



University Grants Commission-National Eligibility Test

UGC - NET

Introduction

The Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India (GOI), has established National Testing Agency (NTA) as an independent, autonomous and self-sustained premier organization under the Societies Registration Act, 1860, registered as a self-reliant and self-sustained premier testing organization.

Some of the objectives, inter alia, include:

- (i) To conduct efficient, transparent and international standard tests in order to assess the competency of candidates for admission.
- (ii) To undertake research on educational, professional and testing system to identify gaps in the knowledge systems and take steps for bridging them.
- (iii) To produce and disseminate information and research on education and professional development standards.

The University Grants Commission (UGC) has entrusted the responsibility of conducting UGC-NET to NTA. UGC-NET is a test to determine the eligibility of Indian nationals for 'Assistant Professor' and 'Junior Research Fellowship and Assistant Professor' in Indian universities and colleges.

Important Instructions

- (i) The eligibility for 'Assistant Professor' or for 'Junior Research Fellowship and Assistant Professor' will depend on the performance of the candidate in both the papers of UGC-NET in aggregate. However, the candidates qualifying exclusively for Assistant Professor will not be considered for the award of JRF. Candidates appearing in UGC-NET should thoughtfully select in the Application Form whether they are applying for 'Assistant Professor' or 'Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) and Assistant Professor'. Candidates who qualify the Test for eligibility for Assistant Professor will be governed by the rules and regulations for recruitment of Assistant Professor of the concerned universities/colleges/State governments, as the case may be.
- (ii) The candidates who qualify for the award of JRF are eligible to pursue research in the subject of their post-graduation or in a related subject and are also eligible for Assistant Professor. The universities, institutions, IITs and other national organizations may select the JRF awardees for full time research work in accordance with the procedure prescribed by them.
- (iii) Junior Research Fellowship: Candidates qualifying for the award of JRF will be eligible to receive fellowship of UGC under various schemes, subject to their finding placement in

universities/IITs/Institutions. The validity period of the offer will be three years w.e.f. the date of issue of JRF Award Letter. However, for those candidates who 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.

(iv) The National Fellowship for Scheduled Caste(NFSC) Students, National Fellowship for Other Backward Classes(NFBC) and the Maulana Azad National Fellowship(MANF) for Minority Students shall be governed by the guidelines available on the official websites of the concerned Ministries or the UGC. Only those candidates who have applied for 'Both JRF and Eligibility for Assistant Professor' and qualify for 'Eligibility for Assistant Professor Only' in the UGC-NET form the consideration zone for the aforesaid schemes.

UGC – NET Examinations includes two papers namely:

Paper - 1 General Paper On Teaching & Research Aptitude which includes :

- Teaching Aptitude
- Research Aptitude
- Comprehension
- Communication
- Mathematical Reasoning and Aptitude
- Logical Reasoning
- Data Interpretation
- Information and Communication Technology (ICT)
- People, Development and Environment
- Higher Education System

Paper - 2 is subject specific which is related to the specialisation of Master's / Post Graduation Degree. The aspirants needs to apply for the UGC-NET exam in their specialisation field only. Some specialisation to highlight are – management, commerce, history, education and others