



**SNU**  
SISTER NIVEDITA  
UNIVERSITY

**Doctor of  
Philosophy**

**Ph.D.**



**3-6 Years**



# Programme Overview

The Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programme at SNU aims to promote advanced research, academic inquiry, and innovation across diverse disciplines. The programme is designed to develop high-quality researchers equipped with strong methodological, theoretical, and analytical skills. SNU offers Ph.D. degrees under full-time and part-time categories in compliance with the latest University Grants Commission (UGC) Ph.D. Regulations.

## The SNU Doctoral Advantage



### UGC-Recognized Doctorate

Earn a fully valid, Government of India-approved PhD across diverse domains.



### 1-on-1 Expert Mentorship

Work closely with qualified supervisors who guide each stage of your research.



### 27 Disciplines

Choose from one of the widest research portfolios—spanning core and emerging disciplines.



### Structured Research Journey

Progress through clearly defined phases: coursework, research, and thesis submission.



### 3 - 6 Year Completion

Finish in as early as 3 years, with flexibility up to 6 years.



### Exceptional Faculty Strength

Benefit from a 500+ strong expert faculty ecosystem.

# Accreditations



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COUNCIL OF ARCHITECTURE



NATIONAL ACADEMIC DEPOSITORY (NAD)  
University Grants Commission



PHARMACY COUNCIL OF INDIA



Institution's Innovation Council  
(Ministry of HRD Initiative)



The Bar Council Of India



INDIAN NURSING COUNCIL



West Bengal Nursing Council



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ASSOCIATION OF INDIAN UNIVERSITIES



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All India Council for Technical Education



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quality higher education for all



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Government of West Bengal



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Department of Scientific and Industrial Research



# Departments offering Ph.D.

Opportunity to pursue doctoral research in your chosen area of expertise:

- Management
- Biotechnology
- Sociology
- Agriculture
- Pharmacy
- Microbiology
- Law
- Political Science
- Psychology
- Chemistry
- Fine Arts & Design
- English
- Nutrition
- Electronics & Communication Engineering
- Computer Science & Engineering
- Physics
- Mathematics
- Economics
- Performing Arts
- Allied Health Sciences
- Commerce
- Statistics
- Architecture
- Robotics & Automation
- History
- Sister Nivedita University Nursing Institute
- Journalism & Mass Communication



# Programme Curriculum

## 1<sup>st</sup> Year

## Course Work

- Research Methodology
- Research & Publication Ethics (RPE)
- Computer Applications in Research
- Domain / Area Specific Subject
- Review Work & Seminar on Research topic or Literature Review

## 2<sup>nd</sup> Year

## Research Execution

- Synopsis and RAC presentation
- Finalisation of research framework & tools
- Data collection
- Mid-term progress seminars / presentations
- Analysis of collected data
- Paper drafting for conferences or journals

## 3<sup>rd</sup> Year

## Thesis Completion and Submission

- Final data analysis & interpretation
- Publications
- Completion of thesis
- Submission of research papers
- Pre-submission seminar / synopsis presentation
- Final thesis submission
- Viva Voce /oral defence

# Programme Eligibility

## ✦ Master's Degree

Minimum 55% marks (50% for SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled) in a relevant discipline.

## ✦ M.Phil. Qualification

Minimum 55% marks in aggregate or equivalent grade; relaxation applicable for reserved categories as per UGC norms. Candidates with M.Phil. dissertations evaluated, but viva pending, are also eligible.

## ✦ Integrated or 1-Year Master's after 4-Year Bachelor's

Minimum 75% marks after a 4-year bachelor's; 55% for other master's programmes (relaxation for reserved categories applies).

## ✦ Foreign Degrees

Equivalent qualifications from recognized/approved foreign institutions are eligible.

## ✦ Special Cases

Any relaxation or modification is subject to UGC guidelines, as approved by the Academic Council.

## ✦ Equivalent Degrees

Candidates with degrees considered equivalent to M.Phil. from Indian or accredited foreign institutions are eligible, as per the UGC (2022) guidelines.



# Document Required During Admission

The following may be requested:

- Academic qualification certificates and mark sheets
- Valid government-issued ID proof
- Research proposal or Statement of Purpose (SOP)
- NET/GATE score details (if applicable)
- Passport-size photograph
- Migration certificate
- No Objection Certificate (NOC) from current employer (only for candidates working in government organizations)

## Selection Process

### 1 Pre-selection

- Eligibility check
- Online application form submission
- Document submission & verification
- Payment of application fees
- Acknowledgement

### 2 Selection

- Entrance test
- Interview
- Payment of course fees on successful selection

### 3 Post-selection

- Onboarding & Orientation
- Classes
- Assessments



# Selection: Entrance Examination & Interview

## Stage 1 – SNURET / Research Aptitude Test, including

Candidates must appear for the university's entrance examination, which evaluates both research and subject knowledge:

- Research Methodology – 50% weightage
- Subject-Specific Assessment – 50% weightage

Note: Candidates holding JRF/NET/GATE qualifications may be exempted from the written examination as per UGC norms.

