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1. PH.D. PROGRAMME AT BRAINWARE UNIVERSITY

The Ph.D. programme at Brainware University is designed to create research interest among the young minds who are dynamic and capable of addressing complex problems. The in-house research supervisors and senior professors have worked in prominent universities and institutions across the country and even internationally. The laboratory infrastructural facilities are modern and well equipped. The university faculty has experience handling multiple government and industry-funded research grants.

Brainware University Research Fellowships are provided to deserving candidates while liberal seed-funding are provided to research proposals that demonstrate ideas translatable to innovative products and processes. Support is also provided for filling patents, incubation and start-up development for such innovative ideas. Brainware University Research Fellowships (around Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 35,000 p.m.) will be awarded to selected eligible Full-Time Research Scholars who are not receiving funding from external sources.

The programme is flexible and designed for the best interest of working persons and full-time scholars.

2. PROGRAMMES OFFERED/ PROPOSED INTAKE

Brainware University reserves the right to reduce or increase the intake.

Name of school	PhD Programme	Department	Proposed intake
School of Computational and Applied Sciences	PhD in Science (Computer Science)	Computational Sciences	7
	PhD in Science (Mathematics)	Mathematics	2
School of Biotechnology and Biosciences	PhD in Science (Biotechnology)	Biotechnology	10
School of Medical & Allied Health Sciences	PhD in Pharmaceutical Sciences	Pharmaceutical Technology	9
School of Engineering	PhD in Engineering (Computer Science Engineering)	Computer Science and Engineering	9
School of Management and	PhD in Management	Management	5



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Commerce	PhD in Commerce	Commerce	3
School of Humanities and Social Sciences	PhD in Humanities (English)	English and Literary studies	5

3. ELIGIBILITY

The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

(1) Candidates who have completed:

Candidates who have completed a 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(2) Candidates who have completed:

A candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(3) Candidates who have completed:

M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established



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or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

4. DURATION OF THE PROGRAMME

- (1) Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three (3) years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme in BWU.
- (2) A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given through a process of re-registration as per the Statute/Ordinance of the Higher Educational Institution concerned; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme. In case of re-registration, the scholar will have to pay registration fee and additional semester fee as applicable.
Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.
- (3) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme.

5. PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

The admission to PhD programme at Brainware University will be using the following methods, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC (U.G.C regulations 2022 and NET entrance test criteria notification of 27 March 2024) and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central/State Government from time to time.

- (1) Brainware University may admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR-NET/GATE and similar National and State level tests as well as students with National/Internationally recognised Graduate scholarships (Eg. DST-INSPIRE, Maulana Azad National Fellowship, Jawaharlal Nehru



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Memorial Fellowships) based on only an interview.

The interview for these candidates can be convened by the Dean/Director Research separately on receipt of application of the forms as per requirement and availability of advertised seats. Interview will be held by a Candidate Selection Committee as defined in section 17.3 of Brainware University PhD regulations.

NET Scores can be used for admission to PhD programmes. NET Candidates will be declared eligible under in three categories below as per UGC notification:

Category-1: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-2: Eligible for (i) admission to PhD. Without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category-3: Eligible for admission to PhD. programme only and not for the award of JRF: or appointment as Assistant Professor.

The JRF-qualified students are admitted into the Ph.D. programme based on an interview as per the University Grants Commission (Minimum Standards and Procedures for Award of Ph.D. Degree) Regulations. 2022.

For students who qualify in Categories 2 and 3, 70% weightage will be given for test scores and 30% weightage for the interview for admission to Ph.D. programmes. The Ph.D. admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the interview/viva voce.

And/or

(2) Brainware University may admit students through an Entrance Test (BWU-PET) conducted at the level of the individual University level. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology, and 50% shall be subject specific (Annexure I).

Students who have secured 50% marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently-abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

Brainware University may decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available and filled from NET exams above. Clearing the entrance exam does not ensure a call up for interview.

Provided that for the selection of candidates based on the entrance test conducted by the Brainware University, a weightage of 70% for the entrance test and 30 % for the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given.



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6. ADMISSION TEST DETAILS

The test will comprise of two papers, each of 75 minutes duration:

Paper-I (Common for all subjects): This paper will have 50 objective type multiple choice questions. The scope of paper will be General Aptitude, Reasoning, Numerical/ Mental Ability, Indian Education system, Analytical skills/ Research aptitude, Environment, language Proficiency, Teaching Aptitude and any other topic covered in Paper-I of the UGC-NET.

