



UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION

NATIONAL EDUCATIONAL TESTING (NET) BUREAU

UGC NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST FOR JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY FOR LECTURESHIP – DECEMBER, 2008

EXAM. DATE : 28-12-2008

NOTIFICATION

CLOSING DATE : 07-11-2008

Last date for receipt of duly completed Application Forms at the respective Test Centres is 07-11-2008. Candidates should submit their Application Forms only to the Registrar of the University from where they wish to appear in the Test as indicated in item 10 below. The application must be strictly as per the prescribed format. **APPLICATION SENT DIRECTLY TO THE UGC OFFICE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.**

- 1) The University Grants Commission announces holding of the **National Eligibility Test (NET)** on **28th December, 2008 (Sunday)** for determining the eligibility of Indian nationals for the **Award of Junior Research Fellowships (JRF)** and **eligibility for Lectureship** in Indian universities and colleges. UGC will conduct NET in 77 (seventy seven) subjects (listed under item no. 9) at 66 (sixty six) selected University Centres (listed under Item no. 10) spread across the country.

The result of the UGC-NET held on 29th June, 2008 and the one to be held on 28th December, 2008 will be made available on the UGC website : www.ugc.ac.in and shall also be published in the Employment News as and when it is declared. The candidates will not be individually intimated about their result.

The candidates who qualify for the award of Junior Research Fellowship are eligible to pursue research in the subject of their post-graduation or in a related subject and are also eligible for Lectureship. The universities, institutions, IITs and other national organizations may select the JRF awardees for whole time research work in accordance with the procedure prescribed by them. The award of JRF will depend on the performance of the candidate in NET. However, the candidates qualifying exclusively for Lectureship will not be considered for award of JRF. Candidates appearing in NET should clearly specify in the prescribed Application Form whether they are applying for both JRF & eligibility for Lectureship OR only for eligibility for Lectureship. Candidates who qualify the Test for eligibility for Lectureship will be governed by the rules and regulations for recruitment of Lecturers of the concerned universities/colleges/state governments, as the case may be.

Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Visually Handicapped (VH)/Physically Handicapped (PH) candidates will be given such special concessions as may be decided by the Commission.

2) **JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP :**

Candidates qualifying for the award of Junior Research Fellowship will be eligible to receive fellowship of UGC under various schemes, subject to finding their placement in universities/IITs/institutions. The validity period of the offer is two years w.e.f. the date of issue of JRF Award Letter. However, in case the candidates have already joined M.Phil/Ph.D., the date of commencement of fellowship shall be from the date of declaration of NET result or date of their joining, whichever is later.

3) CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY :

- i) Candidates who have secured at least 55% marks (without rounding off) in Master's Degree OR equivalent examination from Universities/Institutions recognised by UGC in Humanities (including languages) and Social Sciences, Computer Science & Applications, Electronic Science etc. are eligible for this Test. The Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Physically Handicapped (PH)/Visually Handicapped (VH) category candidates who have secured at least 50% marks (without rounding off) in Master's degree examination are eligible for this Test.
- ii) Candidates who have appeared **OR** will be appearing at the qualifying Master's degree (final year) examination and whose result is still awaited **OR** candidates whose qualifying examinations have been delayed may also apply for this Test. However, such candidates will be admitted provisionally and shall be considered eligible for award of JRF/Lectureship eligibility only after they have passed their Master's degree examination or equivalent with at least 55% marks (50% in case of SC/ST/PH/VH category candidates). Such candidates must complete their P.G. degree examination within two years from the date of NET result with required percentage of marks, failing which they shall be treated as disqualified.
- iii) The Ph.D. degree holders whose Master's level examination had been completed by 19th September, 1991 (irrespective of date of declaration of result) shall be eligible for a relaxation of 5% in aggregate marks (i.e., from 55% to 50%) for appearing in NET.
- iv) **Candidates are advised to appear in the subject of their post-graduation only.** The candidates whose post-graduation subject is not covered in the list of subjects in item No. 9, may appear in a related subject.
- v) **Candidates seeking concession in fee are required to submit attested copy of their OBC/SC/ST/PH/VH certificate along with their Application Forms.** Other candidates are not required to submit any certificates/documents in support of their eligibility alongwith the Application Form. Therefore, the candidates, in their own interest, must satisfy themselves about their eligibility for the Test. In the event of any ineligibility being detected by the Commission, their candidature will be cancelled and they shall be liable for legal action.

