

Application call for PhD admission

(Date: Mangsir 18, 2080/ December 4, 2023)

Agriculture and Forestry University, Directorate of Post Graduate Program announces the application call for PhD admission (PhD by Course and Research, and PhD by Research) for November, 2023 (Mangsir, 2080) session in different Departments. Applicants are requested to submit the PhD Admission Application Form that can be downloaded at http://afu.edu.np/sites/default/files/AFU_PG_Bulletin_2016.pdf with details of the information required in the form, and other necessary documents. Incomplete forms will not be evaluated for admission.

Deadline date for application submission: Poush 23, 2080 / January 8, 2024 (4:00 PM)

Requirements and eligibility details:*

PhD by Course and Research

An applicant must have M.Sc. degree in first division (in division scale) or with CGPA 3.25 (in 4.0 scale CGPA) in the related/relevant field. However, prerequisite courses may be required for eligibility based on M.Sc. degree obtained.

The applicant must have published at least one research article in the referred journal as a first author.

The applicant must have graduated from an institution where undergraduate and postgraduate teaching medium is English. However, in special cases standard language proficiency scores (IELTS/TOEFL/PTE) can be considered and reviewed by the committee.

The applicant must submit confidential letters of recommendation from two referees who would be in a position to judge academic and research capabilities of the candidate to undertake the PhD study successfully. At least one of the letters must be from a university professor of the relevant subject.

The applicant must submit an acceptable concept research proposal for PhD dissertation.

The applicant must have assured research fund.

PhD by Research

An applicant must have a minimum of continuous 5 years of experience in academic, research, or development after M.Sc. degree passed with 60% marks (percentage basis) or CGPA 2.5/4.0 (CGPA basis) in the related/relevant field. However, prerequisite courses may be required for eligibility based on M.Sc. degree obtained.

The candidate having first division (in division scale) or CGPA 3.25 (in 4.0 scale CGPA) must have published at least two research articles and candidate having second division (in division scale) or CGPA 2.5 (in 4.0 scale CGPA) must have published at least three research articles in the referred journal as a first author.

* For PhD degrees in cross-cutting areas of Rural Sociology, Development Studies, and Biotechnology, an applicant must have B. Sc. Ag. or B. Sc. Forestry or B. Sc. Fisheries or B. V. Sc. and A. H. and Masters degree in the related/relevant field. Additionally, for PhD degrees in Biotechnology, an applicant with B. Sc. Biotechnology and M. Sc. Biotechnology is also eligible.



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Method of application submission: Application with all the necessary documents should be submitted to the Post Graduate Office (in person).

Documents to be submitted:

1. PhD admission application form
2. Curriculum vitae
3. Citizenship/Passport
4. Complete academic certificates and transcripts (from bachelor degree)
5. Grade conversion certificate (if marks are mentioned in GRADE basis)
6. Equivalent certificates (for Degrees obtained from foreign countries)
7. Official release letter/Nomination letter
8. Recommendation letters (2, at least one from the University Professor)
9. Work experience letter/s
10. Concept note of proposed study
11. Letter of sponsorship (Funded by sponsoring agencies, or, self-sponsoring)
12. Publications as first author (Hardcopy)
13. Application fee (NRs 3000) paid receipt (from account section of the Post Graduate Office, AFU) or original bank voucher

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Bank details:

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Selection process: PhD committee will evaluate the documents and decide for the admission offer by Magh 10, 2080 (January 24, 2024). If the number of application exceeds than the number of seats available in each Department, PhD committee will set the criteria and select on competitive basis. Major advisor will be assigned by the PhD committee at the time of admission offer.

Deadline date for admission: Magh 21, 2080/February 4, 2024 (4:00 PM)

Date of semester commencement: Magh 22, 2080 /February 5, 2024

Departments (available number of seats in each Department will be as per the approval of respective Department):

- 1. Faculty of Agriculture:** Department of Agronomy, Department of Agricultural Economics and Agribusiness Management, Department of Rural Sociology and Development Studies, Department of Entomology, Department of Plant Pathology, Department of Horticulture, Department of Genetics and Plant Breeding, Center for Biotechnology, Department of Soil Science, Department of Conservation Ecology, Department of Agriculture Extension and Rural Sociology
- 2. Faculty of Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Fisheries:** Department of Veterinary Pathology, Department of Veterinary Microbiology and Parasitology, Department of Veterinary Surgery and Pharmacology, Department of Theriogenology, Department of Aquaculture, Department of Animal Breeding and Biotechnology, Department of Livestock Production and Management
- 3. Faculty of Forestry**

