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**GENERAL INFORMATION AND PROGRAMME-SPECIFIC
INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADMISSION UNDER
FOREIGN STUDENT (FS) CATEGORY
Ph.D. Programmes**

2025- 2026 ACADEMIC YEAR

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DISCLAIMER TO APPLICANTS:

1. The contents of this bulletin are on the basis of policies applicable on the date of commencement of admission for the Academic Session 2025 – 2026. Additional information shall be uploaded to the University website: <https://aud.delhi.gov.in/>. Candidates seeking admission are hereby advised to regularly visit the website for updates and to take note of any modification of the admission processes described in the present bulletin.

2. Any change in the procedures for in-person appearance of applicants for admission activities as well as for verification of documents shall be notified in due course on the website.

I(A). The Foreign Student (FS) admission category.

AUD invites applications to its study programmes from citizens of countries other than India. AUD has a Foreign Student (FS) supernumerary admission quota -- in excess of the sum of seats of regular Indian admission categories -- for its undergraduate, postgraduate and PhD programmes. The number of FS seats in a PhD programme is determined by the programme's supervisory capacity. In some PhD programmes there are few or no FS seats in some admission years. **The FS PhD seats available in 2025 – 2026 in the various programmes are shown in Table below (page 3).**

Admission of foreign students is for full-time study in an approved programme with intention of completing an AUD degree. (Temporary/part-time enrolment of foreign students or research affiliation is allowed under some institutional agreements between AUD and foreign colleges/universities: see the web page of the AUD International Affairs Division for details.)

FS applicants must use the **online application portal for FS applicants** and pay the designated application fee there [<https://aud.delhi.gov.in/admission/Foreign-Student/2025>]. **FS applicants should carefully read the bulletin describing the programme they seek admission to and follow the programme-specific instructions (in Section II below) for FS admission.**

- **FS admission is considered to be ‘in absentia’, whether or not the FS applicant is in India at the time of application.** No applicant under the FS category may be considered for admission under another category or quota, and no applicant under any domestic admission category (regular or supernumerary) is eligible for FS admission. FS admission to most programmes differs from domestic student admission. FS applicants are not usually expected to participate in the same admission steps as Indian (domestic) applicants; they might undergo alternate admission diagnostics.
- Minimum eligibility requirements for FS applicants are the same as (or equivalent to) those for Indian applicants of the general/unreserved admission category. *The MER are mentioned in the programme writeups in the general bulletin of information and on the admission web pages.* The numerical cut-offs for determining higher eligibility of domestic applicants do not apply to FS applicants.
- If an admission process includes viva voce entrance exercises or interviews, an FS applicant cannot be exempted from that activity because of her/his remote location. FS applicants will be interviewed via Skype or other electronic platform.

‘Self-financing’ FS applicants are those who apply at large and do not receive financial assistance as part of an official government/cultural/educational exchange programme recognized by the Indian government. Self-financing FS applicants pay the AUD application/FS processing fees and they pay the tuition indicated in the table below [Section I(C)]. **Financed/sponsored FS applicants** apply for admission to AUD as per the norms of the Indian Council for Cultural Relations (Cultural Exchange Fellowship Programme) or another government-to-government scholarship programme. Their tuition payments to AUD are set by terms of their scholarship, as recognized by the university.

TABLE : FS seats in PhD programmes

School	Programme Name	No. of Seats for Foreign Students
School of Management	PhD Management	02
School of Development Studies	PhD Development Studies	01
School of Education Studies	PhD Education	02
School of Human Ecology	PhD Human Ecology	02
School of Human Studies	PhD Women and Gender Studies	01
	PhD Psychology	01
School of Legal and Socio-Political Studies	PhD Legal Studies/ Law	01
School of Liberal Studies	PhD Mathematics	01
	PhD Sociology	03
	PhD History	02
	PhD Economics	01
School of Letters	PhD Hindi	01
	PhD English	02
	PhD Comparative Literature and Translations Studies	00
School of Global Affairs	PhD Urban Studies	02
School of Culture & Creative Expressions	PhD Film Studies	02
	PhD Literary Art	01
	PhD Performance Studies	01
	PhD Visual Art	01
School of Public Policy and Governance	PhD Public Health	01
School of Vocational Studies	PhD Vocational Education	16
School of Heritage Research and Management	PhD Heritage Studies	01
Total Seats		45

I(B). Eligibility for application and admission as 'Foreign Student'.

