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MAHE Manipal PhD Brochure

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1. Introduction

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE) is synonymous with excellence in Higher Education. 40,000+ students from 65+ different nations live, learn and play in the sprawling University town, nestled on a plateau in Karnataka's Udupi district. Located at Manipal, MAHE offers 370+ career centric specializations in 35 disciplines and 11 Program levels through 39 institutions / schools / centres / departments.

Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE), Manipal also has campuses at Mangaluru, Jamshedpur & Bengaluru and offshore campuses in Dubai (UAE)

- Mangaluru campus offers Allied Health, Dentistry and Medicine programs
- Bengaluru Campus offers Allied Health, Art & Design, Commerce, Engineering, Humanities, Law, Management, Mass Communication and Regenerative Medicine programs
- Jamshedpur Campus offers Allied Health and Medicine programs
- Dubai campus offers Engineering, Management and Architecture programs

We are delighted to inform you that MAHE Manipal has been

- Accorded the [Institution of Eminence \(IOE\)](#) status by Ministry of Education (MOE), Govt of India (GOI) in Oct 2020, through a signing of an Memorandum of Understanding (MOU)
- Ranked #3 in National Institute Ranking Framework (NIRF) Ranking 2024, Govt of India (GOI)
- Re-accredited [A++](#) by National Assessment & Accreditation Council (NAAC), Govt of India (GOI)
- Ranked 851-900 by QS World University Rankings 2025

We are pleased to know that you are considering MAHE as the destination for your Doctoral studies and we look forward to you applying for the same. MAHE Manipal offers PhD programs through 3 faculty disciplines.

- Health Sciences (HS)
- Technology & Science (TS)
- Management, Liberal Arts, Humanities, Social Sciences & Law (MLHS)

Institutions / Departments / Schools under Manipal Academy of Higher Education (MAHE)

Faculty of Health Sciences (HS): Streams & Institutions (16)	
Medicine	Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Manipal Kasturba Medical College (KMC), Mangalore Dept. of Basic Medical Science (DBMS), Manipal Manipal TATA Medical College (MTMC), Jamshedpur
Integrative Medicine	Centre for Integrative Medicine & Research (CIMR), Manipal
Dentistry	Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCODS), Manipal Manipal College of Dental Sciences (MCODS), Mangalore
Pharmacy	Manipal College of Pharmaceutical Sciences (MCOPS), Manipal
Allied Health	Manipal College of Health Professions (MCHP) Manipal, Mangalore & Bengaluru Manipal TATA Medical College (MTMC) Jamshedpur
Nursing	Manipal College of Nursing (MCON), Manipal
Life Science	Manipal School of Life Sciences (MSLS), Manipal
Public Health	Prasanna School of Public Health (PSPH), Manipal
Virology	Manipal Institute of Virology (MIV), Manipal
Regenerative Medicine	Manipal Institute of Regenerative Medicine (MIRM), Bengaluru
Biotherapeutics	Manipal Centre for Biotherapeutics Research, Manipal

Faculty of Technology & Science (TS): Streams & Institutions (09)	
Engineering & Information Science	Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT), Manipal Manipal Institute of Technology (MIT), Bengaluru Manipal School of Information Sciences (MSIS), Manipal
Basic & Advanced Sciences	Manipal Institute of Applied Physics (MIAP), Manipal Manipal School of Natural Sciences (MCNS), Manipal
Architecture	Manipal School of Architecture & Planning (MSAP), Manipal
Hotel Management	Welcomgroup Graduate School of Hotel Administration (WGSHA), Manipal
Arts, Design & Technology	Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design & Technology (SMI), Bengaluru Dept of Design (DOD), MSAP, Manipal

Faculty of Management, Liberal Arts, Humanities, & Social Sciences (MLHS) : Streams & Institutions (10)	
Media & Communication	Manipal Institute of Communication (MIC), Manipal Manipal Institute of Liberal Arts, Humanities and Social Sciences (MILHS), Bengaluru
Management	Manipal Institute of Management (MIM), Manipal T A Pai Management Institute (TAPMI), Manipal T A Pai Management Institute (TAPMI), Bengaluru
Commerce & Economics	Manipal School of Commerce and Economics (MSCE), Manipal Manipal Institute of Commerce, Finance and Economics (MICFE), Bengaluru
Humanities	Manipal Institute of Social Sciences, Humanities and Arts (MISHA), Manipal
Library Science	Dept of Library & Information Sciences (DLIS), Manipal
Law	Manipal Law School (MLS), Bengaluru

2. PhD Program

The broad objectives of the PhD programme are to contribute to the creation of new knowledge and enable the researcher to develop the competency of conducting research individually or in a group later. MAHE Manipal offers Doctoral (PhD) studies in a wide range of areas covering the streams listed in the table above.