4) AGE LIMIT & RELAXATION :

- i) Junior Research Fellowship : Not more than 28 years as on 01.12.2008. A relaxation upto 5 years is provided to the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/PH/VH categories and to women applicants. Relaxation will also be provided to the candidates having research experience, limited to the period spent on research in the relevant/related subject of post-graduation degree, subject to a maximum of 5 years, on production of a certificate from appropriate authority. Three years' relaxation in age will be permissible to the candidates possessing L.L.M. Degree. Total age relaxation on the above ground(s) shall not exceed five years under any circumstances.
- ii) **Lectureship : No upper age limit.**

5) EXEMPTION (ELIGIBILITY FOR LECTURESHIP) :

- i) **For M. Phil/ Ph.D candidates:** The candidates having Ph.D. Degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Under Graduate and Post Graduate level teaching. The candidates having M. Phil Degree in the concerned subject are exempted from NET for Under Graduate level teaching only. The candidates who have passed the UGC/CSIR JRF examination prior to 1989 are also exempted from appearing in NET.
- ii) **For SET Candidates:** The candidates who have cleared the State Eligibility Test (SET) accredited by UGC for eligibility for Lectureship held prior to 1st June 2002, are exempted from appearing in NET, being eligible to apply for Lectureship anywhere in India. For SET held from 1st June 2002 onwards, the

qualified candidates are eligible to apply for the post of lecturer only in the universities/ colleges belonging to the state from where they have cleared their SET. All SET qualified candidates are also eligible to appear in NET, if they so desire.

6) EXAMINATION FEE AND MODE OF PAYMENT :

For General candidates, the examination fee is Rs.450/-; for Other Backward Classes (OBC), the fee is Rs. 225/- and for SC/ST/PH/VH candidates, it is Rs. 110/-. The fee should be paid in the form of a single crossed demand draft from any Government of India Bank/Scheduled Government Bank payable at their Service Branch, New Delhi/Delhi only with six months' validity drawn in favour of the Secretary, U.G.C., New Delhi. Fee once paid, will not be refunded under any circumstances.

7) SCHEME AND DATE OF TEST :

- (i) The Test will consist of three papers. All the three papers will be held on 28th December, 2008 in two separate sessions as under :

Session	Paper	Marks	Duration
First	I	100	1¼ Hours (09.30 A.M. to 10.45 A.M.)
First	II	100	1¼ Hours (10.45 A.M. to 12.00 NOON)
Second	III	200	2½ Hours (01.30 P.M. to 04.00 P.M.)

Paper-I shall be of general nature, intended to assess the teaching/research aptitude of the candidate. It will primarily be designed to test reasoning ability, comprehension, divergent thinking and general awareness of the candidate. **Paper-II** shall consist of short questions based on the subject selected by the candidate. Each of these papers will consist of a Test Booklet containing 50 objective type questions. The candidate will have to mark the response for each question on the Optical Mark Reader (OMR) sheet provided alongwith the Test Booklet. The detailed instructions for filling up the OMR Sheet will be sent to the candidate along with the Admit Card. **Paper-III** will consist of only descriptive questions from the subject selected by the candidate. The candidate will be required to attempt questions in the space provided in the Test Booklet. **The format of Paper-III has been revised w.e.f. June,2005 UGC-NET and is available on the UGC website www.ugc.ac.in.**

Paper-III will be evaluated only for those candidates who are able to secure the minimum qualifying marks in Paper-I and Paper-II, as per the table given in the following:

CATEGORY	MINIMUM QUALIFYING MARKS		
	PAPER – I	PAPER – II	PAPER - I + PAPER - II
GENERAL/OBC	40	40	100 (50 %)
PH/VH	35	35	90 (45 %)
SC/ST	35	35	80 (40 %)

- ii) **For Visually and Physically Handicapped candidates**, thirty minutes' extra time shall be provided separately for paper-I and Paper-II. For paper-III, forty five minutes' extra time shall be provided. Visually Handicapped Candidates will also be provided the services of a scribe who would be a graduate in a subject other than that of the candidate. Physically Handicapped Candidates can also avail this facility on written request to the Centre Co-ordinators.

