

**SHIV NADAR UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH**

Doctoral Programme

The Department of English invites applications for its PhD program from the academic year starting with August 2017.

About Department:

The Doctoral Programme is for a duration of 4 years and in exceptional cases may be extendable up to a maximum of 1 year.

Requirements for a PhD in English

- (a) **Course work.** A PhD candidate will be required to complete a number of courses before she writes her dissertation. The department will take into account the qualification of a candidate before deciding the number of courses she is required to do.
- (b) **Writing a Dissertation :** The most important component of a PhD in English is an original 80,000 to 100,000 words thesis on a predesignated topic that candidate will be required to complete through the course of her PhD .
- (c) **Oral Examination:** A candidate whose dissertation is judged by three external examiners to be worthy of a PhD will be required to appear for an oral examination.

The English Faculty at SNU

The English faculty has wide-ranging, interdisciplinary research training reinforced by diverse learning and teaching experience in Indian and international universities.

It encourages students to apply for PhDs in the following areas: academic writing, the novel in 19th century England and Europe, the early novel in India, the novel in Indian languages, minority cultures, studies, the relationship between the literary and visual, cultural connotations of disease and medicine in 19th century England and India, gender and sexuality, law and politics in Renaissance Europe, Shakespeare studies.

Please look at the university web site to know the specializations of individual faculty members.

http://snu.edu.in/humanitiessocialsciences/humanities_social_sciences_english_faculty.aspx

Fees and Assistantship

All admitted students will receive a Teaching/Research Assistantship of ₹ **35,000/- per month for 4 years (48 months)**. In addition, PhD scholars receive a **90 percent fee waiver** on tuition fees and a **70 percent waiver on hostel fees** for the duration of the 4-year program.

Admission Fee (one-time):	₹ 24,000	
Refundable Security Deposit (one-time):	₹ 75,000	
Recurring fees (after waivers)	₹ 49,204 per year	₹ 2,20,816 (4 yrs)
Teaching/Research Assistantship	₹ 4,20,000 per year	₹ 16,80,000 (4yrs)

Continuation of financial assistance is subject to satisfactory performance evaluated continuously, and compliance with all University regulations.

For further information, please see Annexure 1. ^[1]_[SEP]

Guidelines for Application

The Department of English at SNU invites applications for its PhD programme, commencing in August 2017.

Eligibility

Interested students must have a Master's degree in any discipline, with a minimum of 55 percent in the Humanities and Social Sciences and 60 percent in other fields.

Selection Process

The selection of candidates will be based on an assessment of the application materials (see below), especially the quality and originality of the research proposal. Shortlisted candidates will be invited for an on-site written test and interview with a panel of faculty members to be held in early July 2017, after which a final decision will be taken.

Please note that not all candidates meeting the minimum eligibility criteria may be shortlisted.

Admission is sought for a maximum of **5 seats** in the department. **Please note that the University reserves the right to admit lower number of students if suitable candidates, according to the admission committee, are not found.**

Application Fees

Applicants will be required to pay a non-refundable application fees of Rs. 1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred Only) by credit/debit card or Demand Draft drawn in favor of **Shiv Nadar University** payable at **NOIDA**.

Candidates may note that the University reserves the right to accept or reject any application based on its departmental screening criteria, hence all application may not be shortlisted for the written examination and interview. Therefore, no requests for refund of the application fee shall be entertained whether or not the candidates are called for the written examination.

Application Instructions

All interested applicant shall apply online from the link given below or on the website. Please follow the instructions carefully.

- Fill all the mandatory fields
- **Online upload** of following document is required
 - Passport size color photograph
 - Current CV
 - All Mark sheets/Degree Certificates (10th Standard onwards)
 - Standardized Examination certificate- CSIR, UGC, GATE etc. (If applicable)
 - **Names and contact information of 3 Referees**
 - **A Statement of Purpose**
 - **A Research Proposal (Doctoral Proposal)- Guidelines for writing a research proposal is given below.**

Writing a PhD Proposal

The most difficult and time consuming aspect of applying for a PhD admission is the preparation of the proposal. The proposal may take up to six months to prepare and it is always a good idea to be in touch with an experienced academic as you write up the proposal. You are very welcome to get in touch a member of the English Department at Shiv Nadar University to discuss your proposal. Please have a look at our website to pick a faculty member whose research interests coincides with yours.

