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Admission Notification for Ph.D. Programme – (August 2026)

Sandip University, Madhubani invites applications from eligible candidates for admission to the Ph.D. Programme for the Academic Session 2026–27 (August 2026) in the following Departments:

1. Department-wise Seat Availability

Department	Available Seats
Mechanical Engineering	06
Computer Application	10
Management	06
Education	06
Library & Information Science	02

Note: The above numbers of seats are tentative; the seats may increase or decrease. The University shall adhere to the applicable National/State-level reservation policy, as required under prevailing UGC norms and applicable statutory provisions.

2. Eligibility for Admission to Ph.D. Programme

Candidates possessing the following qualifications shall be eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. Programme:

- A candidate who has 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 an equivalent qualification recognized by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.
- A candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree programme shall have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.
- A 5% relaxation in marks or its equivalent grade shall be allowed to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-Creamy Layer)/Differently-Abled/EWS and other categories as per applicable UGC norms.

3. Admission through National-Level Tests

- Candidates who have qualified for fellowship/scholarship through UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET/GATE/CEED and similar National-level tests, as applicable to the concerned discipline, may be considered for admission through Personal Interview/Viva-Voce, subject to fulfillment of the prescribed eligibility criteria.
- The qualifying examination/score must be valid as on the date of admission/selection and shall be subject to the validity period prescribed by the respective examination/competent authority. The University reserves the right to verify the validity and authenticity of the submitted qualification.

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- (iii) Candidates claiming admission through this route shall submit the **SUMPET form**, along with the valid qualifying certificate/scorecard and relevant supporting documents, as prescribed by the University.

4. Admission through SUMPET–August 2026

Candidates who are not admitted through the national-level test/fellowship route may be considered for admission through the Sandip University Madhubani Ph.D. Entrance Test (SUMPET–August 2026).

4.1 Entrance Test Pattern

The SUMPET–August 2026 shall comprise 100 multiple-choice questions carrying 100 marks, consisting of 50 marks in Research Methodology and 50 marks in the respective Subject-Specific/Domain area. The duration of the examination shall be 2 hours and the test shall be conducted in offline mode.

4.2 Qualifying Marks and Shortlisting

Candidates securing a minimum of 50% marks in the Entrance Test shall be eligible to be considered for the Personal Interview. A 5% relaxation in the qualifying marks shall be provided to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/Differently-Abled/EWS and other categories, as applicable under the prevailing UGC norms, and accordingly, such candidates shall be required to secure a minimum of 45% marks.

The University may determine the number of candidates to be called for the Personal Interview based on the number of available Ph.D. seats and the number of eligible candidates.

4.3 Personal Interview

Candidates who have qualified in the SUMPET (Written Test) and candidates eligible for admission through the applicable national-level test/fellowship route shall be called for a Personal Interview/Viva-Voce. The interview shall assess the candidate's research aptitude, subject knowledge, research interest, proposed area of research, research methodology, and suitability for the proposed Ph.D. programme/research area.

4.4 Selection and Preparation of Merit List

Candidates shall be considered for admission through either the SUMPET route or the National-Level Test/Fellowship route, as applicable.

For candidates appearing through the SUMPET, the final merit shall be prepared by assigning 70% weightage to the SUMPET (Written Test) and 30% weightage to the Personal Interview/Viva-Voce, in accordance with the applicable UGC norms.

Candidates eligible for admission through UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR-NET/GATE/CEED and similar National-level tests, as applicable, shall be considered through the Personal Interview/Viva-Voce route. Their selection shall be based on their qualifying status in the respective national-level examination/fellowship and their performance in the Personal Interview, subject to the applicable UGC norms and approved University admission criteria.