Paper-II (For subject opted by the candidate): This paper will have 50 objective type multiple choice questions. The scope of the paper will be limited to the core areas relating to concerned discipline/ subject.

- i. The syllabus of Paper-II will be same as that of UGC- NET
- ii. Qualifying marks in the entrance test is 50 percent in aggregate. A relaxation of 5% marks (from 50% to 45%) shall be allowed for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layers)/Differently abled category in the qualifying marks for the entrance test.
- iii. All candidates except those who have qualified UGC NET (any of the three categories)/ UGC- CSIR NET/SLET/GATE/ASRB/DBT or any National Entrance test for PhD will be exempt from appearing in entrance exam and maybe selected based on an interview.
- iv. There will be no negative marking in the Test.

Selection Criteria for Admission

Weightage of different components for determining merit for admission is as under:

Components	Weightage (Percent)
Marks obtained in the Entrance Test/any NET	70
Performance in the Interview/Viva-voce	30
Total	100

7. FELLOWSHIP FOR FULL TIME SCHOLARS

All Full Time Research Scholars are eligible to apply for Brainware University Research Fellowships (Rs. 20,000 to Rs. 35,000 per month). The Fellowship will be awarded to the selected eligible Full-Time Research Scholars, who are not receiving funding from external sources.



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8. HOW TO APPLY

To apply for the Ph.D. programme of the University, eligible candidates may register an online query by filling their basic contact information above, and clicking the "SUBMIT" button. The candidate will be contacted for further processing. The candidate will be contacted for further processing.

9. FEE STRUCTURE

S. No.	Description	Time period (Tentative)	University Fee
1	Application Fee	Along with Application form	Rs.2000/-
2	Admission Fee	23.02.2026 to 28.02.2026	50,000.00
3	Tuition Fee – Sem 1	01.06.2026 – 06.06.2026	50,000.00
4	Tuition Fee – Sem 2	15.09.2026 – 21.09.2026	50,000.00
	Registration Fee	With Registration Approval (Before 01.12.2026)	20,000.00
5	Tuition Fee – Sem 3	01.03.2027 – 06.03.2027	50,000.00
6	Tuition Fee – Sem 4	01.09.2027 – 07.09.2027	50,000.00
7	Tuition Fee – Sem 5	01.03.2028 – 07.03.2028	50,000.00
8	Tuition Fee – Sem 6	01.09.2028 – 07.09.2028	50,000.00
9	Thesis Evaluation Fee	At the time of submission of thesis	20,000.00

- Continuation of prescribed tuition fees per semester will apply to candidates who are unable to complete their research work within the scheduled three-year period effective from date of enrolment.
- Re-registration fees will be applicable if candidates do not complete their research within six years counted from the date of enrolment.
- Late payment fines will be as per University norms.



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10. COURSE WORK

Every candidate enrolled for the Ph.D. programme shall undergo course work. The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a “Research and Publication Ethics” and a research methodology course. The DRC can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.

All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/education/pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.

The course work shall consist of the following:

- Paper I: Research Methodology (Compulsory) [Credit: 4; Full marks 100; Duration: 60 hours]
- Paper II: Research and Publication Ethics (Compulsory) [Credit: 2; Full marks: 100; Duration: 30 hours]
- Paper III: Background Paper relating to the candidate’s Ph.D. work. [Credit: 3; Full marks 100; Duration: 45 hours]
- Paper IV: Subject Based Case Study Report and presentation relating to the candidate’s Ph.D. work. [Credit: 3; Full marks 100]

All Ph.D. scholars, irrespective of discipline, shall be required to train in teaching/education /pedagogy/writing related to their chosen Ph.D. subject during their doctoral period. Ph.D. scholars may also be assigned 4-6 hours per week of teaching/research assistantship for conducting tutorial or laboratory work and evaluations.

A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the course work to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit his or her thesis.



