit students through an Entrance Test [GMU Ph.D. Admission Test (GPAT-2026)], to be conducted at the level of the University, and based on the Presentation (of the proposed research before the Panel for Ph.D. Research Proposal Presentation) and Interview.

- a. Students who have secured minimum 50% marks in the GPAT-2026 are eligible to be called for the Presentation (of the proposed research before the Panel for Ph.D. Research Proposal Presentation) and Interview.
 - b. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the UGC from time to time.
- iii. The University will decide the number of eligible candidates to be called for the Presentation (of the proposed research before the Panel for Ph.D. Research Proposal Presentation) and Interview — based on the availability of seats.
- iv. **As part of the Application, candidates are required to submit a Research Proposal of about 3000 words.** For the Presentation (of the proposed research before the Panel for Ph.D. Research Proposal Presentation), candidates will have to present their 'Research Proposal' giving an outline of the proposed research work, with all the essential components of a research study. The Research Proposal must:
 - a. contains a tentative title;
 - b. exhibits literature review (demonstrating background research and a thorough awareness and understanding of the relevant literature on the research area);
 - c. identifies a research problem/statement of problem;
 - d. determines relevance;
 - e. specifies aim and objectives;
 - f. state hypothesis, if any;
 - g. ascertains research questions;
 - h. scope and limitation;
 - i. identifies the methodological approach to respond adequately to these research questions;
 - j. tentative scheme of chapters.

3. Selection Process:

For UGC-NET qualified candidates (exempted from GPAT 2026):

- (a) Submission of Application.
- (b) Presentation of the research proposal before the Panel for Ph.D. Research Proposal Presentation, and Interview.

- (c) Declaration of provisional selection list for admission to the Ph.D. Degree Programme.

For candidates appearing for GPAT 2026:

- (a) Submission of Application.
- (b) GMU Ph.D. Admission Test (GPAT-2026).
- (c) Declaration of GMU Ph.D. Admission Test (GPAT-2026) Result.
- (d) Presentation of the research proposal before the Panel for Ph.D. Research Proposal Presentation, and Interview.
- (e) Declaration of provisional selection list for admission to the Ph.D. Programme.

4. Reservation Policy:

The afore-stated number of seats is tentative. The final number of seats will be notified on the University website. Reservation norms, as applicable, will be followed for the purpose of admission to the PhD Programme.

5. Duration of the Programme:

- (a) Ph.D. Programme will be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- (b) A maximum of additional two (2) years may be given through a process of re-registration as per the Regulations of the UGC/University; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- (c) Provided further that female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases must not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- (d) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.

6. Type of Scholars:

Scholars will be registered for the Ph.D. Programme either as 'Full-Time' or 'Part-Time' Scholar.

- (a) A full-time scholar has to attend the University regularly and will be

subject to the prescribed attendance rules of the University.

(b) Professionally employed personnel may be allowed to pursue Ph.D. on a part-time mode. Part-Time Scholars shall have to attend the classes for assigned course-work as per the rules of the University/UGC. Such candidates are required to submit a 'No Objection Certificate' from their parent organization/department/employer clearly stating the following:

- (i) that he/she is permitted to pursue Ph.D. studies on a part-time mode;
- (ii) that his/her duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research; and
- (iii) whenever required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

7. Course Work:

- (a) All registered Full-Time and Part-Time Ph.D. Scholars shall undertake course work as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022.
- (b) The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a "Research and Publication Ethics" course as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F.1- 1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course.
- (c) A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the course work to be eligible to continue in the Ph.D. programme and submit his or her thesis.

8. Important Dates:

Last date for filling out the online application form	26 th September, 2026
Mock / Demo online test	03 rd October, 2026
Date of Online Entrance Test (GPAT-2026)	04 th October, 2026
Date of research proposal presentation	12 th October, 2026

*Date and time will be communicated to selected candidates. The University reserves the right to change the dates without any prior notice.