MAHE Manipal encourages research in interdisciplinary areas through a system of joint supervision and interdepartmental group activities. 2000+ students have completed their Doctoral studies from MAHE Manipal, in the last 5 years and have 20,000+ national & international publications to its credit

2.1 Categories of PhD Admissions

Applicants can aspire to the following categories, in the current admissions cycle.

- Full-Time (with Dr. TMA Pai Scholarships) (**Category 2**)
- Full-Time PhD (Self – Financed) (**Category 3**)
- Part-Time (For working professionals without scholarship) (**Category 6**)

The details of various PhD categories available at MAHE and application processes are given below.

2.1.1 Category 1: Full-Time PhD (without Scholarship) with Valid National Fellowships

- Duration
 - Minimum 3.5 years from date of admission, Maximum 6 years
- Eligibility
 - Candidates under AICTE-QIP program & Post Graduates with UGC / CSIR – NET – JRF / ICMR – JRF / DBT – JRF / JEST / INSPIRE / NDF, **and** having a valid fellowship at the time of admission are eligible to apply for Full-Time PhD program under this category.
- Admission Process
 - Admission Schedule: Four times a year (January, April, July and October)
 - Selection to the PhD program under this category would be done by a panel of experts through

presentation and an interview

- Course Fee
 - Selected candidates are exempted from paying the course fee for minimum course duration
- Stipend & Other Support
 - Contingency grant of Rs. 1,50,000 per year, for 3 years will be given for research work of the PhD student to cover equipment, consumables and publication costs.
 - This amount cannot be used for the manpower and travel.
 - Financial assistance to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 during the PhD program will be provided for presenting paper at national / international conference(s).
 - This amount can be utilized within 3.5 years of admission or before thesis submission, whichever is earlier
 - Above facilities can be availed with prior approval from MAHE, Manipal
 - Application form may be downloaded from <https://www.manipal.edu/mu/academics/phd.html>
 - Completed application and supporting documents to be submitted to Centre for Doctoral Studies (CDS), MAHE as per the instructions given in the application.

2.1.2 Category 2: Full-Time PhD with Dr. TMA Pai Scholarships

- Duration
 - Minimum 3.5 years from date of admission, Maximum 6 years
- Eligibility
 - Candidates who fulfil the [Eligibility Criteria](#) are eligible to apply for Full-Time PhD program (with scholarships) under this category.
- Admission Process
 - Admission Schedule: Twice a year (July and January)
 - Candidates must appear for All India Online Remote Proctored Computer Based PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET) conducted by MAHE Manipal
 - Candidates who qualified UGC-NET exam or GATE /GPAT Exam with Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2024, 2025, 2026 are exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test.
 - Candidates who qualified in JGEEBILS (Joint Graduate Entrance Examination for Biology and Interdisciplinary Life Sciences) with Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2025 are exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test
 - All the candidates who qualify PhD MET will be shortlisted for an institute / department level interview. Similarly, candidates who are exempted from PhD MET will be subjected to an institute / department level interview.
 - Dr. TMA Pai PhD Scholarship programme Candidates shortlisted through the interview process will be eligible for grant-in-aid instituted by MAHE, Manipal
 - Refer Section 4 for more details
 - For the current admission cycle, submit your application on <https://apply.manipal.edu>
- Course Fee
 - Refer **Section 5** for PhD Course fees.
- Scholarship & Other Support
 - Refer **Section 8** for Dr. TMA Pai Scholarships
 - Financial assistance to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 during the PhD program will be provided for presenting paper at national / international conference(s).
 - This amount can be utilized within 3.5 years of admission or before thesis submission, whichever is earlier

- The above facilities can be availed with prior approval from MAHE Manipal
- Dr. TMA Pai Fellows will **NOT** accept additional salary / stipend, etc., from any other source during the tenure of the fellowship
- Opportunity to pursue Jointly supervised PhD in MAHE-Deakin Cotutelle PhD program – For more information on topics, eligibility, program structure - please visit <https://manipal.edu/phd>

2.1.3 Category 3: Full-Time PhD (Self – Financed)

- Duration
 - Minimum 3.5 years from date of admission, Maximum 6 years
- Eligibility
 - Candidates who fulfil the [Eligibility Criteria](#) are eligible to apply for Full-Time PhD program in Self-Financed mode under this category
- Admission Process
 - Admission Schedule: Twice a year (July and January)
 - Candidates must appear for All India Online Remote Proctored Computer Based PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET) conducted by MAHE Manipal
 - Candidates who qualified UGC-NET assistant professorship exam or GATE /GPAT Exam with Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2024, 2025, 2026 are exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test
 - Candidates who qualified in JGEEBILS (Joint Graduate Entrance Examination for Biology and Interdisciplinary Life Sciences) with Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2025 are exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test
 - Shortlisted candidates who qualify through PhD MET, will be subjected to an institute / department level interview
 - Refer **Section 4** for more details
 - For the current admission cycle, submit your application on <https://apply.manipal.edu>
- Course Fee
 - Refer **Section 5** for PhD Course fees.
- Support
 - Financial assistance to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 during the PhD program will be provided for presenting paper at national / international conference(s).
 - This amount can be utilized within 3.5 years of admission or before thesis submission, whichever is earlier
 - The above facilities can be availed with prior approval from MAHE Manipal

