

**Notification**  
**Research Aptitude Test (RAT) 2019**

Applications are invited online from eligible candidates for registration to fulltime/part-time research leading to PhD Degree of the University for **2018-19** sessions. Candidates will have to appear for a **Research Aptitude Test**, and/or **Interview / Viva-Voce**.

Candidates shall carry out their research under approved research supervisor in the affiliated postgraduate institutes or in a research centre duly approved by the University.

Regulations for Award of PhD Degrees, The West Bengal University of Health Sciences, 2019 effective for registration from 2018-19 Sessions onwards will be available in the University website shortly.

**I) ELIGIBILITY AND RELAXTION OF MARKS:**

**1) Conditions of Eligibility:** Candidates for admission to the PhD program should have Masters Degree or a Professional Degree recognized as equivalent to the-

**a)** Masters Degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent Grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (Or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed)

**b)** Candidates who have obtained Master's degree or equivalent Post Graduate degree recognized by corresponding regulatory bodies in various disciplines of Basic sciences, Medical sciences, Dental sciences, Homeopathy, Ayurveda, Unani, Nursing, Paramedical and Allied Health sciences as stipulated above.

**c)** MPhil Degree by research and thesis recognized by UGC: Candidates who have passed the MPhil Program with a minimum of Grade 'B' in the UGC 7-point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed) with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent.

**2. Relaxation of Marks:** A relaxation of 5% of marks, from 55% to 50% or an equivalent relaxation of grade shall be granted to those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (Non-creamy layer)/differently able categories of candidates as per the decision of the University/State Government from time to time.

**II) EXEMPTION FROM RESEARCH APTITUDE TEST:**

Candidates for PhD program shall be granted registration through an Entrance test conducted by the University.

The following categories are exempted from qualifying in Research Aptitude Test (RAT) conducted by the University.

**1)** Those students who qualify UGC-NET/JRF, UGC-CSIR-NET/JRF, SLET, and Research Fellowships of Central or State Government Departments/Agencies as approved by the regulatory bodies, as the case may be.

**2)** Candidates with DST-INSPIRE fellowship.

**3)** Candidates with DBT/JRF.

**4)** The MPhil Degree shall be in the discipline concerned in which the applicant is seeking registration and degree should be obtained from a UGC recognized institution / University, As stated above **I) 1) c).**

**Note:**

\* The validity period of any of such Fellowships are counted for granting exemption from Research Aptitude Test.

\*MPhil Degree holders seeking registration for PhD shall be required to qualify Research Aptitude Test (RAT) in case registration is sought in a different discipline other than that specialized at PG / MPhil Degree levels respectively.

\*For candidates pursuing PhD Program, there is no scholarship / grant or any other pecuniary support from the University.

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Registrar, WBUHS**