- iii) **Syllabus of Test:** Syllabi for all NET subjects can be downloaded from the UGC Website www.ugc.ac.in and are also available in the libraries of all Indian universities. UGC will not send the syllabus to individual candidates.
- iv) **In Paper III, candidate has the option to answer either in Hindi or in English in all subjects except the languages where the candidate is required to write in the concerned language only.** In case of Computer Science & Applications, Electronic Science and Environmental Sciences, the question papers will be in English only.
- v) In case of any discrepancy found in the English and Hindi versions, the questions in English version shall be taken as final.

8) IMPORTANT :

- i) The national level Test for determining the eligibility of candidates for the award of Junior Research Fellowship/Lectureship in science subjects (Chemical Sciences; Earth, Atmospheric, Ocean & Planetary Sciences; Life Sciences; Mathematical Sciences; Physical Sciences) is conducted jointly with the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi. The candidates in science subjects, desirous of availing UGC-JRF or obtaining eligibility for Lectureship in these subjects are advised to appear in the Joint CSIR-UGC Test for Junior Research Fellowship and Eligibility for Lectureship conducted by CSIR.
- ii) The UGC-NET for JRF/eligibility for Lectureship will be held at the University Test Centres specified in the list under item No. 10. PLEASE NOTE THAT CHANGE OF CENTRE WILL NOT BE ALLOWED UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES.

9) SUBJECTS :

The list of NET subjects along with their respective codes are as given below:

Subject Code	Name of the subject
01	Economics
02	Political Science
03	Philosophy
04	Psychology
05	Sociology
06	History
07	Anthropology
08	Commerce
09	Education
10	Social Work
11	Defence and Strategic Studies
12	Home Science
14	Public Administration
15	Population Studies*
16	Music
17	Management
18	Maithili
19	Bengali
20	Hindi
21	Kannada
22	Malayalam
23	Oriya
24	Punjabi
25	Sanskrit
26	Tamil
27	Telugu
28	Urdu

29	Arabic
30	English
31	Linguistics
32	Chinese
33	Dogri
34	Nepali
35	Manipuri
36	Assamese
37	Gujarati
38	Marathi
39	French
40	Spanish
41	Russian
42	Persian
43	Rajasthani
44	German
45	Japanese
46	Adult Education/ Continuing Education/ Andragogy/ Non Formal Education.
47	Physical Education
49	Arab Culture and Islamic Studies
50	Indian Culture
55	Labour Welfare/Personnel Management/Industrial Relations/ Labour and Social Welfare/Human Resource Management
58	Law
59	Library and Information Science
60	Buddhist, Jaina, Gandhian and Peace Studies
62	Comparative Study of Religions
63	Mass Communication and Journalism
65	Performing Arts – Dance/Drama/Theatre
66	Museology & Conservation
67	Archaeology
68	Criminology
70	Tribal and Regional Language/Literature
71	Folk Literature
72	Comparative Literature
73	Sanskrit Traditional Subjects (including Jyotisha/Sidhanta Jyotisha/ Navya Vyakarna/ Vyakarna/ Mimamsa/ Navya Nyaya/ Sankhya Yoga/ Tulanatmaka Darsana/ Shukla Yajurveda/ Madhva Vedanta/ Dharma Sastra/ Sahitya/ Purana-itihasa/Agama/Advaita Vedanta)
74	Women Studies
79	Visual Arts (including Drawing & Painting/Sculpture/ Graphics/Applied Art/History of Art)
80	Geography
81	Social Medicine & Community Health
82	Forensic Science
83	Pali
84	Kashmiri
85	Konkani
87	Computer Science and Applications
88	Electronic Science
89	Environmental Sciences
90	International and Area Studies
91	Prakrit
92	Human Rights and Duties
93	Tourism Administration and Management.

* The candidates with Master's Degree in Geography (with specialization in Population Studies) or Mathematics/Statistics are also eligible to appear in the subject "Population Studies"(Code 15).

10) The Test Centres with their respective codes are given below. Application should be addressed to the Registrar of the respective University Test Centres. However, candidates desirous of appearing at the Centre Code No. 65 shall address their Application Forms to the Principal of the college :

