

COMSATS University Islamabad
Registrar Secretariat, Academic Unit (PS)

No. CUI-Reg/Notif- 1736 /24/1795

July 26, 2024

NOTIFICATION

The 35th meeting of the Board of Advanced Studies and Research (BASAR), held on June 25, 2024, approved the following eligibility criteria for admission to all Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs at COMSATS University Islamabad, effective from Fall 2024 admissions, based on recommendations from all relevant Boards of Faculties:

Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs in the same or relevant field:

1. For admission to the **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs** of the CUI System, a minimum CGPA of 3.00 out of 4.0 (in the semester system) or 60% marks /1st Division (in the annual system) in an eighteen-year degree program in the same or relevant field from an HEC-recognized university/HEI is required. The relevancy, whenever needed, will be determined by the respective Dean as per the policy notified vide No: CUI-Reg/Notif-769/24/804/ dated March 26, 2024.
2. Students currently pursuing MS/MPhil or equivalent studies at CUI System who wish to continue to the **Doctor of Philosophy** program may receive provisional admission subject to final successful defense and upon approval by the Department Admission Committee based on their Statement of Purpose and commitment to the **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program**. However, final admission is contingent upon the award of the MS/MPhil Transcript/Degree within one year from the date of provisional admission:

Admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program on the basis of Intradisciplinary Degree:

1. Intradisciplinary admissions may be considered under the following conditions, provided the department chooses to do so:
 - a. The applicant expresses a strong interest in pursuing a **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program** in a discipline different from their existing qualifications.

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- b. The applicant has achieved a minimum score of 50% on the GRE Subject Test (or equivalent alternative if the GRE Subject Test is not available) in the intended **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program** and subject to the completion of 6 to 9 credit hours of deficiency courses at the graduate level 7.
- c. The Admission Committee of the Department is satisfied that the applicant's knowledge in their primary area (Level 7) adequately prepares them for the doctoral program, or that the applicant can enhance his/her preparation by taking additional courses after program commencement.

Admission Test:

- a) NTS/GRE/HAT, General/Subject/Equivalent tests conducted by testing bodies accredited by the HEC, with a passing score of 60% marks.
- b) In addition, the university may also conduct/accept subject tests provided the test is not conducted by GRE/NTS for admission to **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program** with a passing score of 60%, if deemed necessary.

Statement of Purpose:

1. As part of the application for **Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) program**, applicants shall also submit a statement of purpose. The Department Admission Committee will evaluate the candidate's readiness and interest in pursuing doctoral studies and assess the department's capacity to provide the necessary resources for training and supervision. The statement of purpose should include:
 - a. Title of the potential research proposal
 - b. Clear articulation of the current understanding of the intended field and ideas for potential research.
 - c. Explanation of the intended impact of the proposed research
 - d. Demonstration of passion and enthusiasm for the research area.

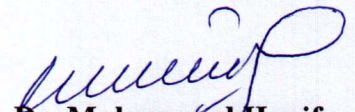
General Conditions:

- a. Conversion of CGPA to percentage shall not be allowed as per HEC letter no. 8-650/HEC/A&A/2007/2, dated January 14, 2008.
- b. If CGPA/Percentage is not stated on the transcript, the candidate must provide equivalent weightage from the parent university/HEI.

- c. Any other requirement, if any, from accreditation council(s) or HEC amended from time to time.
- d. The decision of the Admission Committee of the Department shall be final

The relevant clauses will partially modify the corresponding clauses of graduate rules, regulations, common policies, and all other notifications issued from time to time with respect to the extent of the above.

This issue is with the approval of the Rector/Convener Academic Council and supersedes all notifications previously issued regarding the eligibility criteria for admission in Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) programs at CUI System.


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