

# Information Brochure

## PhD admissions (Jan-June, 2023)



**School of Planning and Architecture, Bhopal**  
(An Institute of National Importance,  
under SPA Act 2014, Ministry of Education)

## **Introduction**

"School of Planning and Architecture offers doctoral degree in Architecture, Planning and Design". The broad objectives of the Ph.D. programme is not only to keep pace with the expanding horizons of knowledge but also to provide research and training that has a relevance to the present needs of the society in relation to social, cultural and environmental sustenance.

The Ph.D. degree is awarded in recognition of the high academic achievements, independent research generation and application of knowledge to the solutions that focus on issues relating to settlement and habitat development including knowledge extraction from extant artifacts and built heritage sites. The academic programme leading to the degree is broad based and involves a minimum course credit requirement and a research thesis.

The school encourages research in interdisciplinary areas through a system of interdepartmental joint supervision. This provides excellent opportunities for interdisciplinary research. The presence of a strong research oriented faculty in the school provides excellent support for the doctoral programme."

Prospective candidates are welcome to apply for admission to the Ph. D Programme of SPA Bhopal. You may fill the application form available at the following link : <https://forms.gle/zwdDGRAuWBn48Knj6>

## **Students may refer the following while filling up the application form**

### **1) Regulation 1 (RG1): Categories of Admissions to the PhD Programme (as per SPA Ordinance):**

Admission to the PhD programme shall be made in the following three categories as following:

- a) Admission based on Valid JRF/NET(UGC) /GATE/ CEED/ any national entrance test recognized by Government of India and with Institute scholarship.
- b) Admission based on an entrance test conducted by SPA Bhopal and without Institute scholarship.
- c) Admission based on Research Assistantship in research projects of SPA Bhopal sponsored by an external organization and with scholarship available from the research projects.

### **2) Regulation 2 (RG2): Aptitude Testing for Admission:**

Admission to the PhD programme shall be made based on an entrance test conducted by SPA Bhopal for candidates with and without Institute scholarship. Admission will be through two processes:

- a) For category (a) with reference to RG 1:

60% weightage will be given to the merit rank/marks awarded in JRF/NET(UGC) /GATE/ CEED /or any other national entrance test recognized by Government of India and considered by SPAB; 10% weightage will be on SoP (Statement of Purpose) and 30% weightage on Interview.

- b) For category (b & c) with reference to RG 1:

50% weightage will be on written examination (MCQ type); 10% weightage on SoP (Statement of Purpose); 10% weightage on a test for discipline specific knowledge and 30% weightage on interview.

- c) A document elaborating SoP (Statement of Purpose) (maximum 1000 words) and the area of research interest including a tentative research title has to be provided by each the candidates in advance for the same to be discussed during interview/viva voce. The SoP may elaborate up on the need of the research, niche of the research within any established research gap (if any), tentative research methods, research design and expected outcome of the research.
- d) The Entrance Test (MCQ type) for admission categories (b) and (c) in RG1 as above shall include questions that test research/ analytical/ comprehension/ logical /quantitative aptitude. A syllabus containing generic contents may be referred at **SPA Bhopal website link: <http://14.139.241.249/PhdAdmission2023/SYLLABUS-AptitudeTest.pdf>**
- e) The test for discipline specific knowledge shall be department-wise or for different PG programs of SPA Bhopal. Syllabus for each of these PG programs may be referred in the SPA Bhopal website at the link: <https://spabhupal.ac.in/Syllabus.aspx>

Syllabus of the following M.Plan, M.Arch and M.Des programmes may be referred.

- Master of Planning (Urban and Regional Planning)
- Master of Planning (Environmental Planning)
- Master of Planning (Transport Planning and Logistics Management)
- Master of Architecture (Urban Design)
- Master of Architecture (Conservation)
- Master of Architecture (Landscape)
- Master of Design
- Bachelor of Architecture

- Bachelor of Planning
- f) The interview/viva-voce, inter alia, shall consider the following aspects, viz. whether:
- I. The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
  - II. The research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution/College;
  - III. The research topic is socially relevant/ locally need-based/ nationally important/ globally significant/ creates value to the society, or is in a cutting edge area of research.
- g) Qualifying marks: Qualifying marks will be 35% for candidates from general and EWS categories and 30% for the candidates belonging to different reservation categories other than EWS category (ST, SC, OBC-NCL).