1. A person who holds citizenship and valid passport of a country other than India is *eligible* for admission under the 'Foreign Student' (FS) category.
2. A person who holds a valid Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card and a passport of country other than India is *eligible* for admission under FS category. *Any applicant who holds Indian citizenship/passport is not eligible for admission under FS category.*
3. No applicant may apply under the FS category and be considered for admission under any domestic (Indian) student categories (general, OBC, SC, ST, EWS, SGC, etc.).
4. Tibetan applicants with Identity Certificates issued by the Government of India (and not holding Indian passports) will be considered foreign applicants only to be admitted under the FS category.
5. A non-resident Indian (NRI) and citizen of India whose qualifying degree/certificate is from an international education board or from a foreign school/HE institution/board is eligible for admission under FS category.[1]
6. FS applicants are subject to rules of 'in absentia' admission regardless of whether they are in India or outside of the country at the time of application.

[1] 'Qualifying degree' means the degree/diploma/education credential most recently obtained as minimum education requirement for admission to the programme applied to: for Bachelor's degree, the secondary school diploma; for admission to a Master's programme, the BA/BSc/BBA; etc.

I(C). Application fees and tuition fees.

The FS **application fees** (for self-financing and sponsored/financed applicants) are as follows.

- Foreign applicants from **non-SAARC countries** are required to pay an application fee equivalent to **USD 200** for applying to as many as two (2) AUD study programmes.
- Foreign applicants from **SAARC countries and Tibet** are required to pay an application fee of equiv. **USD 100** (for up to two programmes).
- The application fee must be paid in INR through the application portal via credit card/debit card or electronic transfer. Please check the exchange rate on <https://www.rbi.org.in> for the day and pay accordingly if paying in INR.
- The application fee serves as a registration processing fee for provisionally admitted applicants and is not refundable.

Annual FS tuition:

Programme	SAARC countries and Tibet	Non-SAARC countries
PhD*	Equivalent to USD 1200	Equivalent to USD 2000

*PhD scholars of FS category pay the designated annual fees during every semester of programme enrolment, not only for the period of required course work.

I(D). Required information and documents.

The FS admission portal/online application form will direct you to input information and upload digital scans or electronic documents. **The list of basic documents required for FS application is included here. Documents required of all FS applicants are indicated by *.** Descriptions of other kinds of documents that need to be submitted at point of application (for example, 'Statement of Purpose' or 'research proposal') are given in the bulletin of information, on the AUD webpage for a specific programme and in Section II below ('Programme-Specific Application Instructions'). Note that the application portal might not allow uploading of certain document/image formats or of items larger than 10 MB. You should provide the requested basic documents in the form of digital scans in Word or PDF, or .jpg for photos and images. File names should contain your name and a short description (for example: F Weber birth certificate.pdf). The online application portal will not allow you to complete your application and pay the required application fee if required documents have not been uploaded (or cannot be uploaded because they are in the wrong file format). *AUD is not obligated to process your application if the uploaded documents are illegible or not 'readable'.*

*1. **Birth certificate.** (If name on the BC is different from the name on education transcript/s, the applicant must also submit a separate affidavit/certificate linking the birth name and the name on education certificates.)

*2. Valid **passport.** (The passport should be valid for at least six months at the time of submitting the application.)

*3. A recent **photograph** showing full face of the applicant.

*4. **Scans/e-files of all official transcripts/education/degree certificates** mentioned in your application. Must include the qualifying degree (see definition in I.B. above) and prior degrees going back to secondary school.

*5. **Letter(s) authenticating education certificates** (in 4 above) by any one of the following: (a) an officer of the relevant educational institution; (b) an officer of the country's education ministry; (c) the cultural/education officer of the country's embassy in India. The Association of Indian Universities (AIU) will validate documents of foreign applicants for a fee (see www.aiu.ac.in) and AIU certificates may be submitted in place of institutional authentication letters. (Authentication letters are NOT required for Indian or SAARC-country education certificates.)

