

RAMA DEVI WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY

Vidya Vihar, P.O. – Bhoi Nagar, Bhubaneswar, Odisha

Ph. D PROGRAMME 2024-25

(Only for Women Candidates)

1. About the University

Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, Odisha has been established by the State Legislature of Odisha as a State University in 2015. It is the only Women's University of Odisha named after Maa Rama Devi as a humble tribute to her values and sacrifices. The University is located in the heart of the city of Bhubaneswar close to NII-5 near Vani Vihar Square on one side and Rupali Square on the other side; and 3 kms from the Bhubaneswar Railway Station; and 7 kms from the Biju Patnaik International Airport. It offers U.G., P.G. and Ph.D. programmes to cater to the educational needs of women.

Ph.D. programme in Rama Devi Women's University is regular in nature. It will offer Ph.D. programme in 14 subjects during the academic session 2024-25 in Biotechnology, Commerce, Computer Science, Economics, Education, English, Gender Studies, Hindi, Home Science, Journalism and Mass Communication, Life Sciences, Odia, Philosophy, and Political Science. Applications are invited from the eligible women candidates for Pre-Ph.D. Coursework (One Semester) for the academic session 2024-25 and subsequent Ph.D. Registration in the University.

2. Departments offering Ph.D. Programme

Sl. No.	Departments/ Subjects	No. of Vacancies as per the willingness of the Supervisors
1.	Biotechnology	11
2.	Commerce	3
3.	Computer Science	4
4.	Economics	11
5.	Education	8
6.	English	5
7.	Gender Studies	4
8.	Hindi	1
9.	Home Science	9
10.	Journalism and Mass Communication	4
11.	Life Sciences	7
12.	Odia	11
13.	Philosophy	3
14.	Political Science	3

[The seats will be filled-up based on the criteria of reservation of the seats as per the rule.]

3. Eligibility of Candidates

- 3.1 Women candidates with Master Degree securing at least 55% of marks or equivalent Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) or an equivalent Grade in the concerned subject or related allied subject from any University/ Institution recognized as equivalent thereto by Rama Devi Women's University (RDWU). The allied subjects for admission into Ph. D programme in a particular department shall be decided by the respective Department Research Committee (DRC).
- 3.2 A relaxation of 5% marks, from 55% to 50% or equivalent relaxation of grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/PwD and other categories of candidates as per the State Reservation Policy from time to time. A relaxation of 5% to the categories mentioned above are permissible based only on qualifying marks without including grace marks.
- 3.3 Women candidates those who have qualified the entrance conducted by UGC or CSIR and awarded NET (JRF)/ NET/ NET - Eligibility for Ph.D./GATE may be considered for the Pre-Ph.D. Programs of the Rama Devi Women's University, subject to the fulfillment of criteria specified in the prospectus. Seats are reserved for people belonging to different categories such as SC/ST/PWD as per the rules.

[N.B. 1:NET/JRF qualified applicants are required to submit the category certificate (SC/ST/OBC/Gen-EWS/PwD) along with application form online as well as at the time of admission, under which they have qualified NET/JRF].

4. Viva-Voce Examination and Selection Procedure.

- a) A list of eligible candidates as per their obtained score will be published on the University Website for appearing in the interview/ viva-voce examination.
- b) Admission shall be finalized strictly on the basis of conduct, research aptitude, ability to work in a team, subject interest, **availability of Supervisors**, facilities in the department and research focus of the department.
- c) An interview/ viva-voce to be conducted by the respective Departments where the candidates are required to discuss their research interests/ areas before a duly constituted Department Research Committee (DRC).

Note: Candidates failing to appear at the interview/ Viva-voce will not be considered for admission.

- d) Selection of the candidates will be prepared by the respective Head/ Coordinator of the Departments as per the UGC guidelines issued **vide no. F.4-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 Date: 27th March, 2024.**
- e) The candidates having Grade Points, are requested to submit the conversion rule (% conversion), otherwise the conversion rule of RDWU will be applicable to calculate the percentage.
- f) The list of successful candidates will be published on the University Website for admission.
- g) **The candidates are requested to visit the University Website regularly for updates regarding Ph.D. admission related information.**

5. How to Apply

- a) The interested and eligible candidates may apply ONLINE by clicking 'e-Admission' in the University Website (<https://rdwu.ac.in>).
- b) The candidate needs to read the Ph.D. Admission Prospectus 2024-25, instructions related to online application process and eligibility minutely before registration into online application.
- c) The candidate has to upload all required documents/certificates on online portal.
- d) Application fees of Rs. 1000/- (Rupees One Thousand) only.
- e) Application fees are to be deposited through online Bank Challan (pdf available in application portal).
- f) Application fees deposit slip (University Copy) with reference number is to be uploaded in the application portal.
- g) Hard copy of the application form shall be submitted by the candidate in the CPGC office of the University.
- h) The candidate has also to keep a print-out of online generated application form for reference and later use.