### **3) Regulation 3 (RG3): Eligibility for Admission to PhD Programme**

- a) An applicant shall be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. programme of SPAB provided s/he has successfully completed any of the following Degrees from the first three listed categories below (i, ii and iii) with 60% marks or 6.0 CGPA (55% marks or 5.5 CGPA for reserved categories) **OR** a Degree as listed in category (iv) from a recognized University/Institution:
- i) 1year/2 semester's Master's Degree programme in various specializations of Architecture/ Planning/Design and allied subjects;
  - ii) A 2year/4semester's Master's Degree programme in various specializations of Architecture/ Planning/Design and allied subjects;
  - iii) Integrated Masters Degree Programme in various specializations of Architecture/ Planning/Design and allied subjects;
  - iv) A Bachelor Degree in Architecture or Planning or B. Tech (Planning) / B. Design or any equivalent Degree for the said disciplines as listed in AICTE approval documents, B.A.(Fine Arts/Visual Arts or allied discipline) with 75% marks or 7.5 CGPA (70% or 7.0 CGPA for reserved categories) or equivalent grade.
- b) Candidate with an equivalent Degree from a Foreign University and programme is also eligible to be admitted to the PhD programme of SPAB provided the programme is accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency recognised by law in the foreign country and equivalence is established either by an organisation in India or by a committee constituted at SPAB for the purpose by the Chairperson of the Senate, SPA Bhopal.
- c) Foreign nationals are eligible to apply following Government of India rules or regulations. If these applicants are from countries where the official language is not English, they are required to submit results of TOEFL/ IELTS/ PTE tests as proof of proficiency in English language.
- d) Department wise specific eligibility criteria may be referred as following:
- Department of Urban and Regional Planning
    - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections i, ii, and iii above, apart from Masters Degree Programme in various specializations of Architecture / Planning (including 1 year, 2 year or integrated programs) and their equivalent degrees, the following degrees from allied disciplines are eligible:
      - M.A. / M.Sc. in Geography / Economics / Sociology, Public Policy, Urban Systems, Urban Studies, Regional Studies, Statistics, Operation research;
      - M. Tech /M.E. in Remote Sensing/GIS
      - 5 year Integrated Degree in Law with specialization in Land Ownership or Property Law
    - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, section iv, B. Plan or its equivalent degree as listed by AICTE is eligible.
  - Department of Environmental Planning

- With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections i, ii, and iii above, apart from Masters Degree Programme in various specializations of Architecture / Planning (including 1 year, 2 year or integrated programs) and their equivalent degrees, the following degrees from allied disciplines are eligible:
  - M.A. / M.Sc. in Geography / Economics / Environmental Science;
  - 5 year Integrated Degree in Law with specialization in Environmental Law
- With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections iv, B. Plan degree or its equivalent degree as listed by AICTE is eligible.
- Department of Transport Planning
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections i, ii, and iii above, apart from Masters Degree Programme in various specializations of Planning (including 1 year, 2 year or integrated programs) and their equivalent degrees, the following degrees from allied disciplines are eligible:
    - M. Tech/M.E./M.S. in Transport/ Traffic/ Infrastructure or equivalent programs, as listed by AICTE;
    - MBA/PGDBM in Operations/ Logistics/ Public Policy/ Infrastructure or equivalent programs, as listed by AICTE;
    - M.Sc./M.A. in Geography/ Economics/ Statistics/ Operations research/ Econometrics or equivalent programs
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections iv, B. Plan degree or its equivalent degree as listed by AICTE is eligible.
- Department of Urban Design
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections i, ii, and iii above, apart from Masters Degree Programme in various specializations of Architecture / Planning (including 1 year, 2 year or integrated programs) and their equivalent degrees, the following degrees from allied disciplines are eligible:
    - M.A. / M.Sc. in Urban Systems, Urban Studies;
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, section iv, B. Arch degree or its equivalent degree as listed by AICTE is eligible.
- Department of Conservation
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections i, ii, and iii above, apart from Masters Degree Programme in various specializations of Architecture / Planning (including 1 year, 2 year or integrated programs) and their equivalent degrees, the following degrees from allied disciplines are eligible:
    - M.A. in History/ Cultural Studies/Heritage studies/Anthropology or equivalent degrees
    - M.A./ M.Sc. in Museology / Archaeology or equivalent degrees
    - 5 year Integrated Degree in Law with specialization in Heritage Law
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, section iv, B. Arch degree or its equivalent degree as listed by AICTE, Bachelors in Visual Arts / Fine Arts is eligible.
- Department of Landscape Architecture
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections i, ii, and iii above, apart from Masters Degree Programme in various specializations of Architecture / Planning (including 1 year, 2 year or integrated programs) and their equivalent degrees, the following degrees from allied disciplines are eligible:
    - M.A. / M.Sc. in Geography, Urban Systems, Urban Ecology;
    - M. Tech /M.E. in Remote Sensing/GIS
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, section iv, B. Arch degree or its equivalent degree as listed by AICTE is eligible.

