INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR TEACHER EDUCATION, BHU

VARANASI, UTTAR PRADESH, INDIA

(An Autonomous Institution of the University Grants Commission, Ministry of Education, Govt. of India)

A Recognised Autonomous Research Centre of Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya (SSVV), Varanasi

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (Ph.D.)

INFORMATION BROCHURE

ACADEMIC SESSION 2027-28

Detailed Information, Admission Criteria, Application Procedure and Selection Procedure for the session January 2027

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ABOUT INTER UNIVERSITY CENTRE FOR TEACHER EDUCATION (IUCTE), BHU



The Inter University Centre for Teacher Education (IUCTE), Varanasi, stands as a premier autonomous institution established by the University Grants Commission (UGC) under Section 12(ccc) of the UGC Act. Its core mission is to promote and sustain excellence in higher education by spearheading pedagogical and technological innovations that meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global landscape. At the heart of its operations is a commitment to capacity building, offering specialised advisory services, and influencing national policy development to ensure that teacher education remains robust, inclusive, and forward-looking. By fostering strategic global partnerships and extensive networking, IUCTE bridges the gap between traditional Indian educational values and international best practices, creating a vibrant platform for academic exchange and collaborative research.

The vision of IUCTE extends beyond mere instructional training; it envisions the cultivation of high-quality educators who are equipped to lead a sustainable educational ecosystem. This involves reshaping the fabric of higher education in India by integrating the rich heritage of the Indian Knowledge System (IKS) with modern scientific inquiry. As a catalyst for institutional reform, the Centre works to empower faculty members across the country, transforming them into facilitators of holistic development who can effectively implement the multidisciplinary and student-centric goals of the National Education Policy (NEP) 2020. Ultimately, IUCTE serves as a national hub for excellence, dedicated to ensuring that every teacher becomes a cornerstone in the nation-building process and a contributor to a knowledge-driven society.

THE IUCTE–SSVV AUTONOMOUS RESEARCH CENTRE FRAMEWORK

Under the UGC (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022 and the Supplementary Ordinance / MoU between IUCTE and Sampurnanand Sanskrit Vishwavidyalaya (SSVV), Varanasi, IUCTE functions as an Autonomous Research Centre of SSVV.

GENERAL INFORMATION

IUCTE invites online applications for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program for the Academic Session 2027-28 in Education. Admission to the Ph.D. program shall be governed by the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, the prevailing Ph.D. Ordinance of the IUCTE and the rules, regulations, and notifications issued by the Centre from time to time.

Applicants are advised to read this Information Brochure carefully before submitting the online application and ensure that they satisfy all prescribed eligibility conditions. Mere submission of an application or appearance in the admission process shall not confer any right to admission.

All applicants should apply through the ONLINE APPLICATION AND REGISTRATION PROCESS for the Ph.D. Admission-2027 link https://iucteadm.samarth.edu.in in accordance with the instructions set out in this brochure.

INDICATIVE ADMISSION SCHEDULE (ACADEMIC SESSION 2027-28)

Particular	Date
Release of Official Ph.D. Admission Notification & Online Portal Activation	24 November 2026
Last Date for Online Registration & Application Submission	20 December 2026
List of Shortlisted Applicants	22 December 2026
Document Verification & Interview	7 January 2027
Declaration of Final Merit List	8 January 2027
Final course Fee Payment	15 January 2027

ADMISSION CATEGORY

The Centre offers admission to the Ph.D. Programme through face to face mode only for those candidates who have qualified for Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Education. Proof of JRF

qualification and Score Card shall be submitted along with the application. Failure to submit a valid JRF certificate or equivalent documentary evidence may render the application ineligible.

ADMISSION CYCLES (BIANNUAL NOTIFICATION)

Admissions to the Ph.D. program at IUCTE are announced twice a year:

- Winter Semester: Commencing January
- Monsoon Semester: Commencing July

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

All applicants are REQUIRED to register online, submit the prescribed application form, and pay the applicable registration fee within the notified schedule.

Online Application Portal: https://iucteadm.samarth.edu.in/

Applicants may also access the Ph.D. Admission–2027-28 portal through the IUCTE official website: https://iucte.ac.in

How to Submit an Online Application

- All admissions to Ph.D. program for the upcoming session will be conducted online.
- The candidates are required to register themselves for admission to Ph.D. degree program of the centre using the registration link.
- After registration, your admission portal login will be created, which can be accessed using the credentials sent to the registered email.
- After registration, candidates may apply for Ph.D. admission in the given category through their admission portal.
- After the candidate has filled out the registration form online, he/she will have to make an online payment and then finally submit the form.
- Accordingly, candidates should check the portal regularly for updates after submitting their applications, in accordance with the admission schedule given in this brochure.