6. **Valid certificate of TOEFL/Academic IELTS/ELPC**, showing test score, *for applicants whose qualifying degrees are not from an English-medium institution/board.* This is not required if the school/HE institution (or the relevant academic programme of the school/HE institution) issuing transcripts per (4) and (5) above is an 'English medium' institution. **See clarification in Section I.E. below.**

7. **Proof of financial support** for the minimum normal registration period of the intended AUD study programme (2 years or 3 years). This proof would normally be one or more balance statements of bank accounts in the name of the applicant or her/his parent of legal guardian. The statements must be not older than three months from the time of application. *If such proof cannot be provided at point of application, a provisionally admitted student will be required to provide evidence of financial viability once s/he is in Delhi. (See Section I.F.)*

8. For Nepalese applicants only: citizenship card along with Nepal passport.

9. For Tibetan applicants only: Registration Card (issued by Govt. of India).

10. FS applicants already holding an **Indian visa for higher study** (Student or Researcher category) should submit a scan of the same.
11. **Valid Overseas Citizen of India (OCI) card**, if applicable. OCI card entitles the holder to study in India without Student or Researcher visa.
12. If applicant is in regular employment and availing of leave for the duration of their study in India, s/he should submit a **‘No objection certificate’ (NOC)** from the employer.
13. **Letter of scholarship award** from Indian or other government agency.

I(E). Language proficiency tests.

AUD is a multi-language learning environment. Many AUD study programmes expect learners to be proficient or to become proficient in more than one language, including English. Admission of foreign students to AUD presumes their proficiency in academic English. No special proof of proficiency is required *if* (a) an FS applicant’s most recent (or qualifying) educational degree was awarded by a recognized ‘English-medium’ institution, *or* (b) English was the official ‘medium of instruction’ of the programme they graduated from. **If neither (a) nor (b) is true, an FS applicant needs to provide evidence of academic proficiency in English in the form of a performance report/certificate of a standard examination of academic English, preferably TOEFL or IELTS (Academic only, not General Training version).** The reported test score must have been obtained within the preceding two years. For admission to all AUD programmes *except B.Voc. and Hindi language and literature*, an applicant’s minimum IELTS score must be 6.5, or the TOEFL score must be in the 79 – 93 range (out of 120) or above. *Applicants to B.Voc. and Hindi language and literature programmes need not submit TOEFL or IELTS scores as described above.* Admission to Hindi programmes requires demonstration of proficiency in Hindi, as decided by programme faculty. Admission to B.Voc. programmes may require an applicant to demonstrate knowledge of English. (Contact svs@aud.ac.in for instructions.)

In AUD programmes with compulsory English language courses, TOEFL or IELTS scores may be used to place the foreign student into the appropriate level of English language training.

I(F). What happens after you are offered admission?

- FS applicants with complete and valid online applications will be contacted in due course about subsequent application steps. Those selected for admission are offered *provisional admission* upon verification of the documents provided during the admission process.
- A provisionally admitted FS candidate will be issued documents by AUD to enable her/him to obtain a student visa (or, for Ph.D. scholars, research visa). No provisionally admitted foreign student will be registered at AUD without a valid visa (Student or Research) unless they are in possession of such document as OCI card that conveys right to stay in the country and register in an Indian educational institution. For information about visa requirements, please visit <https://indianvisaonline.gov.in/visa/index.html>. FS candidates should await the official AUD admission ‘offer letter’ (with provisional registration number and other information) before applying for visas.
- **Additional requirements for registration:** (1) proof of suitable medical insurance, with ‘evacuation’ clause, for the FS *as well as* any dependent family members who stay with the FS in India; (2) banking details showing ownership or co-ownership of a bank account in

India with funds sufficient to cover at least the first year of AUD tuition and living expenses in Delhi; *and* (3) evidence of personal and/or family financial resources sufficient to cover the student's expenses of the whole intended period of study (2 years, 3 years or 4 years). (3) can be waived for government sponsored/financed FS candidates (defined above I.A.).

- FS are expected to pay the agreed tuition (see I.C.) on an annual basis at the beginning of each academic year. Payment of tuition and charges must be in Indian Rupees (INR) and can be done by electronic bank transfer. If an FS drops out before the end of the full academic year, part of the tuition may be refunded on a pro-rated basis. Any refund will be in INR.
- **AUD Student Services** is the administrative unit directly concerned with admission of foreign students. Once admitted, foreign students are assisted and advised by programme staff of their School and by the **International Affairs Division (IAD)**. IAD assists FS with matters such as general orientation towards the university, registration at the Foreigners Regional Registration Office and search for housing/accommodation. Contact IAD at **iadoffice@aud.ac.in**.
- Please note that AUD cannot guarantee FS accommodation on its campuses. FS may apply for available university housing as other students do after they are provisionally admitted.

