



Ph.D.

Built Environment

Design

Creative Practices and Entrepreneurship



About the Ph.D. Programme

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Anant National University offers research programme leading to the award of the Ph.D. degree that aims to develop individuals into outstanding researchers in the fields of design, built environment, creative practice, and entrepreneurship.

The duration of the programme is minimum of three years and a maximum of six years. This programme shall be available in both full-time and part-time modes. Candidates may also choose from Practice and Inquiry Tracks, across the range of interdisciplinary fields as offered by the university.



Enrolment Options

1. Full-time Enrolment

For full-time enrollment in the Ph.D. degree, the candidate must complete a minimum of three years from the date of registration.

- a. The maximum period is six years, including a period during which a full-time candidate should complete the dissertation and submit it for evaluation.
- b. Candidates enrolled in the full-time doctoral program must be on campus 5 days per week, 6 hours of which must be spent per week at Anant National University as Teaching Assistants/Associates, Academic Associates, or Research Associates.

2. Part-time Enrolment

The duration of the part-time Ph.D. programme is a minimum of four years from the date of registration, provided that the candidate maintains a residence at the university for at least two months spread over those years.\

- a. Candidates enrolled part-time may undertake elective courses/units of core courses in module typology as and when they are at the campus to fulfil their mandatory campus residency requirements. These courses shall be from their area of doctoral research and part of the academic calendar of the university.
- b. Six years is the maximum time period in which the part-time candidate must complete and submit their research for evaluation.

Eligibility Criteria

- a. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme with at least 55% aggregate marks or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
or
A 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme with at least 55% aggregate marks or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
or
An 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. In addition to their equivalent certificates as provided by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or equivalent.
- b. 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) Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. 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.

“ In today's world, the combination of design with disciplines such as Artificial Intelligence, Augmented & Virtual Reality, Analytics, Biomimicry, Sociology, Economics, Behavioural Science and Public policy is imperative to create impactful solutions. ”

Admission Procedure

- a. Notification regarding admission to the programmes shall be advertised through various media platforms including the university's website periodically.
- b. Candidates seeking admission need to fill in the prescribed form and submit the same within the deadline specified in the announcement. They will be required to submit the application fees.
- c. There shall be a Research Aptitude Assessment (RAA), in line with UGC regulations, for all full-time, and part-time candidates. Exceptions may be allowed in the cases defined in subsequent sections.
- d. Mere possession of required educational and other qualifications alone does not guarantee a right for admission to the programme.



1 Application Forms

- a. The online application form is available on the university's website and can be filled out by visiting the link: <https://admissions.anu.edu.in/>
- b. The candidate must fill in the information provided in the application form.
- c. The duly completed application form will be processed only if accompanied by the receipt of payment of application fees.
- d. Upon completion of the application process, the candidate must take a printout of the form and submit it at the time of the interview for verification.
- e. In case of any query in this regard, you may call/email:

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2 Shortlisting Criteria

- a. Meeting the minimum requirements of the qualification.
- b. Research Aptitude Assessment (RAA).
- c. An interview/presentation on the research proposal/statement of purpose after the entrance exam.

Selection to the Ph.D. programme is based on merit. The RAA is weighted 70% and interview/viva-voce performance is weighted 30%. The Research Advisory Committee submits the list of shortlisted candidates to the Provost for approval.

3 Entrance Examination and Interview

- a. University may admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET/GATE/CEED and similar national-level tests based on an interview.
and/or
- b. University may admit students through RAA. The syllabus for RAA shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject-specific.
- c. Students who have secured 50% marks in RAA are eligible to be called for the interview.
- d. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the RAA 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.
- e. The selection of candidates will be based on the RAA and interview conducted by the University, a weightage of 70% for the RAA and 30% for the performance in the interview/viva- voce shall be given.

Also, applicants in the interview will be evaluated on how well they demonstrate “evidence of research preparation” in the form of one or more of the following, which they must submit:

- a. Research skills coursework and/or a supervised research project that includes an independently completed written report, as part of the programme of study at the Bachelor’s and/or Master’s programmes.
- b. Candidate’s papers involving a substantial contribution as an author are published in recognized academic journals or edited volumes from recognized academic publishers.
- c. Research or technical reports contributed by the candidate for industry, government, or business, which adhere to the broad conventions of academic publishing.
- d. “A candidate approach to creative work as research investigation” is shown through a critical discussion of creative work, the candidates’ own or others.
- e. Industry or work experience independently planning and executing a project.
- f. Selected candidates will then be called for a Personal interview, including a research proposal presentation, with viva.



