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Call for Application

PhD in Education

(for **ONE** female candidate only)

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The Faculty of Social Sciences and Education (FOSSED), Nepal Open University (NOU), invites application from eligible **female candidates** to pursue a **PhD** in various fields and sub-fields of education. Interested candidates are advised to visit NOU website: <https://nou.edu.np/uploads/attachments/vwgvowpo3bgdkhhs.pdf> for PhD guidelines. Selected candidate will be provided with full scholarship by Norwegian Programme for Capacity Development in Higher Education and Research for Development (**NORHED**) in the project “Establish research-based basic teacher education programmes in Nepal” (For more information, see link: <https://project.nou.edu.np/2023/04/25/norhed-ii-project-63103-establish-research-based-basic-teacher-education-programmes-in-nepal-2021-2026/>). The PhD student will be actively involved in project activities, such as seminars and conferences and be connected to cross-institutional research teams. The PhD student will be expected to be involved in teaching/research at NOU for designated number of hours. The selected candidate will be contracted for a bonding period of 2 years after completing the PhD degree.

1. Entry Requirements

For direct enrolment to the PhD programme, the applicant should:

- have at least a second division or a CGPA of 2.7 at the Master level;
- have an MPhil degree from Nepal Open University or any other recognised University with at least second class of a CGPA of 3.3 at the MPhil level with a minimum of three years of teaching experience at campuses of recognised University or equivalent professional experience, and
- have a paper published as the principal author in journals of at least the national level on NEPJOL, or those recognised by the UGC Nepal.

The PhD enrolment shall be subject to entrance/admission tests and successful defence of the research purpose and interview in addition to the above criteria.

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2. Admission Criteria and Rules

- a. Applicants who wish to be enrolled in the PhD shall apply to the Dean of the FOSSED in the prescribed form of application stating their qualifications and areas of their research interest along with a "Statement of Research Purpose/Intention".
 - i. The proposed Statement of Research Purpose/Intention should be handwritten and contain not less than 2000 words.
 - ii. It must include:
 - The area of the proposed research/topic
 - The research problem
 - Rationale/practical justification of the proposed research, and
 - A preliminary approach to or pathway for conducting the proposed research.
 - iii. The Statement of Research Purpose/intention shall carry 25 per cent marks in the evaluation of the applicant.
- b. The applicant shall successfully complete all the tests administered by the FOSSED.
- c. The Faculty Research Committee (FRC) shall conduct an entrance test of the applicant to assess his/her knowledge and skills in the field of his/her PhD study.
- d. The FRC may require an applicant to demonstrate his/her qualifications and preparedness for admission by satisfactorily carrying out such work and/or sitting for such examinations that the FRC shall determine.
- e. The FRC shall also ensure that the subject being offered to the applicant is one which can be effectively studied within the FOSSED.
- f. The FRC after the preliminary scrutiny shall enroll the selected applicants in the PhD programme.
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3. Comprehensive Entrance Exams (CEE)

- a. The FOSSED's evaluation of PhD applicants shall consist of 150 marks. The PhD entrance exams shall comprise the three evaluation components:
 - i. Admission Test: A 3-hour entrance exam carrying 100 shall be administered to the PhD applicants as stated hereunder:

a. Objective questions	1. Verbal ability 2. General awareness and logical reasoning (Multiple choice questions)	25 marks 25 marks
b. Subjective questions	1. Research methodology 2. General content of education	25 marks 25 marks

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- ii. Evaluation of "Statement of Research Purpose/Intention": The proposed research purpose/intention submitted during the application process will be evaluated by at least two experts based on the evaluation criteria in Appendix I. The Statement of Research Purpose/Intention shall carry 25 marks in the evaluation of the applicant.
- iii. Defence and Interview: The defence of Statement of Research Purpose/Intention and interview shall be conducted for those candidates who have passed the written test and evaluation of the 'Statement of Research Purpose/Intention'. The evaluation shall be based on the applicant's knowledge of content and research methods, skills, attitude, and commitment to the- PhD research it shall carry 25 marks in the evaluation of the applicant.
- c. Result Publication: Based on the number of seats announced by the FOSSED Dean's office, a merit-based list of eligible candidates (preferably with 25% on the waiting list) will be published.

4. Extended Deadline for application: 22 Magh, 2081 (4 February, 2025)

5. Application fee: Rs. 5,000/- (Five thousand rupees only) to be deposited to GlobalIME Bank, Kirtipur branch

Account name: NEPAL KHULLA BISHWO BIDHYALAYA (Nepal Open University)

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Note: Selected PhD candidates will work under the supervision/guidance of designated supervisor(s) through face-to-face (in-person) and/or other supplementary modes.

Additional scholarships: Candidates responsible for household can apply for financial support to pay for housemaid some hours a week.

Parental leave: According to NOU regulations

How to apply:

Fill up online form here: <https://sis.nou.edu.np:8443/Entrance/>.

(First register and proceed following the given instruction.)

In case of a problem in the portal,

Email your application along with all required documents to: fosed@nou.edu.np

Or drop hard copy to

the Dean's Office

Faculty of Social Sciences and Education

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