2.1.4 Category 4: Full-Time PhD for Project Fellows

- Duration
 - 6 years maximum
- Eligibility
 - Project Fellows working under funded projects in MAHE Institutions / Departments and meeting the eligibility criteria specified in MAHE PhD guidelines, can apply for full-time PhD program under this category.
- Admission Process
 - Admission Schedule: Four times a year (January, April, July and October)
 - Project Fellows must appear for Institute / Department level test
 - Candidates who qualified UGC-NET assistant professorship exam or GATE /GPAT Exam with Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2024, 2025, 2026 are

exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test

- Shortlisted candidates will be called for Institute / Department level interview
- More details and application form may be downloaded from <https://www.manipal.edu/mu/academics/phd.html>
- Completed application and supporting documents to be submitted to Centre for Doctoral Studies (CDS), MAHE as per the instructions given in the application.

2.1.5 Category 5: Full-Time PhD at Collaborating Research Centres

- Duration
 - Minimum 3.5 years from date of admission for full-time candidates, Maximum 6 years
- Eligibility
 - Candidates who work in Research Centres collaborating with MAHE Manipal, are eligible to apply for the full-time or part-time PhD program under this category.
- **More details**
 - Please refer <https://www.manipal.edu/mu/academics/phd.html>

2.1.6 Category 6: Part-Time PhD for working professionals

- Duration
 - Minimum 4.5 years (4 years 6 months) from date of admission, Maximum 6 years
- Eligibility
 - Candidates fulfilling the [Eligibility Criteria](#) are eligible to apply for Part-Time PhD program in Self-Financed mode under this category
 - Candidates **MUST** have at least 2 years of work experience as permanent full-time employee at the time of document submission as per the timeline notified. Candidates **MUST** have at least 2 years
 - Candidates who are employed on Ad hoc / part-time / temporary / contract / probation / visiting / guest faculty / freelancer or self-employed in the current organization are not eligible.
 - At least one co-guide from the current organization / from the same vicinity where the candidate is working is mandatory.
 - Co-guide must meet the criteria specified for PhD Co-Guide as per Manipal Academy of Higher Education. It is the responsibility of the candidate and Guide to ensure that Co-Guide meets the eligibility criteria and necessary approval is obtained at the time of document submission as per the timeline notified.
 - Co-Guide must NOT be from any one of the constituent Institutions of Manipal Academy of Higher Education. However, additional Co-guide may be from any one of the constituent Institution of MAHE.
 - Indian Nationals working abroad and Foreign Nationals working abroad, or India are not eligible to apply under this category
- Admission Process
 - Admission Schedule: Twice a year (July and January)
 - Candidates must appear for All India Online Remote Proctored Computer Based PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET) conducted by MAHE Manipal
 - Candidates who qualified UGC-NET assistant professorship exam or GATE /GPAT Exam with Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2024, 2025, 2026 are exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test
 - Candidates who qualified in JGEEBILS (Joint Graduate Entrance Examination for Biology and Interdisciplinary Life Sciences) with Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2025 are exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test
 - Shortlisted candidates who qualify through PhD MET will be subjected to an institute / department

- level interview.
 - Refer **Section 4** for more details
 - For the current admission cycle, submit your application on <https://apply.manipal.edu>
- Course Fee
 - Refer **Section 5** for PhD Course fees.

2.1.7 **Category 7: International candidates**

- Duration
Minimum 3.5 years from date of admission, Maximum 6 years
- Eligibility
Candidates fulfilling the [Eligibility Criteria](#) are eligible to apply for Full-Time PhD program under this category.
- Admission Process
 - Admission Schedule: Four times a year (January, April, July and October)
 - Selection to the PhD program under this category would be done by a panel of experts through presentation and an interview
 - *Such candidates are exempted from All India Online Remote Proctored Computer Based PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET) conducted by MAHE Manipal*
 - Candidates shortlisted through the interview process will be eligible for grant-in-aid instituted by MAHE Manipal which is at par with Dr. TMA Pai PhD Scholarships
 - Application form may be downloaded from <https://www.manipal.edu/mu/academics/phd.html>
 - Completed application and supporting documents to be submitted to Centre for Doctoral Studies (CDS), MAHE as per the instructions given in the application.
- Course Fee
 - Refer <https://www.manipal.edu/mu/academics/phd.html> for PhD Course fees.
- Scholarship & Other Support
 - Refer **Section 8** for Dr. TMA Pai Scholarships
 - Financial assistance to a maximum of Rs. 50,000 during the PhD program will be provided for presenting paper at national / international conference(s).
 - This amount can be utilized within 3.5 years of admission or before thesis submission, whichever is earlier
 - The above facilities can be availed with prior approval from MAHE Manipal
 - Candidates will **NOT** accept additional salary / stipend, etc., from any other source during the tenure of the fellowship

