



Process for Ph. D Admissions at Symbiosis International (Deemed University)

Symbiosis International (Deemed University) (SIU) is a multi-disciplinary university offering its students and faculty a vibrant learning ecosystem designed around its multi-cultural and innovative ethos. Established in 1971 by Prof.(Dr). S.B. Mujumdar, SIU is a 'home away from home' for International students. The Institution is based upon the principles of Vedic philosophy of "Vasudhaiva Kutumbakam" which means "World is One Family". For details visit <https://siu.edu.in/>

SIU offers research programmes leading to award of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph. D.) through Symbiosis Centre for Research and Innovation (SCRI) in the following Faculty

1. Law
2. Management
3. Computer Studies
4. Medical and Health Science
5. Media and Communication
6. Humanities and Social Sciences
7. Engineering

The University will soon also start admissions under the following Faculty

1. Architecture and Design
2. Education

The admissions are managed by SIU through SCRI which is R & D Cell of the University. The admission process is completed as per the advice of Director of Admissions, SIU and Symbiosis Centre for International Education (<https://www.scie.ac.in/>). Please visit <https://scri.siu.edu.in/> for details.

Following are the important pointers....

- i. Online Applications for Ph.D. programme:** The University releases digital advertisement through its web-site and social media in April/May every year. The online applications for Ph.D. programme are open for a period of over a months' time. The applicants are required to apply accordance to their higher degree qualification and are required to pay registration charges. Applications are filled through a link available at SCRI webpage <https://scri.siu.edu.in/>
- ii. Eligibility:** The candidate must hold postgraduate degree with 55 % marks in the relevant discipline. Those who are holding CA/CS with 55 % marks are also eligible to apply. A concession of 5 % marks is given for candidates belonging to SC/ST/DA. The admissions are governed by UGC/INC norms and amendments thereof. For eligibility refer to Ph D rules available at https://scri.siu.edu.in/pdf/1302%20-%20Ph%20D%20Rule%20Book,%202023_compressed.pdf

All the paid applications shall undergo edibility check and will be conveyed their eligibility for further process through the online application portal.

- iii. **Available Seats and Reservations:** The University shall announce available seats for various sub-streams/ subject- areas. Out of the available seats, 15 % seats are reserved for SC, 7.5 % are ST and 3 % for DA candidates. Additionally, 2 seats are reserved for Kashmiri Migrants and 15 % seats are available over and above the available seats for International Students.
- iv. **Types of Enrolment :** The applicants can apply for Full Time programme (with/without fellowships), Part Time Internal (Employees of SIU), Part Time External (Employment Necessary).
- v. **Ph.D. Entrance Examination (PET):** All the eligible applicants are required to appear for an online Ph. D. Entrance Test (PET) as per the date schedule announced by the University. The test can be taken from Home/Office through a software acquired by the University through a secured browser.

The test comprises of two sections as per the UGC norms. Section A: Research Methodology (50 Marks) B. Sub-stream (50 Marks). The test comprises of multiple-choice questions (MCQ) with 1 Mark each. The max time allowed for the test is 90 minutes and there is no negative marking. The candidates appearing for Ph D in Nursing shall appear for a comprehensive exam on Nursing (90 Marks). The University offers a wide variety of sub-streams in which the entrance test can be given by the candidates as per their eligibility (& not as per the area of research). The updated list of sub-streams shall be available at <https://scri.siu.edu.in/>

Syllabus for the entrance test and sample questions are available at <https://scri.siu.edu.in/> The University shall not suggest any reading material for the test/ not provide any old question papers.

Eligible candidates are given a facility of a mock test for getting acquainted to entrance examination atmosphere through a login and password provided by the University.

- vi. **Exemption for Ph. D Entrance Test:** The candidates who are holding M. Phil./Ph. D/ valid NET/ SET/SLET/ GATE scores or any fellowships like DST ISPIRE/ DBT/CSIR or similar shall be exempted from the Ph D Entrance Test. However, they have to appear for Personal Interactions to be eligible for further process of admission. International students are exempted from the entrance test. All other candidates have to appear for the PET to be eligible for further process. Long experience does not entitle anyone for exemption.
- vii. **Personal Interactions:** To be eligible for personal interactions the candidate should have cleared the PET with minimum of 50 % marks (Section A and B together). For Ph D Nursing min passing marks are 60 %. A concession of 5 % marks is given to candidates belonging to SC/ST/DA. Exempted candidates are eligible for personal interactions. The personal interactions shall be conducted through a video conferencing platform on an announced date/ time slot and panel of experts. The candidates will be evaluated based on a rubric having suitable marks allocated for the articulation of the research problem, understanding of the subject, critical thinking, suitability of the research topic to SIU agenda, the extent of the proposed research topic to contribute to the new body of knowledge, research publications in past and overall research idea being proposed.

