

# 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 2019.

Our faculty has wide-ranging, interdisciplinary research training reinforced by diverse learning and teaching experience in Indian and international universities. Located in the School of Humanities and Social Sciences, our Department provides doctoral candidates an unparalleled opportunity of exchanging ideas with members of the other departments brought together in the school.

The department has the expertise to supervise PhDs in the following: the novel in 19<sup>th</sup> century England and Europe, the early novel in India, the novel in Indian languages, literatures of the subcontinent, the world novel, journalism and magazine cultures in 19<sup>th</sup> century England and 20<sup>th</sup> century India, journalism and global circulation, popular literary cultures in India, narratives of the 21<sup>st</sup> century: fanfiction, stand up comedy, the relationship between the literary and visual, translation studies, cultural connotations of disease and medicine in 19<sup>th</sup> century England and India, gender and sexuality, digital humanities especially the digital archiving of photographs

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

<https://english.snu.edu.in/people/faculty>

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

### Structure of the PhD program in English

#### Course work

The first year of the program will be dedicated to course work, of which the first semester will engage with research methodology, and building a bibliography around research theme. In the second semester of course work, students are

expected to take two intensive seminar courses that are oriented towards (a) discussion and written presentations of research material (b) presentation of detailed 80000 words outline of PhD project.

**Candidates are expected to complete their credit requirements with a total of 16 credits, to be accomplished through four 4-credit courses, as listed below:**

**Semester 1**

- 1) Research Methodology (4 credits)
- 2) Bibliography: Collection and report on primary and secondary readings on research theme (4 credits)

**Semester 2**

- 1) Seminar course based on weekly discussion of and written presentation of material collected (4 credits)
- 2) Seminar course leading up to presentation of detailed 8000 words pilot project that will outline thesis and include chapterization and full bibliography (4 credits)

Scholars are expected to obtain a minimum of Grade B overall in their course work in order to continue in the system.

**Advancement to Candidacy**

The detailed PhD pilot study substantiated by collected material will be presented to the combined Department faculty as a Comprehensive Examination, prior to Advancement of Candidacy..

Students are expected to spend the third and fourth years on writing the thesis.

A final presentation has to be made at least three months prior to submission of the thesis in front of at least one member of the Research Advisory Committee (apart from the Research Advisor), other interested faculty and students, following which suggestions and feedback can be incorporated into the final draft of the thesis.

## Outline of a 4-year pathway for Ph.D

<b>Semester 1</b>	ENG 700 Research Methodology ( 4 credits)
	ENG 701 Bibliography ( 4 credits)
<b>Semester 2</b>	ENG 702 Seminar course : “Summarizing Research Matetrials (4 credits)
	Eng 704 603 Seminar course: Preparing 8000 words Pilot project of thesis
<b>Semesters 3-8</b>	Writing the thesis.

### Research Advisory Committee

Each research scholar will be guided in their work by a primary Research Advisor. In certain cases ( for example in the case of interdisciplinary research) the Department may wish to appoint a Co Advisor. The Co Advisor will not necessarily need to be affiliated to SNU. Two members from the English Department , SNU , the primary advisor and the co advisor ( should one be appointed) will together form the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) for that scholar. The Research Advisory Committee will meet the scholar once a semester to gauge the progress of the work and to give feedback. The primary Advisor will schedule regular meetings with the student to oversee the progress of the work and to give feedback.

### Presentations and Publications

Research students are expected to present their work in seminars/workshops/conferences within and outside the University, and have published one paper prior to submission of their thesis.

## **Serving as Teaching Assistant**

Doctoral candidates are expected to assist the department with its teaching to part of their role as Teaching Assistants.

## **Fees and Assistantship**

Detailed information about the fee structure and the nature of assistantships are available on the website.

All full time PhD students admitted into the program shall receive a **doctoral fellowship consisting of 100% tuition fee waiver and 70% hostel fee waiver**. The student shall also receive a **monthly stipend of ₹50,000 for first two years and ₹55,000 for 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> year** subject to satisfactory performance. The assistantship is subject to satisfactory performance in the program evaluated continuously, and compliance with all University regulations.

**Application Fees:** You will be required to pay a non-refundable application fees of Rs. 1,200 (One Thousand Two Hundred Only) by credit/debit card. Candidate may note that the University reserves the right to accept or reject any application based on its departmental screening criteria; hence not all application may be shortlisted for written examination. Therefore, no requests for refund of the application fee shall be entertained whether or not the candidates are called for written examination.

## **Guidelines for Application**

### **Eligibility**

Applicants must have a Master's degree in any discipline, with a minimum of 55 percent if they are from the Humanities and Social Sciences and 60 percent if they are from 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 2018, after which a final decision will be taken.

**Please note that not all candidates meeting the minimum eligibility criteria are likely to be shortlisted.**

Admission is open 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 (10<sup>th</sup> 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 three 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 four 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 a new contribution to or intensification of knowledge (c) an elaboration of the thesis you plan to develop and (d) the method or manner in which you propose to address the specific topic of research and the larger context within which your topic is set. 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 .

- **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*

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**Questions?** If you have questions of an academic nature, please write to, Head of Department,

**Deadline: June 15, 2019**

**APPLY NOW**