4 Format of the Question Paper

- a. Duration of Paper I & Paper II: 90 Minutes
- b. Distribution of Marks:

| Type of Paper | Type of Questions | Total Marks | No. of Questions |
|----------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------|--------------------|
| Research Methodology | Multiple Choice Objective Questions | 50 | 50 (1 mark each) |
| Subject Specific | Multiple Choice/ Objective Questions | 50 | 50 (1/5 mark each) |

5 Schedule of Ph. D. Admissions

- a. Last date to apply – 28th May, Sunday, 2023
- b. Research Aptitude Assessment – 4th June, Sunday 2023
- c. Personal interview and/ or Research Proposal Presentation – First- second week of July 2023
- d. Declaration of Results & Orientation Programme – End August

6 Program Fees & Expenses

| Program | Tuition Fees | Stipend |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Ph.D. (full-time) | Nil | Rs 20,000 per month |
| Ph.D. (part-time) | Rs 1,00,000 / annum | Nil |

These numbers apply for admission as of 2023-24. They may change for candidates seeking admission in future years.

7 Entrance Examination and Interview

- A monthly stipend will be provided to full-time Ph.D. candidates. The funding for the stipend may be supported through any external government or non-governmental sources.
- Candidates enrolled full-time for the Ph.D. have to undertake up to 4 to 6 hours of employment per week at Anant National University as Teaching Assistants/Associates, Academic Associates, or Research Associates, with approval of the RAC and the candidate's own Research Supervisory Committee. However, such employment will be subject to the availability of opportunities.
- The stipend for full-time candidates shall be paid on a monthly basis at a rate as approved by the Research Advisory Committee of the university.
- Full-time Ph.D. candidates will be required to be present on campus as per university norms, up to seven hours, five days a week. They will be treated as temporary staff and can avail of leave as per university norms after approval by the Research Supervisor.
- The stipend shall be given up to three years starting from the date of registration or the date of successful defense of the thesis, whichever is earlier.
- Any request for the continuation of the stipend beyond the three-year period must be duly approved by the candidate's Research Supervisory Committee and the RAC.

8 Course Work

- Coursework is mandatory for all candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme and must be completed in the first semester or two on campus.
- The credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 16 credits, including Research and Publication Ethics and Research Methodology courses. RAC can also recommend UGC-recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme to a maximum of 4 credits.
- Candidates must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade on a 10-point scale in the course work to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit their thesis.
- Candidates who have completed the equivalent coursework in previous qualifying programmes prior to admission may request a waiver of coursework requirements in writing.

| Core area | Module |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Monsoon semester | |
| Interdisciplinary research planning | Basics of Research |
| Interdisciplinary research planning | Qualitative Research |
| Academic writing | Academic writing |
| Spring semester | |
| Interdisciplinary research planning | Quantitative methods & Computer Applications |
| Seminar | Research forum |



Specialization



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Theory and Practice of Art | English Poetry and Literature | Media and Journalism