II. Application instructions for specific programmes

Before proceeding to the online application form/portal, read the information about admission in the general bulletin of information and on the AUD admission website *as well as instructions given below* about the programme(s) you are applying to. The application portal allows you to submit information and documents in stages ('save and return' option) before freezing and completing your application. Some programmes require you to email documents in addition to those you submit through the online application portal. Documents such as research proposals/prospectuses and statements of purpose will be checked with anti-plagiarism software. Plagiarized or falsified documents will result in rejection of an application.

The programme-specific instructions tell you what to do at point of application and what to expect after that. Contact information is provided for each study programme in case you have questions about the applications steps. **Once you have completed the online application form you will be contacted with further instructions, but you should also regularly check the AUD website for admission information/updates.**

Admission of all students to **Ph.D. programmes** is on the basis of several factors in addition to their performance in the previous ('qualifying') degree. **Details of the requirements (including additional documents to be submitted) for FS applicants to each research programmes are described below:**

The university complies with the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWD Act).

SCHOOL OF MANAGEMENT (SoM)

For any queries contact: deansom@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in Management

Eligibility in addition to eligibility requirements for application as 'Foreign Student':

1. Candidates who have obtained a Master's degree in Management or allied area, a professional degree declared equivalent to the Master's or possess an equivalent qualification, recognized by AIU with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.
2. A minimum GMAT score of 650.

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of purpose:** (300 – 500 words; carrying a 30% weightage) articulating applicants interest in management research with special reference to reasons to pursue a doctoral degree in India and at AUD in particular. It should also include details of specific area(s) of research that the applicant is willing to undertake aligned with his/her specializations.
2. **Research proposal:** (1500 – 2000 words; carrying a 40% weightage): indicating the broad area of research, the research proposal should explain the background, significance of the study, a brief review of literature, key questions, objectives and scope, and a brief description of the research process and methods that the candidate proposes to use along with references (in APA style).
3. **Online presentation and interview (30%):** Shortlisted candidates will be required to make brief online presentation of their research proposal followed by online interview to assess their intent and interest towards management research.
4. **Other requirements:** Two signed and dated letters of recommendation from faculty or academic advisors who are familiar with educational/professional background of the applicant within the past five years. The letter of recommendation should describe the applicant's areas of interests, competence and development.

Applicants detailed CV/biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments.

Note: All documents should be typed, 12 pt Arial font, 1.5 line spacing, saved as doc or pdf file, for naming use the following file naming convention [Applicant name]_[document type]_PhD_Management_2020. Example XXXX_SOP_PhD_Management_2020

SCHOOL OF DEVELOPMENT STUDIES (SDS)

For any queries contact: deansds@aud.ac.in, pcphdsds@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in Development Studies

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose (1000 words):** describing the candidate's reasons for wishing to complete this programme,
2. **Research Proposal:** detailing the applicant's proposed research project.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the

- applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

SCHOOL OF EDUCATION STUDIES (SES)

For any queries contact: deanses@aud.ac.in, shivani@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in Education

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Strong academic background with PG in Education related programmes.
2. Competence in academic comprehension and writing in English.
3. **Statement of Purpose** (300 – 500 words) articulating the applicant's reasons for pursuing the PhD in Education.
4. A **research proposal** in domain of Education reflecting an engagement with relevant literature in the field and appropriate methodology.
5. Two letters of recommendation from faculty, supervisors or academic advisors who are familiar with the educational/professional background of the applicant and can write about his/her areas of interests, strength and development.
6. Applicants may submit a CV/biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments (optional).
7. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**. During the interview, the candidate will be assessed for their suitability for a rigorous research programme and their intent and interest towards teaching, research and engagement in the field of education.

SCHOOL OF HUMAN ECOLOGY (SHE)

For any queries contact: deanshe@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in Human Ecology

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose:** (300 – 500 words) addressing applicant's reasons for wanting to earn the degree in the field of Human Ecology and indicating specific interest in the programme which is aligned with the applicant's professional research interests and specializations of comparable scholarly record.
2. **Research Proposal:** A write-up of up to five double-spaced pages (Times New Roman font size 12) should be submitted with the application. It should give a background of the proposed research, its questions/ objectives, a description of the chosen conceptual frameworks, and the historical-geographical context of the research
3. A **Written Exercise:** The candidates would be required to submit a written essay online on the basis of the readings uploaded to the AUD website.
4. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation by teachers or academic advisors who have known the applicant within the past five years and can speak to her/his competencies and interests. Referee should not write about the applicant as they knew him/her more than five years ago unless relevant. The letter is a statement of competence and interest, not merely a 'character certificate'.
5. Applicants must submit a C.V./Biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and

