



St. Xavier's University, Kolkata

PH.D. ADMISSION 2026

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APPLICATION AND ADMISSION PROCEDURE:

Step 1. The eligible candidate to register and apply online and download the acknowledgement slip and application payment receipt after successful completion of the application and fee payment procedure.

Step 2. Candidate to download and fill in the offline application form and send it to the Ph.D. Office with a copy of acknowledgment slip, Application payment receipt and all other documents as mentioned in the application form.

Offline application form is invalid without online registration and application. The offline application form will not be accepted after the last date.

Step 3. Eligible candidates who have not qualified for fellowship / scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests will appear for XU-RET examination followed by the Interview and the eligible candidates who have qualified for fellowship / scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests will appear for interview.

Step 4. Provisional selection list will be published, and admission procedure will be followed.

The vacancies and the specific research areas of the respective disciplines in which the university is offering admission for the academic year 2026-2027 are as follows:

<i>Disciplines</i>	<i>Vacancy*</i>	<i>Areas</i>
Ph.D. in Commerce	10	Financial Services, Micro Finance, Behavioural Finance, Corporate Finance, Social Media Marketing, Consumer Behaviour and Brand Management, Entrepreneurship and Strategy, Banking, Portfolio Management, Women Empowerment, Sustainability
Ph.D. in Economics	8	Macroeconomics, Development Economics, Economics of Social Sector, Gender Economics, Health Economics, Poverty and Inequality, Economics of Social Sector, Economics of Platforms, Law and Economics, Economics of Crime, Crime and Welfare and Public Economics.
Ph.D. in English	3	Gender Studies, Partition Literature, Victorian Studies, Memory Studies, South Asian Historiography, Women's Writing, Feminist Theory, Translation Studies, Postcolonial Studies, Cultural Studies, Dalit Literature
Ph.D. in Law	14	Environmental Law, Family Law, Climate Change & Public Policy, Business Laws, Criminal Law, International Law, Human Rights, International Criminal Law, Corporate Law, Intellectual Property Rights, Environmental Law, IPR and Traditional Knowledge & TCE, Environment Criminology, Laws Relating to Medicines and Medical Tourism, Merger and Acquisition, Law of Bankruptcy and Insolvency, Forensic Law, Sports Law, National Security Law, Social Security Law
Ph.D. in Management	12	Capital Market, Behavioral Finance, Project Finance, Corporate Finance, Fintech, Strategic Finance, Corporate Governance, ESG, Carbon Performance, Stock Market Liquidity, Change Management, Performance Management, Gender Issues in Management, Leadership and Organizational Transformation, Organizational Development and Culture, Consumer Behavior, Sustainable Marketing, Retail Marketing, Digital and Social Media Marketing, Brand and Consumer Engagement, Artificial Intelligence and Automation, Sustainability and Ethics, Business Analytics, Marketing Analytics, Tourism Analytics, Predictive Modelling, Data Mining
Ph.D. in Mass Communication	6	Radio, TV Journalism, New Media & Society, Advertising, Public Relations, Digital marketing, IMC, Development Communication, Film Studies, Communication and SDGs, Political Communication
Ph.D. in Psychology	5	Clinical Psychology, Neuropsychology, Psychotherapy, Positive Psychology, Social Psychology, Personality, Cognitive Psychology, Health Psychology
Ph.D. in Social Work	5	Health Policy & Systems, Community Development, Tribal Development, Environment, Ecology & Development, Health and Mental Health, Vulnerable and Marginalised Children, Social Mobility, Women and Child Development, Geriatric Social Work, Social Work in Educational Institutions, Gender- Sexuality Studies, Transgender Rights, Child Rights and Protection, Sustainability and Development, Criminal Justice and Corrections, Gender Studies

** The University may or may not fill the advertised vacancies*

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Ph.D. in Management:

Candidates who have completed 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme in Management or related fields after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme in Management or related fields after a 3-year/6-semester bachelor's degree programme from a UGC recognized University or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or appropriate statutory authority, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

Or

Candidates who have 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. However, in all such cases equivalence from Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or appropriate statutory authority will be required.

Or

Candidates who have completed 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme (Hons. with Research) in Management or related discipline from a UGC recognized University or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or appropriate statutory authority, with at least 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

Or

Candidates who have completed M.Phil. (before 2024) in Management or related discipline with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent degree 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 educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. However, for the degrees obtained from foreign Universities, Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or appropriate statutory authority equivalence will be required.

Ph.D. in Commerce:

Candidates who have completed 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme in Commerce or Management after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme in Commerce or Management after a 3-year/ 6-semester bachelor's degree programme from a UGC recognized University or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or appropriate statutory authority, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

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Ph.D. in English:

Candidates who have completed 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme in English after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme in English after a 3-year/ 6-semester bachelor's degree programme from a UGC recognized University or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or appropriate statutory authority, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

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Ph.D. in Mass Communication:

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Ph.D. in Psychology :

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Ph.D. in Social Work :

Candidates who have completed 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme in Social Work or Sociology or Social Welfare after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme in Social Work or Sociology or Social Welfare after a 3-year/ 6-semester bachelor's degree programme from a UGC recognized University or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or appropriate statutory authority, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

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Or

Candidates who have completed 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme (Hons. with Research) in Social Work or Sociology or Social Welfare from a UGC recognized University or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU) or appropriate statutory authority, with at least 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

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Ph.D. in Law :

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Relaxation:

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade in Master's degree / M.Phil. programme (before 2024) may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/ Differently Abled (Divyangjan) categories.