2.2 **Duration of PhD program**

- The minimum duration for full-time PhD program is 3.5 years i.e., (3 years 6 months) from the date of admission for category 1, 2, 3, 5 and 7
 - Date of joining at the institution, is considered as the date of registration for PhD
 - The duration of the program will be calculated from the date of joining, till the award of degree
 - Extension beyond the minimum period will be based only on the recommendation of the Doctoral Advisory Committee (DAC). This requires approval of Centre for Doctoral Studies (CDS) MAHE Manipal
- The maximum duration shall **NOT** exceed six (06) years.

3. Eligibility Criteria

A candidate seeking admission to the PhD program **MUST** fulfill the following eligibility criteria

3.1 Indian Qualifications

Degree Qualified	Eligibility Criteria
A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme from an institution / university recognized by UGC / respective regulatory body after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme OR A 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme from an institution / university recognized by UGC / respective regulatory body after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme	60% marks in aggregate or its equivalent in master degree
4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme from an institution / university recognized by UGC / respective regulatory body	75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade
MBBS/BDS/PharmD degree from an institution / university recognized by UGC / respective regulatory body	60% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade

3.2 International Qualifications

In case of International qualification (meeting the above criteria mentioned under Indian Qualifications), it should be from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

Note:

Admissions guidelines are updated for each session. Qualifications or types of Experience certificates accepted in previous admission cycles should not be used as a reference for the current cycle. Candidates MUST meet the eligibility criteria specified for the current admission cycle.

All the candidates seeking admission MUST complete the joining formalities within the stipulated time. No extension will be provided for submission of original documents for verification under any circumstances.

4. Admission Process

Admissions to the following is through an All India Online Remote Proctored Computer Based PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET), followed by institution / department level subject interview for the candidates qualifying through the PhD MET

- Category 2: Full-Time PhD with Dr. TMA Pai Scholarships
- Category 3: Full-Time PhD (Self-Financed)
- Category 6: Part-Time PhD for working professionals

4.1 All India PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET)

PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET) will be an Online Remote Proctored Computer Based Test

4.1.1 All India PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET) Details

- Mode: Home Based Online Remote Proctored Computer Based Test
- Test Duration: 1 hour
- Tentative Date & Time Slot: **10 AM – 11 AM (Nov 15, 2026) ****

- Type of Questions: Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ)
- Marking Scheme for MCQs: + 4 (Correct answer), - 1 (wrong answer), 0 (unanswered question)
- Question Paper will have MCQs on Research Aptitude
 - Max Marks: **240**
 - Total Questions: **60**
 - Test Pattern
 - ✓ Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs): For all 3 streams

**** Any change in the dates will be uploaded on the candidate portal & website**

Note:

1. The mode of Examination will be **Online Remote Proctored Computer Based Test** and will be conducted through **Secure Examination Browser** with **Primary and Secondary cameras** on **windows compatible Desktop or Laptop ONLY**
2. It is **MANDATORY** for the candidate to position the primary and secondary cameras **STRICTLY** as per the guidelines of Online Remote Proctored Computer base test and live stream both Primary and Secondary camera feed throughout the examination. Failure follow these instructions will automatically lead to “disqualification”.
3. It is the responsibility of the applicant to make suitable arrangements such as compatible laptop/desktop, configuration requirements for the examination.
4. As the examination is online proctored, a good internet connection is required. MAHE will not be held responsible for disruption, if any, in the examination due to configurational or internet related issues.
5. If the candidate fails to follow the examination instructions or causes a breach in the terms and conditions of the examination, or for any other reason, and If any unusual / suspicious activity / behavior of the Candidate is observed during the Examination, MAHE reserves right to conduct detailed audit (such as verification of examination footage, Pattern of attending the questions and overall conduct during the examination etc.), and if found any grounds or reason to believe any malpractice, MAHE in its sole discretion may disqualify such candidate. The decision of MAHE in this regard is binding on the applicants.

4.2 PhD 2026 – 27 Batch 2 PhD Domain categories

When MAHE Manipal faculty submit their PhD proposal(s), they will identify the relevant categories for their proposed research topic. The following are the PhD Domain categories submitted by the PhD guides at MAHE.