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5. Admission Schedule – August 2026

S. No.	Particulars	Date
(a)	Commencement of Online Application	25.08.2026
(b)	Closing Date of Online Application	10.09.2026
(c)	Declaration of List of Eligible Candidates	13.09.2026
(d)	Issue/Download of Admit Card	15.09.2026
(e)	Ph.D. Entrance Test (SUMPET)	20.09.2026
(f)	Result of Ph.D. Entrance Test (SUMPET)	23.09.2026
(g)	Personal Interview	27.09.2026
(h)	Declaration of Merit List	29.09.2026
(i)	Admission & Registration	30.09.2026 to 10.10.2026
(j)	Commencement of Classes	12.10.2026

Note: The above schedule is tentative and may be modified by the University, if required.

6. Application fees

The application fee is ₹1,000/- (Rupees One Thousand only), payable online through the prescribed payment mode.

7. Programme Fee

The admitted Ph.D. Research Scholars shall pay a tuition fee of ₹65,000/- (Rupees Sixty-Five Thousand only) per year, excluding hostel, mess, examination, thesis evaluation, and other applicable charges.

The Research Scholars shall follow the revised fee structure of the University from time to time.

8. Documents Required for Verification

Candidates called for Personal Interview shall bring the original documents along with two sets of photocopies of the following:

- (i) Class 10th Certificate & Marksheet
- (ii) Class 12th/Intermediate or equivalent Certificate & Marksheet
- (iii) UG Degree Certificate & Marksheet (Final Semester/Year or Consolidated)
- (iv) PG Degree Certificate & Marksheet (Final Semester/Year or Consolidated)
- (v) Migration/Transfer Certificate
- (vi) College Leaving Certificate (CLC)
- (vii) Aadhaar Card/Government-issued Photo ID
- (viii) Valid documents supporting national-level test/fellowship qualification, wherever applicable
- (ix) NOC from Employer, if employed
- (x) Four recent passport-size photographs

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9. How to apply

Candidates shall upload the following documents while submitting the online application:

- (i) Recent passport-size photograph
- (ii) Signature of the candidate
- (iii) X/XII/UG/PG Marksheets and Certificates
- (iv) Valid qualifying certificate/scorecard, wherever applicable
- (v) Aadhaar Card/PAN Card or other valid Government-issued ID
- (vi) NOC from Employer, if employed

Please use the link to fill the form online: <https://www.sandipuniversity.com/phdsunpet/sum>

10. General Information to Candidates

- (i) The application number allotted to the candidate shall be used as the reference number throughout the admission process.
- (ii) Candidates must carry a valid Government-issued photo ID during the Entrance Test and Personal Interview.
- (iii) Candidates failing to produce valid photo ID shall not be permitted to appear in the Entrance Test.
- (iv) Candidates must report at the examination centre at least 30 minutes before commencement of the examination and follow all examination instructions.
- (v) The Entrance Test shall be conducted in offline mode only.
- (vi) No separate certificate of the Entrance Test result shall be issued by the University.
- (vii) Candidates are advised to regularly visit the University website for admission-related updates, notices and corrigenda: <https://sijoul.sandipuniversity.edu.in/>
- (viii) Any major modification to this notification shall be communicated through a corrigendum/notice on the University website.
- (ix) All admitted candidates shall abide by the Ph.D. Regulations of Sandip University and applicable UGC Regulations, as amended from time to time.
- (x) The University shall not provide any fellowship to selected Ph.D. Research Scholars.
- (xi) The University reserves the right to modify the number of vacancies and/or research specializations, subject to applicable regulations.
- (xii) Mere submission of an application or appearing in the Entrance Test/Personal Interview shall not confer any right to admission. The University reserves the right to restrict the number of candidates called for Personal Interview and to finalize admissions based on merit, eligibility, availability of seats and applicable regulations.
- (xiii) The University reserves the right to reject/cancel an application or admission if the candidate is found ineligible or has furnished incorrect, incomplete or misleading information.
- (xiv) All disputes are subject to Patna High Court only.

By the order of Hon'ble Vice-Chancellor

24/08/2024

Dean (R&D Cell)
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