- Department of Design
  - Apart from Masters Degree Programme in various specializations of Design (including 2 year Degree or PG Diploma or integrated programs) and their equivalent degrees, 2 year Masters degrees/ PG Diplomas of the following allied disciplines allied are eligible
    - Master in Technology/Engineering
    - Masters in Architecture/Planning
    - Masters in Fine/Applied Arts/Museum Studies / Museology.
    - Masters in Allied subjects of Design
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, section iv, B. Des degree or its equivalent degree as listed by AICTE, Bachelors in Visual Arts / Fine Arts is eligible.
- Department of Architecture
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, sections i, ii, and iii above, Masters Degree Programmes in various specializations of Architecture / Planning (including 1 year, 2 year or integrated programs) and their equivalent degrees are eligible;
  - With respect to the conditions mentioned in RG3, section iv, B. Arch degree or its equivalent degree as listed by AICTE is eligible.

#### **4) Regulation 4 (RG4): Conditions for Award of Scholarship / Fellowship**

- a) Institute scholarship shall be available to scholars admitted under category (a) of RG 1 (based on Valid JRF/NET(UGC) /GATE/CEED scores) and will initially be valid for two years. The tenure of the scholarship is extendable up to four years subject to satisfactory progress. After completion of the Institute scholarship period, if the research work is not complete, the scholar shall continue without scholarship.
- b) Out of the total seats declared for admission, a maximum of 50% of the seats will be earmarked for admission under category (a) with reference to RG1 i.e., with Institute scholarship. This scholarship will be distributed across reservation categories. The method of selection candidates for award of Institute scholarship will be as following:
  - Firstly, department wise merit lists will be prepared considering total scores (weighted score of Valid JRF/NET(UGC) /GATE/ CEED scores + weighted score of SoP + weighted score of Interview).
  - As a second step, these department wise merit lists will be merged together for preparing a master list for each category of reservation.
  - This merit list as above (category specific but not department specific) shall be considered for award of Institute scholarship.
- c) Separate guidelines for availing the Institute scholarship shall be made available on Institute website.
- d) SPAB reserves the right to grant the Institute Scholarship to a PhD scholar provided s/he possesses a score that is above the cut off level as decided by the competent authority from time to time.
- e) Continuance of the Institute scholarship shall be contingent upon the progress of the research made by the respective PhD scholar as evaluated by the respective DRC (Doctoral Research Committee) and shall be withdrawn if so warranted on grounds of poor or no progress.
- f) Category of a PhD scholar admitted under category (b) of RG 1 may be changed to category (c), if the scholar is selected for a sponsored research hosted at the Institute. The duration and the scholarship amount for candidates admitted in category (c) of RG 1 shall be as per conditions of the respective sponsored research projects. After completion of the sponsored research scholarship period, if the research work is not complete, the scholar shall continue without scholarship.
- g) Category of a PhD scholar admitted under category (c) of RG 1 may be changed to

category (a), if the scholar is selected for a sponsored research hosted at the Institute and is listed in the merit list of category (a) i.e. the candidate is GATE/CEED qualified and merit listed for receiving scholarship as well. For such category of admitted candidates, if the scholarship amount from the research project is less than the Institute scholarship amount, the balance amount will be paid from the Institute. The scholarship amount from the research project shall be transferred from the project to the Institute in such cases. If the research project scholarship is more than the Institute scholarship, the scholarship will be paid to the candidate directly from the project till such time as the declared duration of the project scholarship. If the project scholarship duration is less than 4 years, the candidate will continue to receive Institute scholarship beyond the project scholarship duration provided all other conditions mentioned in these sections are fulfilled.

h) The amount of Institute scholarship is as following:

- For the first two years: Rs. 31000 Per month
- For the subsequent two years: Rs. 35000 Per month

i) All PhD scholars shall record their daily attendance in the Attendance Registers maintained at the office of the respective departments till the mandatory residency period. PhD scholars receiving Institute scholarship or scholarship from any sponsored research of the Institute shall continue to record their daily attendance beyond the mandatory residency period till the duration of the scholarship.