Stream	Available PhD 2026 – 27 Batch 2 PhD Domain categories
Health Sciences	Allied Health: Emergency Medical Technology, Medical Imaging Technology, Medical Laboratory Technology, Medical Radiation Physics, Nuclear Medicine, Occupational Therapy, Optometry, Physiotherapy, Speech And Hearing, Ayurveda, Yoga And Naturopathy, Unani, Siddha And Homeopathy, Clinical Psychology, Dentistry, Health Science: Basic Medical Science, Communicable Diseases, Education, Neuroscience, Non-Communicable Diseases, Public Health And Epidemiology, Reproductive Science, Life Sciences, Nursing, Pharmacy: Pharmacy Practice And Clinical Pharmacy, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Analysis And Drug Regulatory Affairs, Pharmaceuticals, Pharmaceutical Quality Assurance, Regulatory Affairs And Pharmaceutical Management, Pharmacology, Pharmacy Practice, Pharmacognosy And Pharmaceutical Biotechnology, Public Policy
Technology & Science	Architecture, Arts, Design & Technology, Basic Science: Biology, Chemistry, Geology And Ecology, Mathematics, Physics, Engineering: Chemical Stream, Civil Stream, Computer Stream, Electrical Stream, Mechanical Stream, Food Science And Nutrition
Management, Liberal Arts, Humanities, Social	Commerce, Economics & Management, Humanities, Philosophy, Liberal Arts, Social Sciences, Media And Communication, Law

4.3 PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET) Syllabus

The test intends to assess basic research aptitude of the candidate based on reasoning ability, comprehension and general awareness.

An assessment of the basic research aptitude will be carried out in the following content:

- **Research Aptitude (15)**
Research and its types, methods of research, research process, styles of referencing, qualitative and quantitative methods of research, sampling
- **Numerical and Logical Reasoning (15)**
Number series, codes and relationships, fraction, time and distance, rate proportion, profit and loss etc, Deductive and inductive reasoning, mood and figure, analogies.
- **Data Interpretation (15)**
Classification of data, sources of data, graphical interpretation, data interpretation, Data governance.
- **English (15)**
Passage followed by questions, antonyms and synonyms.

Reference Books and Resources (Recommended):

1. NET/SLET/JRF PhD Entrance test Paper 1. 8th Edition
2. UGC NET/JRF/SLET General Paper – 1 by Arihant Experts
3. UGC NET/JRF/SLET General Paper – 1 by Upkars
4. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fN7J9ykyS8Y> (Previous Year UGC NET based MCQ practice- Unacademy)

Online Courses (Recommended):

Udemy:

<https://www.udemy.com/course/research-methods/>

<https://www.udemy.com/course/research-methodology-complete-research-project-blueprint/>

Both the courses focus on the steps in a research process and the elements of research through the lens of a research project.

Coursera:

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/research-methodologies>

The contents of this course covers both quantitative (in detail) and qualitative methods (very briefly). It is a beginner level, four-week, 19 hour course offered by Queen Mary University of London.

<https://www.coursera.org/learn/research-methods?>

A short (five-ten hour) course offered by University of London through Coursera provides an introduction focussed on research methods and its importance. This can be recommended as part of preparations for the Entrance examination. This MOOC is about demystifying research and research methods. It will outline the fundamentals of doing research, aimed primarily, but not exclusively, at the postgraduate level.

4.4 Subject Level Institution / Department Interview

- On completion of All India PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET), list of candidates who have been shortlisted through the MET are eligible for Subject level Institution / Department Interview will be made available on the candidate portal / MAHE Manipal website

- Interview for the MET shortlisted candidates will be scheduled at the institution as per timeline
- Mode of interview
 - Online or On-Campus
 - ✓ Will be communicated in the interview communication, by the institute PhD Coordinators
- Institute PhD coordinator(s)/Guide or designated office of Institution will contact the PhD MET Test shortlisted candidates for
 - Submission of soft-copy of the following documents, for eligibility check
 - ✓ Bachelor's Degree Certificate
 - ✓ All semester Master's marks / grade sheets
 - ✓ Master's Degree Certificate (if available)
 - ✓ 2 Page Curriculum Vitae (CV)
 - ✓ International / National Journal / Conference publications
 - Interview mode, date and time slot for interview

4.5 List of Candidates Selected after Interview

- On completion of Subject Level evaluation at Institution / Department, the list of candidates selected for Full-Time PhD (with Dr. TMA Pai Scholarship, Self-Financed mode) and Part-Time PhD (working professionals, without Scholarships), will be displayed on the candidate portal
- The selected candidates **MUST** confirm the offer made through the candidate portal and complete the fee payment (**Section 5**) within the stipulated time displayed in the candidate portal at the time of confirmation
- The Joining / reporting schedule & instructions will also be displayed in the candidate portal, at the time of confirmation.