- accomplishments.
6. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

SCHOOL OF HUMAN STUDIES (SHS)

For any queries contact: deanshs@aud.ac.in, pcphdpsychology@aud.ac.in,
phdwgs.pc@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in Women and Gender Studies

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of purpose:** (300 – 500 words; carrying a 30% weightage) articulating applicants interest in management research with special reference to reasons to pursue a doctoral degree in India and at AUD in particular. It should also include details of specific area(s) of research that the applicant is willing to undertake aligned with his/her specializations.
2. **Research proposal:** (1500 – 2000 words; excluding bibliography; carrying a 40% weightage) in English should be submitted attaching the given first page. The proposal should specify the research agenda and question, should have a literature review of the available scholarship in the field and clearly mention possible methods of conducting the research. The proposal should be accompanied with a substantial bibliography. Citations should be according to the latest MLA style sheet. (Please note that AUD has zero tolerance policy towards plagiarism and the proposal will be screened through an anti-plagiarism software).
3. If the candidate proposes to conduct either ethnography or archival work in a language other than English, his/her proficiency in the language concerned should be mentioned in the proposal. If not proficient, the candidate has to mention if s/he will be arranging for a translator or research assistant by him/herself. (Please note that classes in AUD and examinations will be conducted only in English. We accept written material including PhD dissertations only in English from foreign students).
4. The candidate should submit a "writing sample" (with the given first page attached) which should be a substantial piece of published/unpublished writing in an area that is closely related to Women's and Gender Studies in general. This can be an MA/Mphil dissertation chapter, journal article, or work in progress. The writing sample should be a finished piece of writing, with an adequate scholarly reference apparatus, which reflects the applicant's ability to address research questions in the field of Women's and Gender Studies. The writing sample should be on something other than the proposed area of research preferably, an essay or a term paper. We only accept writing in English.
5. **Online presentation and interview** (30%): Shortlisted candidates will be required to make brief online presentation of their research proposal followed by online interview.
6. **Other requirements:** Two signed and dated letters of recommendation from faculty or academic advisors who are familiar with educational/professional background of the applicant within the past five years. The letter of recommendation should be from someone who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for research and his/her training in this or other relevant disciplines

Applicants detailed CV/biodata describing academic and/or professional activities and accomplishments.

Note: All documents should be typed, 12 pt Arial font, 1.5-line spacing, saved as doc or pdf file, for naming use the following file naming convention [Applicant name]_[document type]_PhD WGS_2025. Example: XXXX_SOP_PhD WGS_2025

Degree Programme: PhD in Psychology (Psychosocial Studies)

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research proposal (2500 - 3000 words; carrying a 40% weightage)** in English, indicating research agenda, methodology planned, and a bibliography. The applicant may also indicate their specific interest in and fit with the Psychology PhD programme at AUD. It should also include details of specific area(s) of research that the applicant is willing to undertake, aligned with their specializations. The proposal should specify the research agenda and question, have a literature review of the available scholarship in the field, and clearly mention possible research methods. We expect the proposal to be accompanied by a substantial bibliography. Citations should be according to the latest APA style. Please note that AUD has a zero-tolerance policy towards plagiarism, and the proposal will be screened through an anti-plagiarism software.
2. **Writing sample (carrying a 30% weightage)** in the form of published or unpublished work, such as a term paper, a research paper, a book chapter, or a chapter from a Master's or MPhil dissertation that best reflects the applicant's research acumen (one item). The writing sample should be a finished piece of writing, with an adequate scholarly reference apparatus, reflecting the applicant's ability to address research questions in psychology.
3. **Reason(s) for applying** to our programme should also be mentioned in the proposal.
4. After completing the application form, the applicant must also submit an essay based on readings and instructions to be uploaded on the website (PhD Psychology in the Admissions Section).
5. The soft copy file of the proposal should be typed, 12 pt Times New Roman font, 1.5 line spacing, saved as a doc or PDF file. Use the following file naming convention: [Applicant name]_[document type]_PhD_Psychology_2025. Example, XXXX_SOP_PhD_Psychology_2025.
6. Two signed **letters of recommendation** from faculty or academic advisors familiar with the applicant's educational/professional background within the past five years to be submitted on or before the last date of applications. The letter of recommendation should describe the applicant's areas of interest, competence, and development. These should be emailed or posted to the Programme Co-ordinator, Psychology, pcphdpsychology@aud.ac.in, with a clear subject heading "Recommendation Letter: Foreign Student" copied to deanshs@aud.ac.in. The referee should be someone who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for research and their training in this or other relevant disciplines.
7. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo a presentation of their research proposal, followed by an **online interview (carrying a 30% weightage)** to assess their intent and interest towards Psychological research.
8. For all **admission-related queries**, please write to the Programme Co-ordinator of Psychology, pcphdpsychology@aud.ac.in and Dean SHS deanshs@aud.ac.in. Please write a clear subject heading "Query: Admission for Phd Programme Psychology, Foreign Student."
9. The Indian Education system should recognize the previous degree of the applicant.