6. Documents to be uploaded during Online Application Process

- a) HSC/10th Certificate & Mark Sheet.
- b) +2/12th Certificate & Mark sheet.
- c) +3 Degree Certificate & Mark Sheet.
- d) Post-Graduation Certificate & Mark sheet.
- e) M.Phil. Certificate & Mark sheet.
- f) NET/NET-JRF Certificate coming under Category-1, 2 & 3 (conducted by UGC/ CSIR) applicable for Ph.D.
- g) Category Certificate (**Gen-EWS/SC/ST/OBC/PwD, etc.**) in which the candidate has qualified NET/NET-JRF etc. **The category shall be verified by scanning the QR Code of NET/NET-JRF and other certificates as applicable.**
- h) **No Objection Certificate** for Pre-Ph.D. Coursework as well as Ph.D. registration **issued by the employer** in case of employed candidates.
- i) In case of **unemployed**, the candidate has to give an **undertaking that she is not working** in any State/ Central/ Private College/ University/ Institution either on short time / full time/contractual/Guest Faculty basis.
- j) Proof of reservation category (SC/ST/PwD), if any.
- k) Photo copy of Aadhaar Card.

[N.B. 2: Applicants are required to upload mark-sheets. In case all two years' marks are not reflected in a single mark sheet, candidates are required to upload all the mark sheets (individual semester/ annual)]

7. Documents to be produced (in original) for verification at the time of admission

- a) Aadhaar Card (mandatory).
- b) All original certificates, mark sheets and documents as mentioned above.
- c) Original Transfer Certificate & Conduct Certificate from the institution that the candidate has last attended.
- d) NOC from the employer (if employed).
- e) Relieve Order for doing Ph.D. coursework (if employed).
- f) Blood Group Certificate.
- g) Three recent passport size colour photographs.
- h) Proof of payment of admission fees.
- i) Anti-ragging undertakings are to be submitted by the candidate and her parents/guardian at the time of admission (Formats available as Annexure C (1), C (2)).

8. Fee Structure for Ph.D. Programme

Application Fees Rs. 1000/- will be paid through Bank Challan only. Applicants are required to download the challan copy from the online portal and deposit the application fees at any Nationalised Bank of their own locality. After depositing the amount, the softcopy 'University Copy of Challan' is to be uploaded in online application process.

1.	Application Fees for Coursework Admission	: Rs. 1,000/-
2.	Coursework and Admission Fees	: Rs. 15,000/-
	a) Admission Fess- Rs. 5,000/-	
	b) Course Fees- Rs. 10,000/-	
3.	Fees for Registration (including postage expenses)	: Rs. 2,000/-
4.	Fees for six-monthly progress report	: Rs. 200/-
5.	Fees for Registration Renewal (after five years, for each additional year, if required)	: Rs. 5,000/-
6.	Fees for change of Supervisor/Co-supervisor	: Rs. 5,000/-
7.	Fees for change of title of thesis	: Rs. 2,000/-
8.	Fees for final thesis submission	: Rs. 20,000/-
9.	Fees for Ph.D. Award Original Certificate	: Rs. 500/-

9. General Ph D Rules 2024-25


- a) Any person who impersonates a candidate shall be disqualified from appearing in any university examination for a period of five years including this test.
- b) If it is found, at any stage, that a candidate has knowingly or willfully concealed or suppressed any information/ fact which renders her ineligible to attend the interview / viva-voce, her enrolment to Ph.D., if granted, shall stand cancelled. She shall have no claim, whatsoever, against the university. The case, if necessary, shall be reported to the police for any further necessary action in the matter.
- c) If any dispute or controversy of any kind arises before, during, or after the admission of the candidate into the Pre-PhD Coursework, the decision of the Ph.D. Admission Committee 2024-25 on approval of competent authority of Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, in all such cases, shall be final and binding.

10. Important Dates

Date of application (ONLINE)	12.04.2025
Last date of application submission (ONLINE)	27.04.2025 (05:00 PM)
Publication of list of eligible candidates for viva-voce examination	30.04.2025
Viva-Voce Examination	06.05.2025
Publication of list of candidates for admission	08.05.2025
Admission	12.05.2025 & 13.05.2025
Commencement of Pre-Ph.D. Coursework	15.05.2025

11. Interpretation of Rules

The decision of the Ph.D. Admission Committee 2024-25, on approval of competent authority of Rama Devi Women's University, Bhubaneswar, with regard to anything not covered in this prospectus or has given rise to dispute in interpretation of any rule, shall be final and binding.


Chairperson
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