5. PhD 2026 – 27 Program Fee

The program fee structure is as follows

- **Full-Time PhD & Part-Time**

The program fee structure for Full-Time PhD (with Dr. TMA Pai Scholarship, Self-Financed mode) and Part-time PhD for working professionals is as follows:

TimeLine	Full-Time PhD with Dr TMA Pai scholarships and Self-financed	Part-Time PhD for working professionals
	Indian / Domestic Admissions	Indian / Domestic Admissions
1 st Installment (At the time of admission)	Rs. 37,000	Rs. 37,000
2 nd Installment (Start of 2 nd year)	Rs. 18,000	Rs. 18,000
3 rd Installment (Start of 3 rd year)	Rs. 18,000	Rs. 18,000
4 th Installment (Start of 4 th year, for last 6 months for Full-time)	Rs. 9,000	Rs. 18,000
5 th installment (Start of 5 th year, for last 6 months for Part-time)	NA	Rs. 9,000
Thesis Evaluation fee at the time of thesis Submission	Rs. 15000	Rs. 15,000

5.1 PhD 2026 – 27 Program Fee Payment

Selected Candidates will have to make the fee payment online

- Fee Payment Link will be displayed in the candidate portal on confirmation of offer acceptance
- On successful completion of fee payment, the candidates must report to the respective campuses for the Document verification and Joining formalities
- PhD Roll No will be generated for the eligible candidates by MAHE Manipal Admissions Office on receipt of fee payment and completion of Document verification

- Only upon the generation of PhD Roll No, the candidate will be considered for hostel booking based on the availability (if required)
- Students who pursue the course beyond minimum duration specified by the University are required to remit fee for the extended period, until their thesis submission.
- Fee paid is not refundable under any circumstances

6. Document Submission

- On receiving the provisional admission offer, candidates are required to report to MAHE Admissions Office for document verification and submission process
- The list of documents to be submitted in original are as follows
 - All semester / year marks / grade sheet of Bachelor's Degree (By Recognized University)
 - All semester / year marks / grade sheet of Master's Degree (By Recognized University, for Eligibility check)
 - Undergraduate and Post Graduate Degree Certificates
 - Self-Attested Pan Card, Aadhaar card and APAAR ID photocopy
 - Signed Letter of Undertaking (*link for the Format will be made available in the offer letter*)
 - Joining Report (*link for the Format will be made available in the offer letter*)

Note:

- All the selected candidates must complete the document verification within the stipulated timelines provided without fail. Under no circumstances, extension of time for reporting will be entertained. If the case of non-reporting within the timelines will lead to cancellation of the allotment.
- It is expected that the candidates fulfill all the eligibility requirements for Ph.D. admission along with the availability of all the original documents for verification process. Hence, no additional time will be granted under any circumstances to submit these documents for verification.

7. Hostel Fee

- Hostel will be allotted based on availability only
- Candidate intending to stay in MAHE Hostels, has to pay hostel fee as per MAHE Manipal guidelines
 - Contact Chief Warden MAHE (Manipal / Mangaluru / Bengaluru Campus) / MIT Hostels (as appropriate) only after completing the reporting formalities at MAHE Admissions Office.
 - Hostels will be allotted, only on generation of Roll No by MAHE Manipal Admissions Office

8. Dr. TMA Pai Scholarship (Full-Time)

MAHE Manipal provides Dr. TMA Pai Scholarships to [Full-Time PhD candidates](#)

- The scholarship will be paid through the respective institutions

Probationary period (NOT more than 6 months)	First Year	Second Year	Third Year
Rs. 27,500 / month	Rs. 34,000 / month	Rs. 34,000 / month	Rs. 38,500 / month

- The scholarship will start from the date of joining
- Candidates are expected to present their PhD protocol to the committee constituted for the purpose within 6 months of joining
 - In case, PhD protocol presentation gets delayed, the candidate will not be paid the scholarship amount for the duration of the delay.
- The candidate will receive scholarship for a maximum of 3 years & 6 months from the date of joining.
- The scholar is required to sign a bond at the time of joining. If the registration is cancelled for any reason, the scholar is required to return the stipend paid so far. Scholar is required to abide by the guidelines of the scholarship

applicable in force time to time.

9. Leave Rules

The leave rules for PhD students admitted under category 2 and 3 are as follows

- Candidate is eligible for 12 days of Casual Leave (CL) and 15 days of Special Casual leave (SCL), per calendar year
 - SCL can be availed only for academic enhancement programmes such as conference, workshop, seminars; with prior approval from MAHE Manipal
- All the leaves to be availed with prior permission of Guide & Head of Institution (HoI)
- Candidate is **NOT** eligible for any other leave or vacation
- In case of leave over and above the eligibility, the duration of PhD will be extended by leave period availed

10. Course Discontinuation

If Dr. TMA Pai scholarship scholar withdraws / discontinues the PhD program or the registration is cancelled by the university for any reason, he / she has to return the full scholarship amount availed till the date of withdrawal/cancellation.

