PhD program at Plaksha

A distinctive doctoral education program

About Plaksha University

Plaksha University is a technology and research university in India, with a vision to reimagine technology education and research in the higher education space. The university has partnerships with premiere global institutes including Cornell University, UC Berkeley, UC San Diego, University of Pennsylvania and Indian Institute of Science (IISc) Bengaluru.

The doctoral program at Plaksha is unique. It prepares students for the future by combining domain knowledge, research skills and portable skills, yielding the highest level of academic and professional achievement. The program involves in depth study and research, inculcating in the students a high level of dedication and commitment along with the ability to work independently and conduct original research.

Offering state-of-the-art research facilities and a professional working environment, Plaksha's vision is firmly rooted in interdisciplinary research to address grand challenges in the world, in areas including clean energy, water security, personal and equitable health and sustainable agriculture.

Currently, more than 30 PhD scholars are actively pursuing research in various disciplines under the supervision of faculty members trained from institutes such as MIT, Cornell University, University of Cambridge, IIT and IISc among others.

Call for PhD admissions

Eligible candidates are invited to apply for the full time PhD program at Plaksha University, commencing in January 2026 in a wide range of interdisciplinary fields, including Biosystems Engineering & Human Health, Robotics & Deep Learning, Computer Science & AI-ML, Environment & Clean Energy, Natural Sciences, Humanities, Language and Linguistics. Fellowships are available in the areas of Computer Science and AI for PhD applicants at the Harish and Bina Shah School of AI & Computer Science.
For more details visit **webpage** of the relevant faculty.

How to apply

Download the PhD application form from the **webpage**.
Send the application form along with the required supporting documents at **phd.academics@plaksha.edu.in** as a single pdf file.

Financial support for PhD scholars

- ₹48,000 per month for students with 4 years bachelors +2 years masters degrees (MTech etc.).

- ₹42,000 per month in the first year for students with 4 or 5 year degrees (BTech, MSc, etc.) and ₹48,000 per month in the subsequent years.

- Professional development allowance of ₹2 lakh.

- Opportunities for additional paid teaching/research assistance.

- Research opportunities at international fellowships, with airfare support and a monthly stipend commensurate with living expenses at the institute, for up to 6 months.

- One-time admission fee : ₹10,000.
  Registration fee per semester: ₹5,000.
  Tuition fee per semester: ₹5,000.

- Waiver of 95% of the tuition fee in lieu of taking charge as a Teaching Assistant for 10 hours per week.

Admission procedure

Preference will be given to those applicants who have qualified in at least one of the exams: CSIR NET-JRF/DBT-JRF/UGC NET-JRF/GATE/IIT-JAM/GRE etc. Such shortlisted candidates will be exempt from the written test and will be eligible directly for the interview. For other shortlisted candidates, a written test based on the NET/GATE syllabus for the concerned discipline will be conducted to shortlist for the interview.

Minimum eligibility qualifications for PhD progam

Candidates with any one of the following qualifications in the concerned discipline are eligible:

- 1-year/2-semester masters degree with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade after a 4-year/8-semester bachelors degree program.

- 2-year/4-semester masters degree with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade after a 3-year bachelors degree.

- 4-year/8-semester bachelors degree program with at least 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.

- Mphil degree with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.

- Qualifications declared equivalent to the masters degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade.

- An equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institute accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency approved, recognized or authorized by an authority established or incorporated under the law or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institute.

Important dates

Online application portal opens:
Sep 1, 2025

Written test and interview:
Nov 1 to 15, 2025

Application deadline:
Oct 15, 2025

Commencement of classes and admission: Jan 2026

Application shortlisting:
Oct 16 to 31, 2025

For any queries, please email: **phd.academics@plaksha.edu.in**