### 5) Regulation 6: Registration of PhD Scholars

- a) Prescribed Registration fee as announced from time to time by the Institute shall be payable at the time of admission to the Ph.D. programme at SPA Bhopal.
- b) For the candidates to be admitted in 2023, the prescribed fees are as following:
- a. Admission Fee (one time at the time admission): Rs. 10,000/- (non-refundable)
  - b. Annual registration fee per year: Rs. 23,000/-
  - c. PhD thesis submission fee: Rs. 30,000/-

### 6) Applicability of Regulations for PhD

- a) All the candidates admitted during the January – June session 2023 will be subject to the PhD Regulations 2018 and the subsequent amended regulations 2020 of the Institute till such time as a revised/ amended PhD Regulation of the Institute is approved by the competent authority of the Institute. (PhD regulations of SPA Bhopal are currently in the process of revision).

### 7) Department wise PhD seats Allocation for admission during January- June Session, 2023:

- a) Following is the department wise seat availability for admission during January- June Session, 2023:

	Architecture	URP	EP	Landscape	UD	Conservation	TP	Design	Total
Seat Availability	20	17*	1	1	6	3*	4**	4***	56

URP: Urban & Regional Planning Department

\*For 1 seat out of either these 17 seats in URP department or 03 seats in Conservation Department, irrespective of reservation category, preference will be given to a candidate opting for a thesis topic in alignment with the domain: "Indian Knowledge Systems in Town Planning". Such an admission will be in Category (C) with reference to RG 1. However, if the candidate is in a position to secure Institute scholarship, norm mentioned under section (g) of RG4 as mentioned in this brochure will apply. Amount of scholarship: Rs. 30,000/- per month, Duration: till December, 2024.

EP: Environmental Planning Department



UD: Urban Design Department

TP: Transport Planning Department

\*\*For 1 seat out of these 04 seats in TP department, irrespective of reservation category, preference will be given to a candidate opting for a thesis topic in alignment with the domain: "Historical significance of Ports in India". Such an admission will be in Category (C) with reference to RG 1. However, if the candidate is in a position to secure Institute scholarship, norm mentioned under section (g) of RG4 as mentioned in this brochure will apply. Amount of Scholarship: Rs. 30,000/- per month, Duration: 2 years and 6 months.

\*\*\*For 1 seat out of these 04 seats in Design department, irrespective of reservation category, preference will be given to a candidate opting for a thesis topic in alignment with the domain: "Mixed reality design for cultural heritage". Such an admission will be in Category (C) with reference to RG 1. However, if the candidate is in a position to secure Institute scholarship, norm mentioned under section (g) of RG4 as mentioned in this brochure will apply. Amount of Scholarship: Rs. 30,000/- per month, Duration: 2 years and 6 months.

#### **8) Reservation Category wise PhD seats Allocation for admission during January-June Session, 2023:**

- a) Admission will be based on category wise merit list with a consolidated list for all departments till seats for any department is full (Department wise). Following is the category wise seat availability for admission during January - June Session, 2023:

	OPEN	EWS	OBC-NCL	SC	ST	Total
Seat Availability	12	8	21	9	6	56

#### **9) Important Dates for PhD admission during January- June Session, 2023:**

- Acceptance of Online Application Form Submission begins on: 27 February 2023
- Online Application Form Submission (together with SoP) closes on: 27 March 2023
- Dates for Test and Interview: 3 and 4 April 2023
- Declaration Merit Lists: 7 April 2023
- Admission/ Registration begins on: 10 April 2023

#### **10) Application Form and other Information for admission during January- June Session, 2023**

- a) Format of application form indicating minimum information required from prospective applicants may be accessed on the <https://forms.gle/zwdDGRAuWBn48Knj6>
- b) valid JRF/NET(UGC) /GATE/CEED candidates may choose to opt for application in all three categories of admission as in RG1 (a, b, c). If they choose options other than category (a) of RG1, they will be required to sit for the Institute level tests.
- c) Application Fees to be paid at the time of submission of application are as follows:
- Candidates from Open/EWS/OBC-NCL Categories: Rs 3000/-
  - Candidates from SC/ST/PwD Categories: Rs 2000/-
- d) Admitted PhD scholars will be provided accommodation within the campus as per Institute norms.
- e) For any further enquiry or communication, contact: Mr. Amit Khare, Asst. Registrar (Academics and A&E), Phone - 0755-2526822, Email - [phdadmission@spabhopal.ac.in](mailto:phdadmission@spabhopal.ac.in)

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