LIST OF NET CENTRES

Centre Code	Name of the Centres
01	Aligarh Muslim University, Aligarh – 202 002.
02	University of Allahabad, Allahabad – 211 002.
03	Andhra University, Visakhapatnam – 530 003.
04	Rajiv Gandhi University, Rono Hills, Itanagar – 791 111.
05	Banaras Hindu University, Varanasi – 221 005.
06	Bangalore University, Bangalore – 560 056.
07	M.P. Bhoj Open University, Govindpura, Bhopal – 462 023.
08	Berhampur University, Berhampur – 760 007.
09	Bharathiar University, Coimbatore – 641 046.
10	Bharathidasan University, Tiruchirapalli – 620 024.
11	University of Burdwan, Burdwan – 713 104.
12	University of Calcutta, Kolkata – 700 073.
13	University of Calicut, Kozhikode – 673 635.
14	Ch. Charan Singh University, Meerut – 250 005.
15	Chhatrapati Shahu Ji Maharaj University, Kanpur – 208 024.
16	Cochin University of Science and Technology, Kochi – 682 022.
17	Jamia Millia Islamia, Jamia Nagar, New Delhi – 110 025.
18	Devi Ahilya Vishwavidyalaya , Indore – 452 001.
19	Dr. B. S. A. Marathwada University, Aurangabad – 431 004.
20	Gauhati University, Guwahati – 781 014.
21	Goa University, Goa – 403 203.
22	Deendayal Upadhyaya Gorakhpur University, Gorakhpur–273 009.
23	Gujarat University, Ahmedabad – 380 009.
24	Gulbarga University, Gulbarga – 585 106.
25	Guru Nanak Dev University, Amritsar – 143 005.
26	Himachal Pradesh University, Shimla – 171 005.
27	University of Jammu, Jammu (Tawi) – 180 006.
28	Jai Narain Vyas University, Jodhpur – 342 001.
29	Jiwaji University, Gwalior – 474 011.
30	Karnatak University, Dharwad – 580 003.
31	University of Kashmir, Srinagar – 190 006.
32	University of Kerala, Thiruvananthapuram – 695 034.
33	Kurukshetra University, Kurukshetra – 132 119.
34	University of Lucknow, Lucknow – 226 007.
35	M.S. University of Baroda, Vadodara – 390 002.
36	University of Madras, Chennai – 600 005.
37	Madurai Kamraj University, Madurai – 625 021.
38	Mangalore University, Mangalore – 574 199.
39	Manipur University, Imphal – 795 003.
40	Mohanlal Sukhadia University, Udaipur – 313 001.
41	University of Mumbai, Mumbai – 400 032.
42	Nagarjuna University, Guntur – 522 510.
43	Nagpur University, Nagpur – 440 001.
44	North Bengal University, Darjeeling – 734 430.
45	North Eastern Hill University, Shillong – 793 022.
46	Osmania University, Hyderabad – 500 007.
47	Pt. Ravishankar Shukla University, Raipur – 492 010.
48	Panjab University, Chandigarh – 160 014.
49	Patna University, Patna – 800 005.
50	University of Pune, Pune – 411 007.
51	University of Rajasthan, Jaipur – 302 004.
52	Ranchi University, Ranchi – 834 008.
53	Rani Durgavati Vishwavidyalaya, Jabalpur – 482 001.
54	H.N. Bahuguna Garhwal University, Srinagar-246 174
55	Sambalpur University, Sambalpur – 768 019.
56	Saurashtra University, Rajkot – 360 005.
57	Sri Venkateswara University, Tirupati – 517 502.

- 58 Tilka Manjhi Bhagalpur University, Bhagalpur – 812 007.
59 Tripura University, Agartala – 799 004.
60 Utkal University, Bhubaneswar – 751 004.
61 Dr. Bhim Rao Ambedkar University, Agra – 282 004.
62 Maharshi Dayanand Saraswati University, Ajmer – 305 009.
63 Mizoram University, Mizoram, Post Box No.190, Aizawl –796012.
64 Nagaland University, P.B.341, Lumani, Kohima –797 001.
65 Jawaharlal Nehru Rajkeeya Mahavidyalaya, Andaman & Nicobar
Island, Port Blair – 744 104.
66 Dr. Awadesh Pratap Singh University, Rewa – 486 003.