Course Fee once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances

11. Important Timelines

The tentative timelines for the various stages of the PhD Admission process are as follows

Activity	Schedule
PhD 2026 – 27 Batch 2 Applications Open	Sept 29 – Nov 05, 2026
PhD 2026 – 27 Batch 2 Manipal Entrance Test (MET) Remote Protected	Nov 15, 2026 [Tentative]
PhD 2026 – 27 Batch 2 Test Shortlist in candidate portal	Nov 25, 2026
PhD 2026 – 27 Batch 2 Preference Filling by the MET shortlisted candidates	Nov 26 – Nov 30, 2026
PhD 2026 – 27 Batch 2 MET shortlist sharing with the Institute PhD coordinators	Dec 03 – Dec 05, 2026
PhD 2026 – 27 Batch 2 Test Shortlist Interviews	Dec 06 – Dec 24, 2026
Declaration of Interview results in candidate portal	Dec 30, 2026
Acceptance of Research Title by Shortlisted Candidates, Offer Letter to Candidates confirming the offer, Upgradation of Waitlist & Offer Letters, Reporting to MAHE Admissions for Document Submission & Course Commencement	On or Before Jan 15, 2027

** Any change in dates will be uploaded on the candidate portal / website*

12. PhD Online Application Form (OAF)

Candidates interested in the following PhD programs at MAHE must [Apply Online](#). To ensure a smooth & quick error-free filling of the PhD Online Application Form (OAF), please read the following instructions carefully.

- Full-Time (with Dr. TMA Pai Scholarships) (Category 2)
- Full-Time PhD (Self – Financed) (Category 3)
- Part-Time (For working professionals without scholarship) (Category 6)

Note

- *All applicants are requested to read the PhD form filling instructions carefully, before starting the PhD application process*
- *Applicants are deemed to have read the PhD Information Brochure and understood the admission process, in addition to agreeing to the terms and conditions of the MAHE PhD program.*

12.1 Registration (New Candidate)

To create a login account, the Candidate **MUST** register at <https://apply.manipal.edu>

- A one-time registration as “New Candidate” is needed, after which you can login, using your user credentials.

12.1.1 PhD MET streams

MAHE PhD guides have identified [PhD MET streams and Domain Categories](#), for the proposals submitted by them. All candidates **MUST** select their Stream and Domain category during application.

12.1.2 Candidate Details

Field Name	Instruction
PhD Type	Select Full-Time with Scholarship / Part-Time (for Working Professionals) as per interest • You will have to make a choice amongst the 2 dropdown items ○ Full-Time with Scholarship Choose this option if you are interested in Dr. TMA Pai Scholarship PhD opportunity / allotment only ○ Part-Time (for Working Professionals) To be selected by Working Professional who wish to pursue PhD in Part-time mode only
Select Stream	Choose Stream as per interest.
PhD Domain Category	Please select any ONE PhD Domain category in which you would like to pursue your PhD program. Please visit www.manipal.edu/phd --> PhD Domain categories for information on the available PhD domains This information will be used for sharing the shortlisted candidate details with the respective Institution / Department for the Personal Interview process
Confirmation by Candidate	Mandatory requirement for Part-Time PhD applicants and confirmation from candidate
MAHE Guidelines on Co-Guide Registration	Mandatory requirement for Part-Time PhD Co-guide registration and confirmation from Candidate
GATE / GPAT / UGC-NET / JGEEBILS Qualified	If “YES”, indicate “Year of Passing” Note: ▪ You need to upload the valid scorecard under Document Upload Section ▪ Candidates who qualified for JGEEBILS®, UGC-NET assistant professorship / JRF / PhD exam or GATE /GPAT Exam with Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2024, 2025, 2026 are exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test @- Cutoff marks applicable for the general category for the academic year 2025 only are exempted from Ph.D. Manipal Entrance Test
PhD Batch 1, 2026-27 MET Qualified and waitlisted	If “YES”, indicate “Application number” Note: Please note that ONLY those applicants who have Qualified MET exam and subsequently waitlisted after the interview process (Batch 1, 2026) are EXEMPTED from PhD MET examination. Applicants who are NOT SELECTED or who have NOT ACCEPTED the offer are not exempted from PhD MET examination The score obtained in the previous MET PhD entrance examination will only be considered [MAHE cannot be held responsible if a candidate becomes “not qualified” due to better cut off scores of the current MET PhD Entrance Examination].