REGISTRATION FEES

The registration fee (non-refundable) for different Ph.D. applicant categories is as follows:

Category	Fees
General / Unreserved (UR), Other Backward Classes (OBC-NCL), and EWS	Rs. 1000/- (INR)
Scheduled Caste (SC), Scheduled Tribe (ST), and Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)/Women	Rs. 500/- (INR)
For International Applicants	$ 50 (USD)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO THE Ph.D. PROGRAM

Post Graduation alongwith Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Education.

RESERVATION OF SEATS AND RELAXATION

Reservation in Ph.D. program shall be implemented, as per UGC, Ministry of Education (MoE), Government Orders, and guidelines issued from time to time.

ADMISSION OF INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN Ph.D. PROGRAM

Selection procedure for Ph.D. admission of international students will be dealt with as per the guidelines/norms issued by IUCTE from time to time. (see the guidelines on admission portal)

DURATION OF THE PROGRAM

1. Ph.D. program shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including coursework, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. program.
2. A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the IUCTE/SSVV Ordinance, provided, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. program should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. program. 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. program in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. program.
3. 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. program.

VACANCIES IN Ph.D. PROGRAM FOR 2027-28

Sr. No	Name of Department	Qualification/ Degree Required	Total vacancies						Total
			UR	OBC	SC	ST	EWS	PwBD	
1	Education	Post Graduation alongwith Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) in Education.	15	8	4	2	3	5% horizontal reservation	32

SELECTION PROCEDURE

Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) program at IUCTE is conducted through a multi-tiered, transparent evaluation process. Selection shall be based on the prescribed evaluation criteria.

Candidates are evaluated and ranked out of a composite index of 100 marks, apportioned under the following weightage:

S. No.	Component	Weightage / Maximum Marks
1.	JRF	70 Marks
2.	Interview and Research Presentation	30 Marks
	Total Aggregate Score	100 Marks

Note: The weightage for JRF shall be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Weightage Marks} = \frac{Marks\ Obtained\ in\ JRF\ (mentioned\ in\ Score\ Card)}{Maximum\ Marks\ \ in\ JRF} \times\ 70$$

IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

1. The Ph.D. admission process shall be governed by the provisions of the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2022, IUCTE Ph.D. Ordinance, and the rules, regulations, ordinances, and notifications issued by the Govt. of India from time to time.
2. IUCTE reserves the right to modify, amend, interpret or withdraw any provision contained in this brochure at any stage of the admission process, if considered necessary in accordance with the applicable rules, regulations, Government orders, or directives issued by competent authority.
3. The decision of IUCTE regarding eligibility, interpretation of rules, preparation of merit lists, allotment of supervisors, admission and all other matters connected with the Ph.D. admission process shall be final and binding on all applicants.
4. The mere submission of an application, or inclusion in any shortlist or merit list shall not confer any right to admission.
5. The candidate shall be solely responsible for the correctness and authenticity of all information, documents and declarations submitted in the application. At any stage, if any factual error, false declaration, concealment of material information or misleading statement is detected, the application or admission may be cancelled.

6. Applicants are advised to regularly visit the IUCTE admission portal and website for updates, notices, corrigenda, schedules, and instructions. No separate communication shall be made to individual applicants.
7. Requests for change in category, information furnished in the application form, or any other particulars shall not be entertained after the submission of the online application, except where specifically permitted by IUCTE.
8. IUCTE shall not be responsible for any loss arising from failure of the applicant to comply with the prescribed schedule, upload the required documents, or regularly monitor notifications issued by the Centre.
9. Admission to the Ph.D. Program will be subject to verification of eligibility, original documents, fulfillment of all prescribed conditions, and approval by the competent Authority.
10. Incomplete applications or applications not submitted successfully through the online portal shall not be considered.
11. Applications shall be accepted only online. Candidates shall not be required to submit a hard copy of the application form or supporting documents.
12. Mere eligibility will not entitle any candidate to be called for interview.
13. No interim correspondence shall be entertained.
14. The IUCTE reserves the right not to fill up all the seats without assigning any reason.
15. In case of any inadvertent mistake in the process of selection, which may be detected at any stage even after issue of admission letter, the IUCTE reserves the right to modify/withdraw/cancel any communication made to the candidate.
16. The fee, once paid, will not be refunded under any circumstances.
17. The IUCTE reserves the right to cancel/refuse admission at any point of time if it found that:
    a. Minimum eligibility requirements are not fulfilled.
    b. False documentation has been done, or false information has been suppressed.
    c. Any other similar valid reason
18. Any litigation in respect of admission shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the local court of Varanasi and/or Hon'ble court of jurisdiction at Allahabad.