A PhD proposal typically consists of three parts (a) a review of existing work in the field (b) a clear indication of your point of departure from existing scholarship, since a PhD , by definition requires “an original contribution to knowledge” and (c) an elaboration of the thesis you plan to develop. It is not mandatory that your proposal adhere strictly to the above format. You are welcome to write your proposal as a free flowing essay , but it is essential that you engage seriously with the three points made above.

A proposal is typically 2000 - 2500 words long. Please try to keep your proposal within that word limit . However, our main criterion for evaluating a proposal is its quality , and we may forgive word count violations if the quality of your proposal is outstanding.

- **The application fee can be paid online or a Demand Draft can be sent to University.**
- After online submission, print the completed form and send by speed post to the University at the address given below with following document (You may add additional documents if required)
 - Completed form
 - Demand Draft for application fee (If online fee payment mode is not used)

Please note that the application is not deemed complete until we receive all the necessary prescribed documents and application fees.

Supporting documents may be sent by Speed Post to:

Ms. Mamta Nagar

EA to the Department of English

School of Humanities and Social Sciences

Shiv Nadar University

NH-91, Tehsil Dadri

District Gautam Buddha Nagar, UP 201314

India.

Questions? If you have questions of an academic nature, please write to, Head of Department, Dr Samnudha Sen (sambudha.sen@snu.edu.in)

Deadline for application submission: 7th JULY 2017

APPLY NOW

Annexure 1

Doctoral Program Fees Structure 2017 – 21 (in ₹)

Item	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Full Program
(1) One time charges					
Admission Fee (Non-refundable)	₹ 24,000				₹ 24,000
Security Deposit (Refundable)	₹ 75,000				₹ 75,000
(2) Recurring Charges					
Tuition Fee	₹1,00,000	₹1,00,000	₹1,00,000	₹1,00,000	₹4,00,000
Hostel Fee (Single)	₹1,20,000	₹1,20,000	₹1,20,000	₹1,20,000	₹4,80,000
Medical Insurance	₹3,204	₹3,204	₹ 3,204	₹3,204	₹12,816
(3) Total Charges (1)+(2)	₹ 3,22,204	₹ 2,23,204	₹ 2,23,204	₹ 2,23,204	₹ 9,91,816
(4) Financial Assistance					
Tuition Fee Waiver 90%	₹ 90,000	₹ 90,000	₹ 90,000	₹ 90,000	₹3,60,000
Hostel Fee Waiver - 70%	₹ 84,000	₹ 84,000	₹ 84,000	₹ 84,000	₹ 3,36,000
(5) Net Payable (3)-(4)	₹ 1,48,204	₹ 49,204	₹ 49,204	₹ 49,204	₹ 2,95,816
Cost Excl. Security Deposit					₹ 2,20,816
(6) Teaching/Research assistantship of ₹35,000 per month (max 48 months)	₹ 4,20,000	₹ 4,20,000	₹ 4,20,000	₹ 4,20,000	₹ 16,80,000

Note:

1. Medical Insurance is compulsory for all Ph.D. Students. Premium for Medical Insurance may change as per the prevailing rate offered by the insurance service provider.
2. Waivers
 - a. Waivers for tuition and hostel fee is for 8 semesters only. Beyond 8th semester, the student has to pay the hostel charges and tuition fee in full.
 - b. The Department reserves the right to reduce the waiver based on the academic credentials of the applicant.
3. Continuation of financial assistance is subject to satisfactory performance evaluated continuously, and compliance with all University regulations. The student is required to maintain a minimum CGPA OF 7.00.
4. The Assistantship is assured for maximum of 48 months only and cannot be combined with any other fellowship or stipend.
5. All charges are payable at the beginning of the Academic Year as per schedule announced separately.
6. Mess and Laundry Charges: In addition to above mentioned charges, every Ph.D. student has to pay ₹ 450 per month for laundry. The mess charges approximate at about ₹ 4,300 per month. Student has the option of joining either of two messes.
7. Security deposit is refunded on Graduation after deduction of any recoveries.