- viii. **Final Selections:** The candidates shall be selected based on a composite score having a weightage of 70 % to Ph D Entrance Test and 30 % to personal interaction as per the UGC norms. The candidates in Nursing shall be selected by following INC norms.
- ix. **Fees:** Selected candidates need to pay the Induction Fees of Rs.20,000/- , Course-work Fees of Rs. 30,000/- and Security Deposit of Rs.20,000/-(Refundable) as the first instalment. The admission shall remain provisional till the student obtains approval to his/her research proposal by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC). Once confirmed in the programme the candidates need to pay semester fees of Rs.25,000/- per semester till he/she submits the Ph D Thesis. Since the programme is non-tenured, the total fees shall depend upon the time taken to complete the programme. Details of the Fees are available at <https://scri.siu.edu.in/>
- x. **Fellowships:** A few full-time students shall be offered financial assistance in the form of Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) at par with GoI norms. Once a student completes two years as JRF, he/she may be given Senior Research Fellowship (SRF) after stringent review. The University encourages the student to get their own fellowships from various agencies. The amount of fellowship is Rs. 37,000/- per month for JRF and Rs. 42,000/- per month for SRF. A contingency of Rs. 30,000/- pm is also given by the University.
- xi. **Induction for Ph.D. Programme:** University shall hold Ph. D. Induction for all newly admitted students on the announced dates.
- xii. **Ph. D Supervisor:** The student has to choose a supervisor from the pool of approved supervisors depending upon his/her research area, available vacancies. The supervisor has to be full time faculty member of the University. The University does not allocate the supervisors, but the student is required to identify and submit consent of the supervisor. A co-supervisor can be inducted with approval of Research Recognition Committee.
- xiii. **Coursework:** The students have to undergo a coursework of 16 credits which is organized by Deans of the Faculty. The same is usually organized in an online mode (a few weeks of offline component). Those students who have completed M. Phil/Ph.D. are exempted from coursework.
- xiv. **Tenure of Programme:** The doctoral degree is non-tenured, non-tutored programme. The student has to complete the pre-requisite of coursework in approximately 6 months. Seek confirmation by submitting and presenting the proposal within a year. Minimum duration for submission of thesis is two years from the date of confirmation. The norms of minimum and maximum duration shall be followed in letter and spirit.
- xv. **Further details:** Prospective students may visit <https://scri.siu.edu.in/> They may contact SCRI office at 020-6693-6616/6617/6918/ 6919, 7972282128, 8668988218 (during working hours). Also visit <https://www.siu.edu.in/research-innovations/overview>

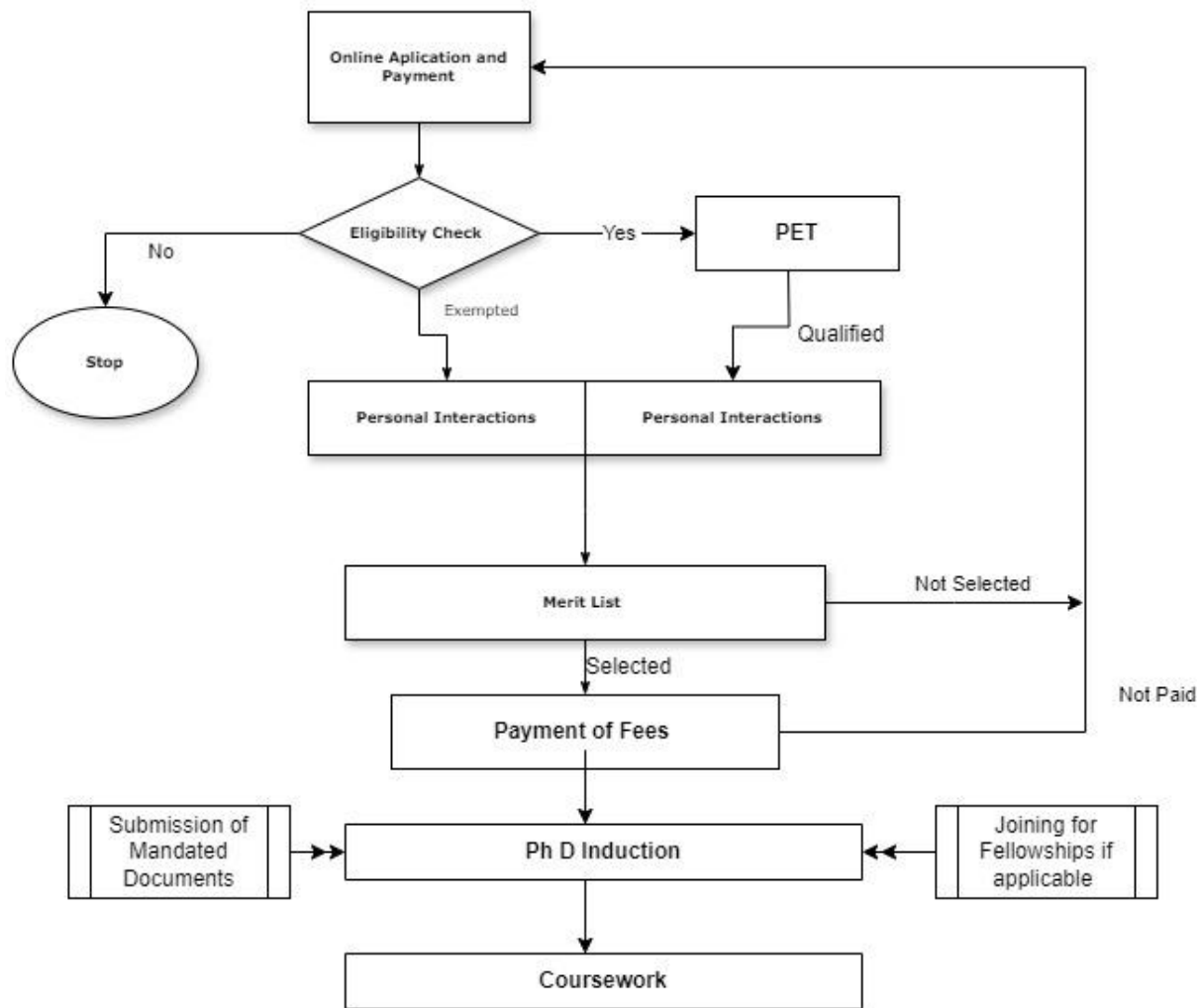


Fig 1.Flow Chart for Admission Process