SCHOOL OF LEGAL AND SOCIO-POLITICAL STUDIES (SLPS)

For any queries contact: deanslps@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in Legal Studies/ Law

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose** (500 words) should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in legal studies at SLGC. This statement should include an account of the candidate's previous research experience.
2. **Research proposal** (maximum 2500 words) clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

SCHOOL OF LIBERAL STUDIES (SLS)

For any queries contact: deansls@aud.ac.in

Degree Programmes: PhD in Mathematics

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. Eligible applicants must have a high first division (or equivalent) in mathematics or an allied discipline in both undergraduate and postgraduate degrees.
2. **Statement of purpose** (500 words) including area of research interest, proposed research study and reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD.
3. Three letters of recommendation of which at least two are from persons who have taught the candidate mathematics at the Master's level. The letters should clearly address the capability of the candidate to do research in mathematics.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

Degree Programme: PhD in Sociology

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose** (500 words) should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in sociology at AUD.
2. **Research proposal** (maximum 2500 words) clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

Degree Programmes: PhD in History

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research proposal** as described in the general bulletin/application instructions for the M Phil and PhD History programmes on the AUD website.
2. **Statement of purpose** (300 – 600 words) indicating reasons for wishing to pursue research studies in India and at AUD in particular. The SOP must be a Word document or pdf and have a file name as follows: [Applicant surname]_SOP MPhil History [or PhD History]_2020. It must be uploaded with the online application.
3. Two letters of recommendation by teachers or academic advisors who have known the applicant within the past five years and can speak to her/his competencies and interests. Referee

should not write about the applicant as they knew him/her more than five years ago unless relevant. The letter is a statement of competence and interest, not merely a 'character certificate'.

4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**. The interview shall focus on the applicant's research proposal and shall be used to assess the applicant's capacity or potential to do historical research.

Degree Programme: PhD in Economics

The selection criteria for the programme is as follows:

1. Postgraduate (or Equivalent) in Economics (or Allied disciplines) from a recognised university/institute.
2. **Research proposal** (no word limit) with bibliography detailing the proposed research study and the reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.
4. Two letters of recommendations from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.

SCHOOL OF LETTERS (SoL)

For any queries contact: deansol@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in Hindi

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research proposal** (with bibliography) of approximately 3000 words specifying the applicant's research area and research questions.
2. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.
3. For any admission related query, please email FMA at pcphdhindi@aud.ac.in / deansol@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in English

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research proposal** (with a substantial bibliography) between 2500 to 3000 words specifying the applicant's research area and research questions.
2. A **writing sample** of 2500 to 3000 words on something other than the proposed topic of research preferably, an essay or a term paper, a chapter from a dissertation, or a published paper, with proper references and a bibliography.
3. Three letters of recommendation to be submitted by referees who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for and interest in research in the relevant field. These should be emailed or posted by the referee directly to the Programme Coordinator, PhD English (pcresenglish@aud.ac.in).
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

Degree Programme: PhD in Comparative Literature and Translations Studies

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Research Proposal** (3000 words excluding a substantial bibliography) detailing the applicant's research agenda and question, their proficiency in the languages they intend to conduct the research, and the reasons for applying to our wishing to pursue this programme at AUD.
2. Three letters of recommendation from referees who can testify to the applicant's aptitude for research and their training in this or other relevant disciplines.
3. **Writing Sample** in the form of a substantial piece of published/unpublished writing (dissertation chapter, journal article, or work in progress) in an area that is closely related to the literary humanities in general. The writing sample should be a finished piece of writing, with an adequate scholarly reference apparatus, which reflects the applicant's ability to address research questions in the fields of Comparative Literature and/or Translation Studies. If the original piece of writing is not in English, an adequate translation of the same should be made available in English.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