9. Format of Admission Test, and Presentation and Interview:

Description	Admission Test	Research Proposal Presentation and Interview
Duration	60 Minutes	15 Minutes
Mode	Multiple Choice Questions (100 Questions)	Power Point Presentation
Focus Areas	Paper I: Research Methodology & English (50 Questions) Paper II: Subject Awareness Domain Knowledge (50 Questions)	The Research Proposal Presentation must: 1. contain a tentative title; 2. exhibit literature review (demonstrating background research and a thorough awareness and understanding of the relevant literature on the research area); 3. identify a research problem /statement of problem; 4. determine relevance; 5. specify aim and objectives; 6. state hypothesis, if any; 7. ascertain research questions; 8. scope and limitation; 9. identify the methodological approach to respond adequately to these research questions; and 10. tentative scheme of chapters.
Syllabus	UGC NET syllabus for both Paper I: Research Methodology and English (50 Questions) and Paper II: Subject Awareness (50 Questions).	

10. Fee Structure for the academic year 2026:

Fee Structure for the Ph.D. Degree Programme*		
Fees	Full Time	Part Time
Admission Fee	Rs. 5,000	Rs. 5,000
Non-Refundable Security Deposit/ Alumni Fund	Rs. 15,000	Rs. 15,000
Total (one time)	Rs. 20,000/-	Rs. 20,000/-

Semester Fee		
Semester Fee	Rs. 50,000	Rs. 50,000
Semester Fee – NRI & Foreign National	4000 USD	4000 USD
Infrastructure Maintenance Fee (Per Annum)	Rs. 28,000	NA
Examination Fee (Per Semester)	Rs. 6,000	Rs. 6,000
Academic Facility Fee (Library, Computer, Internet, Training, etc.) (Per Annum)	Rs. 18,000	Rs. 18,000
Hall of Residence, Mess and other related Fees (facility not provided during vacation period, rooms are provided on sharing basis) ** If applicable (Per Annum)	Rs. 87,000	NA
Extra-Curricular, Adventure, Sports and Gymnasium, Social and Cultural Activities, Welfare Fee (Per Annum)	Rs. 3,000	NA
Total	Rs. 1,92,000/-	Rs. 74,000/-
Total Fees	Rs. 2,12,000/-	Rs. 94,000/-
Total Fees for Foreign Student	4000 USD + Rs. 1,62,000	4000 USD + Rs. 44,000
Ph.D. Thesis Evaluation Fees of Rs. 40,000 will be required to be paid while submitting the final Thesis.		
*Subject to change as per the decision of the Finance Committee/ Executive Council of the University.		
**Hostel rooms will be allotted on the basis of availability.		

11. Application form and Fees Payment:

- The candidates who are interested in seeking admission can apply directly by filling out the online admission form through <https://gmu.servergi.com:8071/OLAGMUUAT/Student/Welcome> and follow the instruction on the screen.
- The Application fees for Ph.D. programme is Rs 4,000/- (non- refundable).

12. General Instructions to the Candidates:

- Submitted Application Forms will be screened, and candidates found eligible will be intimated for appearing in the GMU Ph.D. Admission

Test (GPAT-2026).

- (b) Candidates shall ensure fulfillment of their eligibility conditions and full compliance with this Admission Notification.
- (c) As part of the Application process, candidates are required to submit a Research Proposal of about 3000 words, as hereinabove stated.
- (d) Part-Time Scholars are required to submit a 'No Objection Certificate' from their parent organization/department/employer clearly stating the following: (1) that he/she is permitted to pursue Ph.D. studies on a part-time mode; (2) that his/her duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research; and (3) whenever required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.
- (e) Scanned copy of all relevant qualifying degrees, whichever is applicable, along with mark sheets, must be send on admissions@gmu.edu.in by the candidates, while submitting the Application Form.
- (f) In the case of foreign candidates, an Equivalency Certificate is required to be produced by the candidate, while applying for admission to the Ph.D. in Law.
- (g) Upon qualifying in the GMU Ph.D. Admission Test (GPAT-2026), successful candidates, as also the NET/JRF qualified candidates, will be called for the Research Proposal Presentation, and Interview.
- (h) Upon declaration of the result by the University (based on the Research Proposal Presentation and Interview), the candidate will be permitted to take admission and register for the Ph.D. Programme on payment of the prescribed fee.
- (i) Ph.D. course work is mandatory for all Ph.D. scholars.
- (j) GMU Ph.D. course work and Ph.D. Thesis shall be in the English language only.

13. Contact Information:

For admission - related queries, you may write us at admissions@gmu.edu.in or call us on +91 8141314444 /+91 6357974751/52/53.

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Registrar (I/C)**