

GUJARAT BIOTECHNOLOGY UNIVERSITY
PHD PROSPECTUS 2025

Gujarat Biotechnology University (GBU), established by the Department of Science & Technology (DST), Govt. of Gujarat and located near the GIFT city, Gandhinagar is India's first Biotechnology University with a strong focus on innovation and translational research (www.gbu.edu.in). GBU has established its foundations in partnership with the University of Edinburgh for curriculum development, student visits and research collaborations. Gujarat Biotechnology University aims to develop future-ready professionals able to address the challenges of translational research for societal problems by developing globally competitive research & innovation-focused ecosystems. GBU imparts Postgraduate (PG) and Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) programs in Biotechnology. Students admitted to the Ph.D. program are offered six months course work covering various aspects of techniques and research methodology in biotechnology. The PhD program is interdisciplinary, with close interface between various disciplines of biological sciences. GBU has state-of-the-art laboratories to enable cutting edge research in the fields of Animal Biotechnology, Environmental Biotechnology, Industrial Biotechnology, Medical Biotechnology and Plant Biotechnology. GBU invites applications for admission to Ph.D. program in Biotechnology (2025) from candidates having good academic record and strong motivation, dedication, and passion to pursue product-focused research in biotechnology for solving societal problems. GBU provides Rs. 20,000/- P.M. to Ph.D. students for 5 years for sustenance.

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1. ELIGIBILITY FOR PHD ADMISSION

Candidates who have completed M.Sc./MTech 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.

A relaxation of 5% marks (from 55% to 50%) 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 UGC Guidelines.

2. CATEGORY OF ADMISSION:

The University admits Ph.D. students under the following categories:

1. GBU Fellowship-(Rs.20,000 per/month)

2. National Fellowship – Candidates with JRF qualified (CSIR/UGC/DBT/ICMR/DST).

Applicants having their National fellowship from recognized Government funding agencies such as CSIR, UGC, DBT, ICAR/DST or equivalent. GBU will not be responsible for the fellowship of such candidates.

3.Project Fellowship- This category refers to the students working in a sponsored project (in GBU/GBRC). The said project fellows are eligible to be admitted to the Ph.D. Program (of GBU/GBRC) to work on a full-time basis. GBU will not be responsible for the fellowship of such candidates.

NOTE: The candidate applying against GBRC seat will be placed at GBRC for the research work.

3.NO. OF SEATS:

04 seats (GBU Fellowship Rs.20,000/- per month)

36 seats (National fellowship / Project Fellowship)

NOTE: Allocation of seats to GBRC will be subject to approval from the competent authority of GBU.

4. RESERVATION OF SEATS: As per the Government of Gujarat rules from time to time.

5.SELECTION PROCEDURE

An entrance test will be conducted at GBU.

The Ph.D. entrance exam qualified candidates will be called for the interview. The qualified candidates will be selected as Ph.D. students of GBU.

or

Candidates with their National fellowship (JRF) conferred by the government agencies, e.g. UGC/CSIR/ICAR/ICMR/DBT/DST, will be exempted from the GBU entrance test and may directly appear for the interview. The fellowship terms and condition of the funding agencies will be followed at GBU. However, GBU will not be responsible for the maintenance of the fellowship of such candidates after their fellowship fundings are over.

or

The GBU Project fellows working in the national/state extramural research projects may apply for entrance exam. GBU Project fellows having qualifications of national eligibility test-without fellowship (UGC/CSIR/ICAR/ICMR/DBT/DST) will be exempted from the GBU entrance test and may directly appear for the interview after the recommendation of the PI. However, GBU will not be responsible for the maintenance of the fellowship of such candidates after their project fundings are over.

Note: GBU offers only full-time regular Ph.D. Biotechnology program. The Ph.D. entrance exam qualified candidates will be called for the interview. The qualified candidates will be selected as Ph.D. students of GBU.

A list of the selected candidates will be displayed on the GBU website.

Providing false/ incorrect information in the application form or non-possession of essential qualifications detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to disqualification of the candidate. The decision of the Competent Authority at GBU shall be final and binding in this regard.

6.Application Procedure

Only online applications will be accepted. The last date for receiving completed applications is **18th November 2025**. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

7.Documents to be Uploaded

- I. Marksheets and certificates of Graduation
- II. Marksheets and certificates of Postgraduation
- III. Document of Birth Proof
- IV. Migration Certificate
- V. Caste Certificate
- VI. Fee Receipt
- VII. Fellowship Certificate
- VIII. Recent passport size photograph

8.Fees for PhD Programme

The student admitted to the GBU PhD program will have to pay the following fees:

Sr. No.	Semester Fees	Amount	Remarks
1.	Tuition Fees	Rs.15,000	per semester
2.	Laboratory Fees	Rs. 5,000	per semester
	Total	Rs. 20,000/-	per semester
Sr. No.	Other Fees	Amount	Remarks
1.	Refundable Security Deposit	Rs. 10,000	To be paid at the time of enrolment. To be refunded on completion of Ph. D. (Issuance of Ph. D. Notification) or on leaving the Ph. D. program after issuance of “No Dues” Notification from University
2.	Thesis Examination Fees	Rs. 15,000	To be paid at the time of thesis submission
	Total	Rs. 25,000/-	

*SC, ST and PwD candidates from Gujarat state are exempted from paying tuition fees

*Any revision in fee by the competent authority as per the university policies will be applicable.

9.Fellowship

The students admitted to the program will have to avail the fellowship for which they have qualified as per the rules of the funding agency. GBU will have no financial liability regarding the same.

10.Admission Timeline

Sr. No	Activity	Date	Day
1.	Online application start date	03.11.25	Monday
2.	Last date for receiving online application	18.11.25	Tuesday
3.	Online Document Verification	24.11.25	Monday
4.	Declaration of Qualifying/Shortlisted Candidates	27.11.25	Thursday*
5.	Date of entrance examination	12.12.25	Friday*
6.	Declaration of Entrance Qualifying Candidates	17.12.25	Wednesday*
7.	Date of online Interview	19.12.25	Friday*

*The dates in the above table are subject to change. The competent authority, GBU reserves the right to change any of the dates in the above table.

Note:

All communication with candidates will be by email only. Kindly check this website for periodic updates. In case of any application-related queries, please contact: phd@gbu.edu.in.