SCHOOL OF GLOBAL AFFAIRS (SGA)

For any queries contact: deanga@aud.ac.in, tchaudhary@aud.ac.in

Degree Programme: PhD in Urban Studies

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose (500 words):** should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in urban studies at AUD.
2. **Research proposal (maximum 2500 words):** clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

SCHOOL OF CULTURE AND CREATIVE EXPRESSIONS (SCCE)

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Degree Programme: PhD in Literary Art

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose (500 words):** which should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue a practice or research oriented PhD programme in Literary Art at AUD.
2. **Research proposal (maximum 2500 words):** clearly delineating the tentative research theme/genre or form/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. A portfolio of creative work and/or writing samples.
4. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation in support of the candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
5. A biodata with details of the applicant's academic and/or professional trajectory and achievements
6. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

Degree Programme: PhD in Performance Studies

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose (500 words):** which should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue a research oriented PhD programme in Performance Studies at AUD.
2. **Research proposal (maximum 2500 words):** clearly delineating the tentative research theme/genre or form/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. A writing sample in a related area.
4. Two signed and dated letters of recommendation in support of the candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
5. A biodata with details of the applicant's academic and professional trajectory and achievements.
6. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.

Degree Programme: PhD in Film Studies

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. A bio-data indicating educational background related to carrying out research in the discipline of film studies.
2. A **statement of purpose**, in not more than 500 words. that connects previous academic training and exposure to the intention of doing a PhD program in Film Studies at AUD.
3. A **research proposal**, in not more than 2000 words, that includes the research question, proposed methodology and literature review in the proposed area of research indicating how the research is going to contribute to the study of the phenomenon.
4. Two fresh recommendations from academics/scholars that the candidate had associated with or studied under.
5. The candidate will have to appear for an online interview.

Degree Programme: PhD in Visual Art

The PhD Programme in Visual Art comprises of two streams of research: A) Practice-integrated Research and B) Study-based research.

The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose (500 words):** articulating the applicant's reasons for pursuing the PhD in Visual Art.
2. **Research Proposal:** All applicants are required to submit an original Research Proposal as part of the online application. The research proposal must clearly delineate the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study. The research proposal should provide a background of the proposed research, its broad questions/ objectives, and a brief description of the relevant theoretical/conceptual frameworks. The research proposal must be between 2000 to 2500 words.
3. **Creative Portfolio:** Applicants for the Practice-integrated Research programme are required to submit a Creative portfolio in a single pdf file (not exceeding documentation of 5 completed projects/sets of work) as part of the online application.
4. **Interview:** The candidate will have to appear for an online interview. The interview shall take into consideration the following:

- i. whether the applicant possesses competence in the proposed research area.
- ii. whether the research can be undertaken at the School.
- iii. whether the proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge in the field.

SCHOOL OF PUBLIC POLICY AND GOVERNANCE (SPPG)

Degree Programme: PhD in Public Health

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The selection criteria for the programme are as follows:

1. **Statement of Purpose (500 words):** should include a well-articulated argument as to why the applicant wishes to pursue research in **Public Health** at AUD.
2. **Research proposal (maximum 2500 words):** clearly delineating the tentative research theme/focus/area which the applicant proposes to study.
3. Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
4. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.

SCHOOL OF VOCATIONLA STUDIES

Degree Programme: PhD in Vocational Studies

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The selection criteria for the programme is as follows:

1. **Research proposal** (Minimum 1000 words in APA format) shall include: Title of the research, Abstract, Introduction, Literature Review/Conceptual Framework, Methodology and Implications.
2. **Letter of Recommendation:** Two letters of recommendation in support of their candidature from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.
3. **Interview:** Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an online interview.
4. **CV:** Applicants detailed CV describing academic/professional activities and publications (if any).

SCHOOL OF HERITAGE RESEARCH AND MANAGEMENT

Degree Programme: PhD in Heritage Studies

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The selection criteria for the programme is as follows:

1. Post-graduation in Archaeology, Conservation, Museology and allied disciplines.
2. **Research proposal** (no word limit) with bibliography detailing the proposed research study and the reasons for wanting to pursue this degree at AUD.
3. Shortlisted candidates will be required to undergo an **online interview**.
4. Two letters of recommendations from referees familiar with the applicant's academic work and background.

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