

NOTIFICATION FOR Ph.D. ADMISSION - 2026

CNLU Patna, established in 2006, is a premier institution that imparts comprehensive legal education with a strong emphasis on research. It is a residential University established by the Chanakya National Law University Act, 2006 (Act No. 24 of 2006). The University adopts an interdisciplinary framework for legal scholarship, encouraging students to explore law's social underpinnings and integrate social science methodologies into legal research.

CNLU invites applications for admission to the **full-time doctoral program** in the following specializations:

- I. Ph.D. (Law)
- II. Ph.D. (Multidisciplinary)
- III. Ph.D. (Sociology/Political Science/History/Economics/Management/English)

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA:

- A. Candidates who have completed:
 - (a) 1-year/2-semester Master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree programme
 - or
 - (b) 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree programme having a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale, wherever the grading system is followed.
 - or
 - (c) 2-year/4-semester Master's degree programme after a 3-year Bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
 - or
 - (d) Equivalent qualification 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.
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- B. Candidates who have cleared UGC-NET in **any of the following three categories** are eligible to apply for admission to the doctoral program:

Category 1: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. with JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Professor.

Category 2: Eligible for (i) admission to Ph.D. without JRF and (ii) appointment as Assistant Processor.

Category 3: Eligible for admission to Ph.D. programme only and not for the award of JRF or appointment as Assistant Professor.

FEE STRUCTURE

S. No.	Fee Component	Amount (In Rs.)
1.	Admission Fee (one time)	25,000.00
2.	Course Work Fee (one time)	15,000.00
3.	Facilities Fee (per annum)	10,000.00
4.	Library Fee (per annum)	15,000.00
5.	Library Deposit (refundable)	5000.00
6.	Semester Fee (per annum)	16,000.00
Total Fee (at the time of admission)		86,000.00

NOTE:

- i. Admission is subject to reservation as per the Bihar (In Admission in Educational Institutions) Reservation Act, 2003 (Bihar Act 16 of 2003) and other applicable rules. The candidates outside of the State of Bihar shall not claim the benefits of reservation under EWS as per the Bihar Reservation in vacancies in posts and in services and in Admission in the Educational Institutions (For Economically Weaker Sections) Act, 2019.
- ii. 05% Horizontal reservation shall be applicable for PWD.
- iii. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/BC/EBC/PwD (Persons with Disabilities), Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates.
- iv. Candidates with qualifications in social sciences, humanities, sciences, commerce, management or other related disciplines are encouraged to apply.
- v. Sponsored candidates are required to submit a sponsorship certificate from their employers on official letterhead, clearly stating that for the period of their studies under the programme, the candidate will be relieved for the full period of the study and the admissible fee of the candidate will be paid by the sponsoring organization.
- vi. Candidates seeking admission based on study leave must present proof at the time of interview of the fact that they will be/have been granted study leave for a minimum period of three years.
- vii. The applicants who are qualified in the interview will be provisionally admitted to the Ph.D. program.

ADMISSION PROCESS:

Selection for candidates who have qualified UGC-NET shall be based on 70% weightage to the test score and 30% to the interview. JRF-qualified candidates shall be admitted solely based on the interview.

The applicants are required to submit a preliminary research proposal (between 1500-2000 words, excluding references) in the format mentioned below. The document must contain the following:

- (a) Expression of Research Interest: This section must outline the area of research and the candidate's interest in the same.
- (b) Tentative Thesis Title: The thesis title should indicate the primary focus of your proposed research.
- (c) Relevant Literature Review and Research Gap: This section should demonstrate that the research topic is unexplored, and an original scholarly contribution can be made on the same.
- (d) Statement of Problem: This section should clearly communicate what your proposed Ph.D. thesis aims to achieve and articulate the knowledge gap that it aims to address within your chosen domain.
- (e) Conceptual Context: This section contextualizes your research area and links specific social or legal problems to relevant theory.

APPLICATION DATE AND FEES:

Interested candidates may apply till February 20, 2026 through an online application form (*will be made available on 04th February, 2026*) along with an application fee of Rs. 3,000/- for General and all other categories except SC/ST candidates (Rs. 1,000/- for SC & ST) and required documents (*The online payment gateway will also be made available from 04th February, 2026 in the aforesaid online application form*).

For any queries/clarification, please email on registrar@cnlu.ac.in and copy the Chairman, Doctoral Admission Committee, Prof. Manwendra Kumar Tiwari copy to manwendra@cnlu.ac.in and Convenor of the Doctoral Admission Committee to kumargaurav@cnlu.ac.in

Weblink for Application Form and List of Required Documents will be made available on 04th February, 2026 in this notification on the University website.

Sd/-
Prof. (Dr.) S.P. Singh
Registrar