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Professor and Director, ICICL
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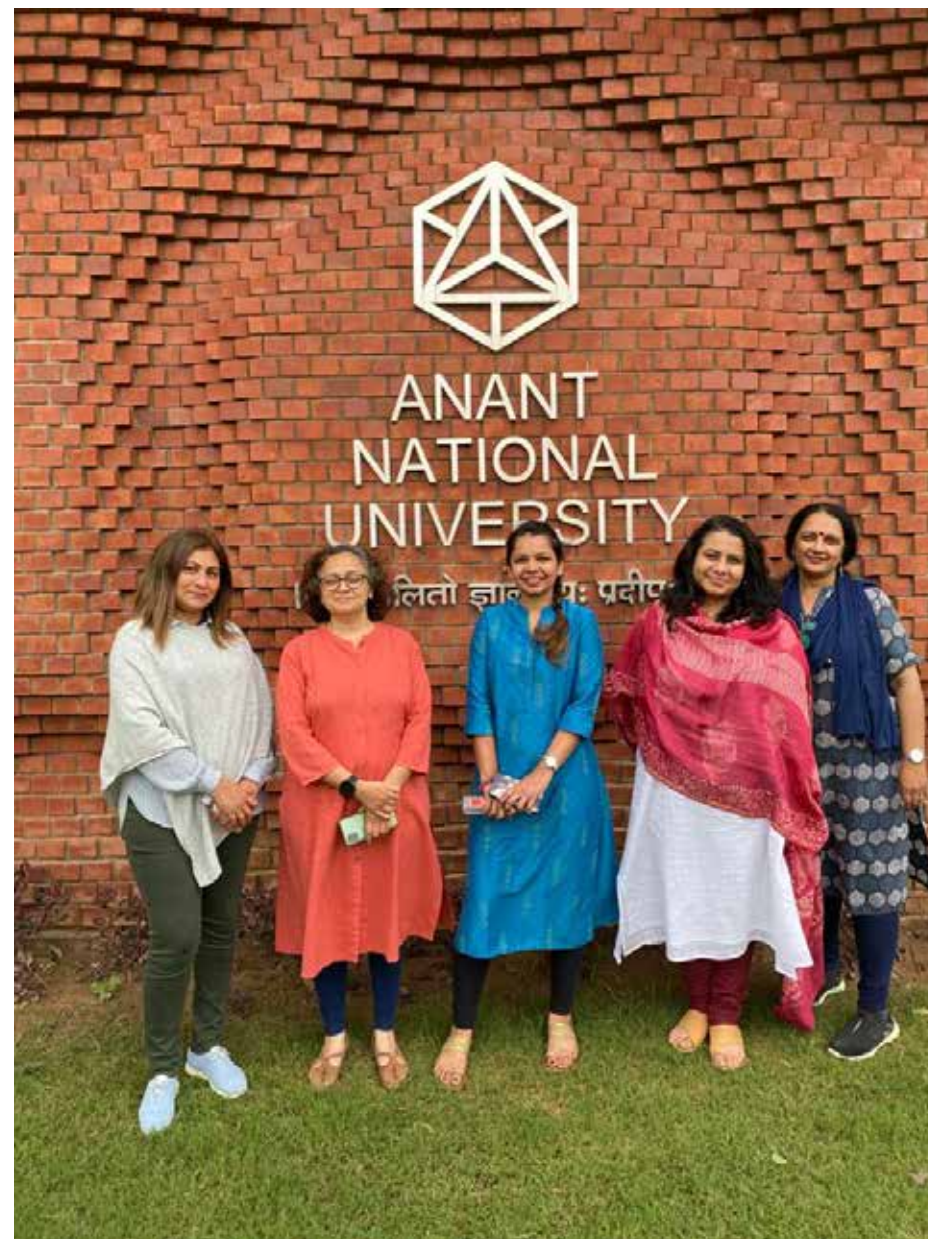
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General Guidelines

- a. Admission to the Ph.D. programme is through an RAA. The University may grant relaxation in taking the entrance test to applicants who have qualified for GATE /NET (UGC & CSIR)/CEED in the last three years. However, such applicants will be called for interviews along with the applicants who appeared for the University RAA Test.
- b. Courses for Ph.D. scholars are recommended by the university and approved by the Academic Council. However, five courses of a total 16-credit are offered to all Ph.D. students, covering research methods, literature review, recent trends in the discipline, ICT in research and research publications, and ethics. Other courses may be prescribed as needed and upon recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) and Research Supervisory Committee (RSC)
- c. To pass the coursework, a scholar must achieve at least 55% of the total points.
- d. A primary supervisor is selected by the RAC from among regular faculty members of the university who hold a Ph.D., based on his/her specialization and research proposal
- e. A co-supervisor/core supervisor may be allowed in interdisciplinary areas from other departments in the same School or from other related institutions by the Provost upon recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee (RAC).
- f. The RAC, with the approval of higher authorities, may appoint another faculty as the primary supervisor if a supervisor retires, leaves the University, or is unable to provide supervision, or for other reasons in accordance with the Ph.D. Handbook.
- g. Each Ph.D. scholar determines the work plan in consultation with his/her supervisor(s) and remains in constant contact with the primary supervisor(s). scholars are required to visit the University at the end of each semester to present their progress.
- h. To meet the dissertation submission criteria, the scholars must publish two research papers in peer-reviewed journals from the UGC list/ SCI Indexed/ABDC list and two conference papers from his/her Ph.D. thesis. The papers must be published as research scholars of Anant National University.
- i. The university has the right to revoke the admission of an applicant at any time if he/she is found to be unsuitable/unqualified/ineligible for the approved course in view of the applicable statutes and regulations.
- j. In exceptional cases, the Academic Council, upon the recommendation of the RAC and Provost, may relax any of the above rules of the programme.





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