

# **School of Education Studies (SES)**

**Dr B R Ambedkar University Delhi (AUD)**

(Established by the Government of the National Capital Territory of Delhi)

Lodhi Road Campus (Near Jor Bagh Metro Station)

## **Bulletin of Information PhD Programme in Education Admissions 2023-24**

### **School of Education Studies (SES)**

SES is envisioned to evolve as a community of professionals and scholars endeavouring to understand education in its historical and contemporary contexts through engaged scholarship and practice. The School aims to bridge the gap between the theory and practice of education in its multiple locations—in that, it attempts to foster greater convergence between the study of education as a social phenomenon and the preparation of professional educators. In pursuit of this vision, SES launched the MA Education programme in 2012, MA Education (Early Childhood Care and Education) in 2014, a Continuing Professional Development (CPD) programme in 2019 and a PhD Programme in Education in 2019. In 2022, the School has also developed a PhD in English Language Education programme in collaboration with the Centre for English Language Education. Further, in 2023 the school has launched two Integrated Teacher Education Programmes (BABEd Preparatory and Secondary). These programmes are part of the School's endeavour to bring in convergence between the professional and the liberal dimensions of education.

### **PhD Programme in Education**

The doctoral programme is designed to engage scholars committed to identifying challenges in education, developing newer insights and contributing to the knowledge construction in this discipline. The programme aims to question, study, and critique the various forces influencing the discourse of education and respond by creating alternative pathways. It aims to nurture research scholars who develop the capacity to study the changing landscape of education and the critical issues in the various sites of practice. It intends to develop evidence-based approaches to promote equity and social justice. The programme is designed to enable candidates to engage in rigorous scholarship and enhance the existing literature in the field with high quality research. The courses will encourage candidates to examine topics through multiple lenses grounded in different disciplines. SES offers specialisation in the following areas: Educational Theory, Curriculum Studies, Education Policy and Reform, Higher Education, Economics of Education, Social Science Education, Sociology of Education, Early Childhood Care and Education, Language and Literacy, Inclusive Education, Critical Pedagogy, and Teacher Education. After successfully completing the PhD Education Programme, students will be able to:

- Conduct independent and collaborative research studies with academic rigour.
- Follow research and academic ethics when conducting any study or writing on a topic.
- Develop an integrated understanding of education and related disciplines through coursework.
- Critically examine political and socioeconomic contexts in which education programmes are situated.

- Contribute to curriculum development, policy development and planning of educational schemes.
- Acquire the ability to teach undergraduate and graduate level courses and develop awareness of various pedagogic practices in higher education.

### **Programme details**

- The PhD programme adheres to the rules and regulations of the University Grants Commission, as they are enforced and revised from time to time. The current regulations in force can be found [here](#).
- Minimum duration of the programme is three years and maximum duration is six years. Extensions and relaxations are applicable as per PhD Regulations.
- Each student admitted to the programme must complete the required coursework and any additional courses as recommended by the UGC from time to time. The coursework must be undertaken by the scholar in the first two semesters of the PhD programme and must be completed by the end of the first year as per AUD guidelines. More details of courses can be found here: <https://ses.aud.ac.in/programme/research-studies/60-phd-in-education>
- Participation in course work presumes a scholar's residence in Delhi region during the officially recognised academic year/sessions and the scholar's regular attendance of classes and related academic activities.
- A doctoral supervisor is appointed from the School for each student. Experts and scholars with academic credentials from outside the School or university can be appointed as co-supervisors in case the candidate requires specialised guidance.
- A Research Advisory Committee (RAC) is appointed for every candidate, with the supervisor as the convener of the committee. The RAC advises the candidate and monitors her/his/ their progress in the PhD programme.
- Every candidate is expected to complete the following milestones of the PhD programme
  - Course work
  - Presentation and defense of a research synopsis
  - Pre-submission presentation
  - Pre-submission requirements of conference presentations and publication (if any) as may be required by UGC
  - Production of an original thesis
  - Viva-voce examination of the PhD thesis

### ***Stipend for Research Scholars***

- At present, all PhD candidates who are not drawing any other scholarship/ fellowship are eligible for a stipend of Rs. 16,000/- per month for a maximum duration of **three (03) years**, subject to satisfactory work progress in every semester. The amount and duration may be revised by the University from time to time.
- “Ambedkar University Delhi Merit Research Fellowship” will be awarded to 25 meritorious candidates in the University, commensurate with UGC-JRF (Social Sciences and Humanities) fellowships. Other scholarships and research internships may be announced by the university from time to time.
- All PhD scholars availing UGC JRF/SRF/AUDMRF or an equivalent fellowship in terms of grant amount, may assist in performing academic work including lectures, tutorials, laboratory work, and evaluation of test papers of not more than 8 hours a week. Scholars availing the AUD Stipend may assist for not more than 4 hours a week.