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11. PhD PROGRESS CALENDAR (MINIMUM PERIOD)

Semester	Plan of Action
1	[Course Work (12 Credits) as follows: Paper I: Research Methodology (Compulsory) [Credit: 4; Full marks 100; Duration: 60 hours] Paper II: Research and Publication Ethics (Compulsory) [Credit: 2; Full marks: 100; Duration: 30 hours] Paper III: Background Paper relating to the candidate's Ph.D. work. [Credit: 3; Full marks 100; Duration: 45 hours] Paper IV: Subject Based Case Study Report and presentation relating to the candidate's Ph.D. work. [Credit: 3; Full marks 100; Duration: 45 hours] Pre-registration seminar at the end of the semester
2	Research Work (Reviews/ Theoretical/ Experimental)
3	Research Work (Reviews/ Theoretical/ Experimental)
4	Research Work (Reviews/ Theoretical/ Experimental)
5	Research Work (Reviews/ Theoretical/ Experimental) Preparation of Pre – Submission Seminar
6	Pre – submission seminar followed by submission of thesis

The Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years (including course work) and a maximum of 6 years. The programme is divided into 6 semesters (The time period of each semester is 6 months). Research work should result in presentation of papers in national/ international conferences together with publication in peer-reviewed Journals of repute.

Failing to submit the thesis in the prescribed period of time, extension may be granted to him on the terms and conditions prescribed by UGC and the university has sole discretion in this regard. On expiry of the period, the registration of the candidate shall automatically stand cancelled but in this context, he or she may be considered by university in a genuine case of delay.



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12. ROAD-MAP/TIME ACTIVITY CHART FOR PhD PROGRAMME (TENTATIVE)

	Events	Time period (Mar. intake)
1.	Advertisement for applications for PhD (School/Department wise available seats are to be mentioned on website)	7 th Nov,2025, Friday
1(a)	Application forms	07.11.2025 to 17.01.2026
1(b)	Last date for receipt of complete Online application form with soft copies of documents	17.01.2025, Saturday
2.	Entrance Exam to PhD programme	January-February, 2026
2(a)	BWU-PET Entrance Examination	31.01.2026, Saturday
2(b)	Publication of list of Eligible candidates for Interview	07.02.2026, Saturday
2©	Interview on Proposed Research Area along with plan of work (250 words) before Candidate Selection Committee (Offline)	14.02.2026, Saturday
3.	Publication of merit list followed by Supervisor Allocation.	21.02.2026, Saturday*
4.	Payment of Course Work fees	23.02.2026 to 28.02.2026
5.	Date of Enrolment/ Induction activities at Campus/Commencement of Classes	06.03.2026, Friday
6.	Ph.D. Course work classes are to be held (Mar.06 2026/Aug. 14, 2026)	March,2026 till 14.08.2026
For full time/part time PhD scholar, course work classes will be held on every Friday and Saturday [10.00 am – 5 pm (Proposed)]		
7.	Course work Examination	1 st week of September, 2026
8.	Publication of result of Course Work Examination	14 September, 2026, Monday
9.	Payment of semester fees	15/09/2026- 25/09/2026
10.	Submission of Synopsis/Doctoral Research Proposal (Last date)	31/10/2026
11.	Synopsis presentations in respective DRC	30 days within submission (Subject to DRC availability)
12.	Payment of Registration fees and Registration (Before 01/12/2026)	On any working day Within 10 days of DRC Notification of Registration
13.	Payment of semester fees: along with Progress Seminar_1, 2, 3, 4 etc.	On any working day from 1 st to 07 th of September/March for September/March Intake respectively



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14.	Payment of fees and Submission of Thesis	On any working day (around 10/03/2029 along with thesis submission recommended by DRC)
15.	Provisional Award of PhD Degree (Expected)	Six months from thesis submission
16.	Formal Award of Degree during next University Convocation	

13. TERMINATION FROM PROGRAMME

A scholar's PhD candidature will be terminated if:

1. A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the course work to be eligible to continue in the programme. He/she fails to complete the course work with the prescribed eligibility stated above within the initial one or two semesters.
2. He/she fails to submit a satisfactory Research Proposal in three attempts.
3. The PhD thesis has not been accepted after two resubmissions.
4. Any disciplinary action has been taken against him/her on the recommendation of the appropriate committee.
5. He/she gets continuous non satisfactory 6th month progress report and recommended by DRC for the termination.
6. He/she does not respond to the mails sent by PhD office or supervisor within ten days counted from the date of dispatch of the mail.