## Stage 2 – Interview/viva-voce

- Merit list of selected candidates will be published based on the combined score of the entrance test and interview.
- Selected students to pay applicable balance programme fee



# Programme Fees

## Full Time

Purpose		Amount (INR)
1	Time of Admission	Admission Fees
2		Caution money
3		1st Semester Fees
4	Per Semester Fee (Minimum five semester)	
5	Registration Fees	
6	Thesis submission Fees	

\*At the time of admission, you have to pay a total of Rs. 90250/- for Full Time.

\*Additional fees of Rs. 15,000/- on 2nd and subsequent thesis submission as would be approved by BORS.

## Part Time

Purpose		Amount (INR)
1	Time of Admission	Admission Fees
2		Caution money
3		Programme Fees (6 sem.)
4	Registration Fees	
5	Thesis submission Fees	

\*You have to make an initial payment of Rs.32,000 at the time of application, followed by balance of Rs.3,30,000 to be paid after admission.

\*Additional fees of Rs. 15,000/- on 2nd and subsequent thesis submission as would be approved by BORS.

\*Eligible candidates may seek financial assistance. EMI options available starting from as low as Rs. 7653 per month. Conditions apply.

# How Research Shapes Leaders

A doctorate transforms the way a scholar thinks and works, building depth, discipline, and intellectual maturity.

## ✦ Deep Expertise

Develops a strong command over the chosen domain and the ability to decode complex ideas.

## ✦ Stronger Perspectives

Strengthens viewpoints backed by research, data, and critical analysis.

## ✦ Original Thinking

Encourages questioning, exploration, and meaningful contribution to knowledge.

## ✦ Innovation Mindset

Fosters the habit of challenging norms and creating impactful solutions.

## ✦ Analytical Decision-Making

Builds the ability to evaluate problems and make evidence-based, strategic decisions.

## Career Path



### Academia

Best suited – become Professor, Researcher, Dean



### Consulting & Advisory Path

High-value consultant in the respective domain



### Thought Leaders

Stronger if you publish extensively



### Research Institution

Highly valued for policy-making, think tanks, and R&D

# Message from the Chancellor

## *Paving the Path to Glory*

Since its inception in 2017, Sister Nivedita University has grown into one of West Bengal's most dynamic centres of learning, committed to offering students unmatched opportunities to excel. In just a few years, SNU has emerged as a modern, future-focused university that blends academic excellence with holistic development.

With a strong emphasis on technology-enabled learning, research, and industry-aligned training, SNU equips students to build successful, future-ready careers. Our curriculum reflects the needs of Industry 4.0, with technology-driven pedagogy, synchronized learning systems, skill-based education, and extensive internship exposure. We continue to strengthen our global collaborations and prepare to embrace the advancements of Industry 5.0.

SNU's unwavering commitment to quality education remains its greatest strength. We constantly explore new avenues to enhance the academic experience and empower learners with the tools they need to lead and innovate. I deeply believe in the potential of youth to shape the nation's future, and I am confident that together, we will continue building a meaningful and fulfilling tomorrow.

*Mr. Satyam Roychowdhury*

**Chancellor**  
**Sister Nivedita University**



# About Sister Nivedita University

Sister Nivedita University (SNU), Kolkata, is a premier multidisciplinary private university committed to delivering world-class education, cutting-edge research, innovation, and holistic development. The university is established in the New Town, Kolkata, through the enactment of The Sister Nivedita University Act, 2017 (West Bengal XLIX of 2017). The University fosters a culture of academic excellence, creativity, and global engagement while nurturing future researchers, leaders, and professionals.

Recognized as one of Asia's leading private universities, SNU has earned numerous prestigious accolades, including Asia's Best Private University (2021) and India's 4th Best University, West Bengal's No. 1, and Kolkata's No. 1 University by Education World. The university has also been honored as the Best Emerging University (News18 Bangla) and the Best Global University in Eastern India (Zee 24 Ghanta). Its Mass Communication & Journalism department has been awarded India's Best Media School, reflecting the institution's strong academic reputation.



Comprehensive Curriculum



State-of-the-Art  
Infrastructure



Seasoned academicians and  
industry experts



UGC-Recognized University





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