

- 4.7. The Ph.D. Degree shall be a mandatory qualification for appointment and promotion to the post of Professor.
- 4.8. The Ph.D. Degree shall be a mandatory qualification for appointment and promotion to the post of Associate Professor.
- 4.9. The Ph.D. Degree shall be a mandatory qualification for promotion to the post of Assistant Professor (Selection Grade/Academic Level 12) in Universities.
- 4.10. The Ph.D. Degree shall be a mandatory qualification for direct recruitment to the post of Assistant Professor in Universities with effect from 01.07.2021.
- 4.11. The time taken by candidates to acquire M.Phil. and / or Ph.D. Degree shall not be considered as teaching/research experience to be claimed for appointment to the teaching positions. Regular faculty members up to twenty per cent of the total faculty strength (excluding faculty on medical / maternity leave) shall be allowed by their respective institutions to take study leave for pursuing Ph.D. degree.

4.12. Qualifications

No person shall be appointed to the post of University and College teacher, Librarian, Director, Knowledge Resource Center, Director of Physical Education and Sports or Director of Sports & Physical Education, in any university or in any of institutions including constituent or affiliated colleges recognized under clause (f) of Section 2 of the University Grants commission Act, 1956 or in an institution deemed to be a University under Section 3 of the said Act if such person does not fulfill the requirements as to the qualifications for the appropriate post as provided in the Schedule 1 of UGC Regulations, 2018.

5.0. Direct Recruitment

5.1. For the Disciplines of Arts, Commerce, Humanities, Education, Law, Social Sciences, Sciences, Languages, Library Science, Physical Education, and Journalism & Mass Communication.

I. Assistant Professor in Colleges and Universities

Eligibility (A or B):

A.

- 1) A Master's degree with 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale wherever the grading system is followed) in a concerned/relevant/allied subject from an Indian University, or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign university.

- 2) Besides fulfilling the above qualifications, the candidate must have cleared the National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by the UGC or the CSIR, or a similar test accredited by the UGC, like SET or who are or have been awarded a Ph. D. Degree in accordance with the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedure for Award of M.Phil./Ph.D. Degree) Regulations, 2009 or 2016 and their amendments from time to time as the case may be exempted from NET/SET :

Provided the candidates registered for the Ph.D. programme prior to July 11, 2009, shall be governed by the provisions of the then existing Ordinances / Bye-laws / Regulations of the Institution awarding the degree and such Ph.D. candidates shall be exempted from the requirement of NET/ SET for recruitment and appointment of Assistant Professor or equivalent positions in Universities/Colleges/Institutions subject to the fulfillment of the following conditions:

- a) The Ph.D. degree of the candidate has been awarded in regular mode only;
- b) The Ph.D. thesis has been evaluated by at least two examiners;
- c) An open Ph.D. viva voce of the candidate has been conducted;
- d) The candidate has published two research papers from his/her Ph.D. work, out of which at least one is in a refereed journal; and
- e) The candidate has presented at least two papers, based on his/her Ph.D. work in conferences/seminars, sponsored/funded/supported by the UGC/ICSSR/CSIR or any similar agency.

Note:

- 1) *The fulfillment of these conditions is to be certified by the Registrar or the Dean (Academic affairs) of the University concerned.*
- 2) NET/SET shall also not be required for such Masters Programmes in disciplines for which NET/SET is not conducted. However, Ph.D. degree shall remain the minimum eligibility for appointment of Assistant Professor in such disciplines.

OR

B.

The Ph.D. degree has been obtained from a foreign university/institution with a ranking among top 500 in the World University Ranking (at any time) by any one of the following:

- (i) Quacquarelli Symonds (QS) ;
- (ii) the Times Higher Education (THE) or
- (iii) the Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU) of the Shanghai

Jiao Tong University (Shanghai).

Note: The Academic score as specified in Appendix II (Table 3A) for Universities, and Appendix II (Table 3B) for Colleges, shall be considered for short-listing of the candidates for interview only, and the selections shall be based only on the performance in the interview.

II. Associate Professor in Universities

Eligibility:

- i) A good academic record, with a Ph.D. Degree in the concerned/allied/relevant disciplines;
- ii) A Master's Degree with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade in a point-scale, wherever the grading system is followed); and
- iii) A minimum of eight years of experience of teaching and / or research in an academic/research position equivalent to that of Assistant Professor in a University, College or Accredited Research Institution/industry with a minimum of seven publications in the peer-reviewed or UGC-listed journals and a total research score of Seventy five (75) as per the criteria given in Appendix II, Table 2.

III. Professor in Universities

Eligibility (A or B)

A.

- i) An eminent scholar having a Ph.D. degree in the concerned/allied/relevant discipline, and published work of high quality, actively engaged in research with evidence of published work with, a minimum of 10 research publications in the peer-reviewed or UGC-listed journals and a total research score of 120 as per the criteria given in Appendix II, Table 2.
- ii) A minimum of ten years of teaching experience in university/college as Assistant Professor/Associate Professor/Professor, and / or research experience at equivalent level at the University/National Level Institutions with evidence of having successfully guided doctoral candidate.

OR

B.

An outstanding professional, having a Ph.D. degree in the relevant/allied/applied disciplines, from any academic institutions (not included in A above) / industry, who has made significant contribution to the knowledge in the concerned/allied/relevant discipline, supported by documentary evidence provided he/she has ten years' experience.

IV. Senior Professor in Universities

Up to 10 percent of the existing sanctioned strength of Professors in the university may be appointed as Senior Professor in the universities, through direct recruitment. The scheme shall be applicable to directly recruited professors only.

Eligibility:

- i) An eminent scholar with good track record of high-quality research publications in Peer-reviewed or UGC-listed journals, significant research contribution to the discipline, and engaged in research supervision.
- ii) A minimum of ten years of teaching/research experience as Professor or an equivalent grade in a University, College or an institute of national level.
- iii) The selection shall be based on academic achievements, favourable review from three eminent subject experts who are not less than the rank of Senior Professor or a Professor of at least ten years experience.
- iv) The selection shall be based on ten best publications in the Peer-reviewed or UGC - listed journals and award of Ph.D. degrees to at least two candidates under his/her supervision during the last 10 years and interaction with the Selection Committee constituted as per these Rules.

V. College Principal

A. Eligibility:

- i. Ph.D. degree;
- ii. Professor/ Associate Professor with a total service/ experience of at least fifteen years of teaching/research in Universities, Colleges and other institutions of higher education;
- iii. A minimum of 10 research publications in peer-reviewed or UGC-listed journals; and
- iv. A minimum of 110 Research Score as per Appendix II, Table 2

B. Tenure:

A College Principal shall be appointed for a period of five years, extendable for another term of five years on the basis of performance assessment by a Committee appointed by the University, constituted as per these Rules.