Ph.D. Cell
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INFORMATION

Admission to Ph.D. Programmes for the Academic Session 2024-25

The University Grants Commission (UGC), to help the students with one national entrance test as part of implementation of National Education Policy (NEP) 2020, has decided vide its Public Notice dated **March 27, 2024**, that score of National Eligibility Test (NET) conducted by UGC and CSIR can be used by the Universities/HEIs for Ph.D. admission in place of Research Entrance Test (RET).

Accordingly, St. Xavier's College (Autonomous) Kolkata has decided to use NET score in place of the RET conducted by National Testing Agency (NTA) for admission to Ph.D. programmes in the College from the Academic Session 2024-25 in the **Post-Graduate and Research Departments of** *Physics, Microbiology, Biotechnology, Commerce, Political Science, Computer Science, English, Bengali and Economics* respectively.

The salient features of Admission to Ph.D. programmes in the College are summarized as under:

1. Applications for admission to Ph.D. programmes in the College will be invited from eligible candidates under following categories:

   i. **Category 1** : JRF qualified candidates

   ii. **Category 2**: Candidates qualified for Assistant Professorship without JRF and

   iii. **Category 3**: Candidates neither qualified for JRF nor for Assistant Professorship

   but eligible for Admission to Ph.D. only on the basis of NET score.

2. Admission under JRF Category will be done as per existing norms where 100% weightage will be assigned to viva-voce. However, candidates with valid JRF/GATE score are also eligible to apply.

3. The weightage for NET Score and Interview performance will be 70% and 30% respectively.

4. The marks obtained by the candidates in the NET Examination conducted by UGC and CSIR will be valid for a period of one year for the purpose of admission to Ph.D. programme as decided by UGC. The validity of JRF will be as mentioned in the JRF award letter.

5. The detailed brochure regarding vacancies across different subjects will be published in the College Website in due course.

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