11) GUIDELINES FOR FILLING UP THE APPLICATION FORM

- i) Candidate seeking admission to the Test must apply in the prescribed Application Form in DUPLICATE as given in the Notification. Application Form may be neatly typed or photocopied on white paper (A-4 size) on one side of the paper only. The application not in the prescribed format will be rejected. Request for Application Form from UGC will not be entertained.
- ii) The Candidate should fill the Application Form legibly and carefully in their own handwriting with ballpoint pen. **TWO COPIES OF THE APPLICATION FORM ALONGWITH ADMISSION CARD, ATTENDANCE SLIP AND DEMAND DRAFT SHOULD BE SENT TO THE REGISTRAR OF THE UNIVERSITY FROM WHERE THE CANDIDATE HAS OPTED TO APPEAR FOR THE TEST. APPLICATIONS ADDRESSED TO UGC OFFICE WILL NOT BE ENTERTAINED.**
The envelope containing the Application Form should be superscribed “UGC NATIONAL ELIGIBILITY TEST FOR JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOWSHIP AND ELIGIBILITY FOR LECTURESHIP, **DECEMBER, 2008**”
- iii) The candidates must affix their recent passport size photographs from the same negative at the places indicated in the Application Form and must sign across the photograph after it is affixed so that a part of the signature spreads over the Application Form beyond the photograph. Besides, it should be duly attested by the Head of the University Department/Principal of the College/Class-I Gazetted Officer.
- iv) In Column-7, Write M for Male and F for Female.
- v) In Column-8, Write GEN for General, SC for Scheduled Caste, ST for Scheduled Tribe and OBC for Other Backward Classes.
- vi) Fill up column 9 only if applicable. Write VH for Visually Handicapped and PH for Physically Handicapped.
- vii) Candidates who have appeared and are awaiting their result or shall be appearing in the final year of Master’s degree examination should fill up the Attestation Form given at the bottom of the Application Form and get it attested by the Head of the Institution. They should also mention the University Name to which the College/Institute is affiliated.

12) GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

- i) The candidates must read the conditions of eligibility as given at item no. 3 carefully and must satisfy themselves regarding their eligibility for the Test before submitting the Application Forms.
- ii) Candidates will be issued the Admission Card by the respective Test Centres. Candidates should note that their candidature is strictly provisional. The mere fact that Admission Card has been issued to any candidate shall not imply that the Commission has finally accepted his/her candidature.
- iii) UGC may change the centre(s) or date of examination without assigning any reason.
- iv) Applications received after the last date will not be entertained.
- v) No TA will be paid to the candidates.

- vi) Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
- vii) The decision of the Commission shall be final in all matters.
- viii) All legal disputes pertaining to this Test shall fall within the jurisdiction of Delhi Courts only.
- ix) Candidates should correspond only with their respective Test centres for Admission Card or any other relevant information. UGC will not entertain any requests/queries in this regard.
- x) The use of calculators or Log Tables is not permitted. Cellular phones, pagers etc. are not allowed in the Examination Hall/Room.
- xi) A candidate who does not appear in paper-I, will not be permitted to appear in paper-II and paper-III.
- xii) Candidates will not be allowed to write any question from the Test Booklet on the Admission Card or on any other paper.
- xiii) Those candidates who do not receive their Admission Card (Roll Number) for appearing in the UGC-NET till 24th December, 2008, are advised to contact the office of Registrar/Co-ordinator of their UGC-NET Centres from 25th to 27th December, 2008, with two identical passport-size photographs duly attested by a gazetted officer. No Admission Card (Roll Number) will be issued on the day of the Test (i.e. 28th December, 2008) under any circumstances.
- xiv) **The descriptive papers, i.e., Paper-III of language subjects must be answered in the concerned language only.**

13) ENCLOSURES TO BE SENT WITH THE APPLICATION

Candidates should send the following documents with their application:-

- i) A crossed Bank Draft towards examination fee payable to Secretary, University Grants Commission, New Delhi. Candidates should mention their name, Subject Code and Centre Code on the reverse of the Demand Draft.
- ii) SC/ST/Visually Handicapped/Physically Handicapped/ OBC certificates, in case applicable, duly attested by a Gazetted Officer.
- iii) Two self addressed unstamped envelopes of 10" X 4" size.

14). CHECK LIST

The candidates are advised to check the following points carefully before submission of application:-

- i) Whether they fulfil the eligibility conditions for the Test as prescribed under the heading 'CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY' and 'AGE LIMIT'.
- ii) Whether they have filled all the columns of the Application Form correctly.
- iii) Whether they have filled the name of the subject and centre as well as their codes in columns 3 and 4 respectively.
- iv) Whether they have filled their CATEGORY in Column 8 in words, viz., GEN/SC/ST/OBC correctly.
- v) Whether VH/PH candidates have filled Column 9 correctly. Only VH/PH candidates have to fill this column and the others have to leave it blank.
- vi) Whether they have signed the Application Form and Attendance Slip.