

Ph.D. PROSPECTUS

Online Application for Admission to Ph.D. Programme	Commencement Date: 01-11-2026 Last Date: 16-11-2026
--	--

ABOUT GBU: A GLOBAL RESEARCH ECOSYSTEM

Located near the futuristic **GIFT City, Gandhinagar**, GBU is India's first university dedicated exclusively to Biotechnology with a focus on **innovation and translational research**.

In a landmark partnership with the **University of Edinburgh**, we offer world-class curriculum development, international student exchange opportunities, and high-impact research collaborations. Our mission is to forge future-ready professionals equipped to solve global societal challenges through cutting-edge science.

ADVANCED RESEARCH FRONTIERS

Step into state-of-the-art laboratories designed for interdisciplinary breakthroughs across seven key domains:

- ❑ **Medical Biotechnology**
- ❑ **Industrial Biotechnology**
- ❑ **Plant Biotechnology**
- ❑ **Animal Biotechnology**
- ❑ **Environmental Biotechnology**
- ❑ **Marine Biotechnology**
- ❑ **Computational Biotechnology**

Research Exposure

- ❑ **Interdisciplinary Excellence:** Benefit from a program that bridges various biological science disciplines.
- ❑ **Foundational Training:** All scholars undergo six months of intensive coursework covering advanced techniques and research methodologies.
- ❑ **Product-Focused Research:** We seek candidates with a passion for high-impact, product-oriented research that solves real-world problems.

GBU invites applications for admission to **Ph.D. program in Biotechnology** from candidates having good academic record and strong motivation, dedication and passion to pursue research in biotechnology for solving societal problems.

1. ELIGIBILITY FOR Ph.D. ADMISSION

- **Academic Requirement:** M.Sc./M.Tech. in Biotechnology or any discipline of biological sciences (or equivalent) with at least **55% marks** in aggregate or an equivalent grade. A relaxation of **5% marks** (from 55% to 50%) is applicable for SC/ST/OBC (NCL)/Differently Abled and EWS categories as per UGC regulations. Candidates will have to produce certificate and self-declaration statement for reservation weightage.
- Candidates will have to produce certificate and self-declaration statement for reservation weightage.

2. FELLOWSHIP CATEGORIES

1. **GBU Fellowship:** University-funded fellowship of Rs. 20,000/- per month.
2. **National Fellowship:** For candidates with valid **JRF** (CSIR/UGC/DBT/ICMR/DST). GBU is not responsible for the sponsoring of these fellowships.
3. **Project Fellowship:** This category refers to the students working in a sponsored project (in GBU). The said project fellows are eligible to be admitted to the Ph.D. Program (of GBU) to work on a full-time basis. GBU will not be responsible for sponsoring the fellowship of such candidates.

3. SELECTION PROCEDURE:

- Candidates qualified for JRF (CSIR/UGC/DBT/ICMR/DST) will be admitted based on direct interview of shortlisted candidates.
- For GBU fellowship, 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.
- The GBU Project fellows working in the national/state extramural research projects may apply for entrance exam for Ph.D. admission. GBU Project fellows having qualifications of national eligibility test-without fellowship (UGC/CSIR/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, the fellowship of such candidates shall be coterminous with the project, and GBU shall not be responsible for the continuation or payment of the fellowship beyond the availability of project funding.

4. NUMBER OF SEATS: Total 27 seats, out of which, maximum 20 seats as GBU Fellowship

5. RESERVATION OF SEATS: Reservation follows Government of Gujarat rules and is applicable ONLY to Gujarat Domicile candidates.

6. APPLICATION PROCEDURE

ONLY online applications will be accepted. The Gujarat Biotechnology University will not accept the application for admission to the Ph.D. Programme through any other mode. The last date for receiving completed applications is **16 Nov. 2026**. Incomplete applications will be rejected.

Candidates are advised to ensure fulfillment of the eligibility criteria **(On the date of application)** before filling in the online application form.

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 (wherever applicable)
- VI. Fellowship Certificate (for National Level Exam qualified candidates) and **support letter from supervisor/PI** (for Project Fellows)
- VII. Recent passport size photograph

After successful submission of online application, the candidates should take a print-out of the application form generated through the admission portal. This print-out along with all necessary supporting self-attested copies of the documents (along with the original documents) shall be required to be produced at the time of physical document verification.

The eligibility of each candidate shall be verified based on the information provided and the documents uploaded. If any document is found to be incomplete, invalid, or unsatisfactory during the verification process, the candidate's application shall be liable to cancellation.

8. FEES FOR Ph.D. 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. ADMISSION TIMELINE

Sr. No.	Activity	Date
1	Online application start date	01-11-2026
2	Last date for receiving online application	16-11-2026
3	Date of Entrance Examination for GBU	27-11-2026
4	Date of Online Interviews	07-12-2026

*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.

The candidates are hereby requested to visit the University website regularly for updates. All information will be updated on the University website <https://gbu.edu.in/> regularly. No separate communication will be made to individual applicants.

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- ☐ No application will be entertained after the last date of application.
- ☐ 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.
- ☐ All further communication with candidates will be on their registered e-mail **ONLY**.
- ☐ Kindly check the University website for periodic updates.
- ☐ In case of any application-related queries, please contact: phd@gbu.edu.in.

Vacancy Matrix

S. No.	Faculty	Ph.D. seats available
1	Dr. Nisha Singh	2
2	Dr. Varun Shah	2
3	Dr. Gaurav Jerath	2
4	Dr. Kavita Yadav	1
5	Dr. Imran Pancha	1
6	Dr. Vivek Verma	1
7	Dr. Jagat Rathod	1
8	Dr. Nitin Trivedi	1
9	Dr. Sandeep Panda	1
10	Dr. Gunjan Sharma	1
11	Dr. Ankit Rai	1
12	Dr. Neelam Kungwani	1
13	Dr. Kanti Kiran	2
14	Dr. Sudheer Pamidimarri	2
15	Dr. Chirayu Desai	2
16	Dr. Ravindra Pal Singh	2
17	Dr. Vishal Suthar	1
18	Dr. Sangram Lenka	1
19	Dr. Sudhir Pratap Singh	2