MAHE Toper	If “YES”, indicate “MAHE Registration number” Note: 10% of Batch toppers at any of the programs offered by constituent institutions of MAHE are exempted from MET PhD entrance examination
Graduation and Postgraduation Details	Please select the “Degree” from the dropdown. Select the “Specialization” if applicable Enter the Name of the Institution, University, Duration of the program, Year of Passing and the Score Obtained. Candidates are advised to go through the Eligibility requirements before providing the details 1.All admissions are subject to fulfillment of all the eligibility conditions by the candidate. a.It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility requirements for the course(s) applied, at the time of Interview / Merit List Preparation / Fee payment / Orientation / (online / offline) / Course commencement (whichever is earlier). b.If it is found at a later stage, during active verification, that the candidate has given false information / qualification obtained from unrecognized Board / University or is found to have concealed some information regarding eligibility / deliberately delayed submission of marks / grade sheets in spite of multiple reminders, his / her admission will be cancelled without any notice, and the paid fee will be forfeited Note: Admissions guidelines are updated for each session. Qualifications or types of Experience certificates accepted in previous admission cycles should not be used as a reference for the current cycle. Candidates MUST meet the eligibility criteria specified for the current admission cycle.
Work and Research Experience	Enter the details of Employment type, Organization Name, City, State, Designation, and duration of engagement Please provide the details of research publications, if any, in the format provided
Personal Details	Provide Name, Gender, Date of Birth, Nationality, Alternative Email ID, Alternative Mobile Number, Select Valid ID Proof from the dropdown list, provide the ID proof Number, Date of issue and validity If Foreign National, enter the details of Passport and VISA
Document Upload	Please upload recent [taken in the last 6 months] passport photograph, Sign your name on a white paper, scan or take a picture, and UGC-NET score card, if applicable ▪ The photograph must be a recent passport size looking directly at the camera, in colour preferably, against a white or light background ▪ Wearing caps, hats or any tinted or dark glasses is not acceptable. Religious head wear is allowed but it must not cover the face ▪ Photo size should be equal to or less than 500 KB with 200 dpi. The Dimension should be 3.5 cm (width) X 4.5 cm (height) ▪ Please upload correct photograph and signature, otherwise your application will be cancelled ▪ Candidate Signature MUST be on a white paper using black / blue ink pen with size equal or less than 300 KB with 200 dpi. ▪ Upload PDF copy of GATE / UGC-NET score card / Proof of completion of Research methodology modules on Swayam, if applicable
Guardian Details	Provide Name, Email, Phone number and correspondence and permanent address details
Click on the Check box to confirm that you accept the Terms & Conditions and Rules & Regulations	

Application Fee Payment

- **Note your 9-digit Application No. displayed at the top of the page**
- PhD Registration Fee is Rs. 2,000 and it includes the All-India PhD MET 2026 Test fee

Query Resolution

In case of any queries, please email admissions@manipal.edu mentioning

- PhD 2026 - 27 Batch 2 in the email subject line
- Application Number in the email text
- Exact nature of the query (Other than what is available in this brochure)

Note

- *Queries sent to any other email ids available on website, will **NOT** be attended to*
- All queries will be replied to within 48 hours of query receipt or 2 working days

13. Public Advisory

- We have **NO** agents or middlemen for admissions process, and all admissions can be secured only by merit through All India PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET) and subsequent interview process
- Mere inclusion in the interview shortlist and call for interview does **NOT** guarantee admission to the PhD program.
 - This will exclusively depend on the applicant's performance in All India PhD Manipal Entrance Test (MET), the number of test shortlisted candidates attending the interview process, their stream / topic of choice and the number of seats available
- All admissions are subject to fulfilment of all of the eligibility conditions by the candidate.
 - It is the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that they fulfill all the eligibility requirements for the course(s) applied, at the time of Merit List Preparation / Counseling (online / offline) / 1st year fee payment / Orientation / (online / offline) Class commencement (as applicable).
- If it is found at a later stage, during active verification, that the candidate has given false information / qualification obtained from unrecognized Board / University or is found to have concealed some information regarding eligibility / deliberately delayed submission of marks / grade sheets in spite of multiple reminders, his / her admission will be cancelled without any notice and the paid fee will be forfeited
- Jurisdiction for dispute if any shall be at Udupi District court only

♣ **Best of Luck** ♣

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Annexure 1: Format for Publications

1. Author Name, 2020, Paper / Article Name, Journal Name, vol. 25, no. 5, pp. 125-127, ISSN No, DOI
2. Author, Year, Article / Paper Name, Journal / Conference Name, Volume, Issue, Page(s), ISSN No, DOI
3. Author Name, 2020, Paper / Article Name, Conference Name, Conference Location, Journal Name, vol. 25, no. 5, pp. 125-127, Jan 3-7, 2019, ISSN No, DOI

When entering data in the PhD Online Application Form (OAF), consolidate the data and enter the data in the following order

1. International Journal Publications
2. National Journal Publications
3. International Conference Publications
4. National Conference Publications