Note : Foreign students will be required to produce clearance from the Government of India and / or other appropriate authorities, if any, for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

Admission to the Ph.D. programme may be allowed to only such foreign nationals who have obtained and are holding research visa after fulfilment of other admission criteria.

SELECTION PROCEDURE:

Candidates who have qualified for fellowship / scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests:

Candidates shall be exempted from St. Xavier's University Research Entrance Test (XU-RET) conducted by the University but have to appear in the interview on the subject to be conducted by the respective Departmental Research Committee (DRC).

Candidates who have not qualified for fellowship / scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests:

The candidate will have to appear in the St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Research Entrance Test (XU-RET). The duration of the XU-RET will be of two hours and will comprise of 50 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) of 2 marks each with a total of 100 marks for all Ph.D. programmes. Test will have two sections (as mentioned below) 50 marks (25 questions) for each. There will be no negative marking.

Syllabus of XU-RET 2026

Discipline	Section-I	Section-II
Ph.D. in Commerce Ph.D. in English Ph.D. in Economics Ph.D. in Mass Communication Ph.D. in Psychology Ph.D. in Social Work Ph.D. in Law Ph.D. in Management	Research Methodology [Research orientation, aptitude, research designs, methods and analysis]	Discipline Specific

The Research Entrance Test will be followed by an interview on the subject concerned. Candidates who score 50% or more marks in XU-RET will be eligible to appear for the Interview.

The weightages for selection of the candidates are given as follows:

Category	Weightage for XU-RET score	Weightage for Interview Score
Candidates who have qualified for fellowship / scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET /GATE/ CEED and similar	N.A.	100%
Candidates who have not qualified for fellowship / scholarship in UGC-NET/ UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/ CEED and similar National level tests	70%	30%

Mode of XU-RET:

St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Research Entrance Test (XU-RET) will be held in offline mode, and the candidate will be required to come to the University campus for the test.

No TA/DA will be paid for appearing in the XU-RET.

Mode of Interview:

Interview will be held physically, and the candidate will be required to come to the University Campus.

No TA/DA will be paid for appearing in the Interview.

Note: *Applicants who are currently employed must submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from their current employer in the specified format during the document verification for admission.*

No modifications / changes in the NOC format will be accepted.

IMPORTANT TIMELINES:

1	Deadline for submission of online application form	27-04-2026 (Monday), by 4 PM
2	Deadline for (hard copy) submission of offline application form with all enclosures	04-05-2026 (Monday), by 5 PM
3	Publication of list of eligible candidates for XU-RET 2026	15-05-2026 (Friday), by 6 PM
4	Conduct of XU-RET 2026	23-05-2026 (Saturday)
	(Offline mode at university campus)	(Detail schedule will be announced with the list of eligible candidates)
5	Publication of list of eligible candidates for interview	09-06-2026 (Tuesday), by 6 PM
	Interview: Interview will be held physically at the University Campus	
6	Date of interview	22-06-2026 to 27-06-2026 (Monday to Saturday)
	(The exact schedule of interview will be communicated to the selected candidates through e-mail on or before 11-06-2026)	
7	Publication of provisional selection list & admission offer	03-07-2026 (Friday), by 6 PM
8	Last date for generation of bank challan	12-07-2026 (Sunday)
	(If semester fee is to be paid by bank challan)	
9	Last date of payment of semester fee (1st instalment) (both online and offline through bank challan)	13-07-2026 (Monday)

10	Publication of 2nd provisional selection list & admission offer (If any)	15-07-2026 (Wednesday)
11	Physical document verification (Candidates of 1st provisional selection list)	15-07-2026 to 17-07-2026 (Wednesday to Friday)
	(The exact schedule for physical document verification will be communicated through e-mail)	
12	Last date for generation of bank challan for the candidates of 2nd provisional selection list	20-07-2026 (Monday)
	(If semester fee is to be paid by bank challan)	
13	Last date of payment of semester fee (1st instalment for the candidates of 2nd provisional selection list (both online and offline through bank challan))	21-07-2026 (Tuesday)
14	Physical document verification (candidates of 2nd provisional selection list)	23-07-2026 & 24-07-2026 (Thursday & Friday)
	(The exact schedule for physical document verification will be communicated through e-mail)	
15	Inauguration of the Ph.D. Programme	25-07-2026 (Saturday)

FEES:

1. **Application Fee:** ₹2500 (at the time of Online Application)

2. **Admission Fee:** ₹30,000/-

3. **Ph.D. Programme Fee Details:**

Total Annual Fees: ₹1,00,000/-

The annual fees are to be paid in two equal instalments. 1st & 2nd instalment of annual fees of ₹ 50,000/- for each semester to be paid before the commencement of each semester.

Fees to be paid at the time of admission: 1st instalment of annual fees of Year 1 (₹ 50,000/-) and Admission Fee (₹ 30,000/-). Candidates may also opt to pay two instalments together

4. **St. Xavier's University, Kolkata Alumni Membership Fee:** ₹5015/-

The alumni membership fee of ₹5015/- to be paid before the submission of the thesis.

For more details, please refer to St. Xavier's University Ph.D. Regulations 2024.



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