### ***Hostel***

- AUD has about 40 seats for women candidates in its hostel at Kashmere Gate
- Details of admission to the hostel can be found [here](#).

### **Admission to the PhD Programmes (2023-24)**

Potential applicants to the PhD programme are encouraged to familiarise themselves with research specializations at the School and connect with faculty members at the stage of applications. The research profiles of doctoral supervisors are available at <https://ses.aud.ac.in/faculty> for Education for English Language Education.

Candidates will be admitted in the programme with the following criteria:

- a. Eligibility
- b. Written Entrance Test
- c. Interview

***Eligibility:*** The following are eligible to seek admission to the PhD programme:

1. Candidates who have completed:
  - A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme; or
  - A 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, 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, recognised or authorised 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 Commission from time to time.
  - 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 Commission from time to time.
2. Candidates who have completed the MPhil programme 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, recognised or authorised 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 PhD programme. 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 Commission from time to time.

#### *Research Proposal and Statement of Purpose*

- Along with the application document, the candidate must submit a Research Proposal not exceeding 1500 words, explaining the nature and the process of the proposed work. The research proposal must clearly delineate the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study. The proposal must include a section on the significance of the study, a brief review of literature and a description of the process of inquiry. The proposed area of research must align with the research interests of the programme faculty members. Applicants are therefore encouraged to consult SES faculty profiles on the AUD website.
- In addition, candidates must submit a Statement of Purpose articulating why they wish to pursue a PhD in Education not exceeding 500 words.

#### *Written Entrance Test*

- Candidates who fulfil the basic criteria will be invited to appear for a written examination conducted by the School of Education Studies (SES) at the University. The exam will be set at 50% marks as qualifying. The syllabus of the Entrance Test shall consist of 50% of Research Methodology and 50% subject specific, i.e., Education.

#### *Exemptions from the Written Test*

- Applicants, who have qualified UGC-JRF/CSIR-JRF/DBT-JRF or an equivalent as specified by UGC, may directly appear for interview. The marks obtained by such candidates i.e., 30% weightage for the performance in the interview, will be scaled to 100% for determining the merit list.
- Applicants who are employed as Group A officers by the Central Government or the State Government or as Group A officers of AUD or as full-time/regular Assistant Professors of AUD, may directly appear for the interview and the marks obtained i.e., 30% weightage for the performance in the interview, will be scaled to 100% for determining the merit list.

#### *Interview*

- An interview will be organised for the candidates who have qualified the written test or are exempted from appearing for the written test as specified above. The candidates will be required to discuss their research interests/areas during the interview based upon the proposal submitted. An interview/viva voce to be conducted by the university which shall consider the following:
  - Whether the applicant possesses the competence of the proposed research area
  - Whether the research can be undertaken in the School
  - Whether the proposed area of research can contribute to the new/additional knowledge.

*The interview/ viva voce will carry a weightage of 30%. For the selection of candidates and*

preparation of merit, a weightage of 70% to the Entrance Test and 30% to the performance in the interview shall be calculated. Based on the composite score, the candidate will be offered admission to the PhD programme at the School of Education Studies (SES).

***Seats***

Total=12 seats

Reservations are as per rules of the university and orders of the Government of NCT of Delhi, as applicable from time to time.

- Candidates' proposed research should align with the specialisations of Education Programme faculty at SES
- The School reserves the right to decline admission to candidates in cases where the topic does not align with faculty specialisations or the School does not possess the necessary infrastructural requirements/ laboratories.

**Venue of Exam & Interview**

To be announced.

For any Admissions related query, write an email addressed to the Programme Coordinator of the PhD in Education (Email: [phdeducation@aud.ac.in](mailto:phdeducation@aud.ac.in)).