



Agriculture and Forestry University
Directorate of Postgraduate Program
Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal

Application call for PhD admission

(Date: Kartik 27, 2082/ November 13, 2025)

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, 2025 (Kartik, 2082) 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: Mangsir 29, 2082 / December 15, 2025 (4:00 PM)

Requirements and eligibility details: *

Degree by Course and Research

An applicant must have M.Sc. degree in first division (division basis) or with CGPA 3.25/4.0 (CGPA basis) 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 refereed 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 applicant to undertake the PhD study successfully. At least one of the letters must be from academic mentor or a university professor of the relevant subject.

The applicant must submit an acceptable research proposal for PhD dissertation and must have assured research fund.

Degree by Research

An applicant must have a minimum of 5 years of working experience in academic, research or development after M. Sc. degree passed with second division (division 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 applicant having first division (division basis) or CGPA 3.25/4.0 (CGPA basis) must have published at least two research articles and candidate with second division (division basis) or less than 3.25/4.0 CGPA (CGPA basis) must have published at least three research articles in the refereed journal as a first author.

The applicant must have graduated from an institution where undergraduate and postgraduate language of instruction and written examinations are in 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 applicant to undertake the PhD study successfully. At least one of the letters must be from academic mentor or a university professor of the relevant subject.

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

Candidates from different organizations and universities in Nepal

An applicant nominated officially by any governmental/non-governmental organization or university must meet all the minimum requirements and eligibility for admission, must submit the official nomination letter and must have a proof of financial support to undertake the studies. All non-nominated candidates holding a full-time job must submit a letter of release from the working organization/university, must meet the admission requirements and must submit a proof of financial support to undertake the studies.

Candidates from other Countries

An applicant must meet the admission requirements stated above and must submit a proof of financial support to undertake PhD studies.

Method of application submission:

Application with all the necessary documents should be submitted to the Post Graduate Office.

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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Selection process: PhD committee will evaluate the documents and decide for the admission offer by Paush 14, 2082 (December 29, 2025). If the number of applications 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: Paush 22, 2082/January 6, 2026 (4:00 PM)

Date of orientation/semester commencement: Paush 22, 2082/January 6, 2026

Note: The PhD program of the university will be conducted and regulated as per **Postgraduate Program Guidelines 2024** (<https://afu.edu.np/directorates/dopgp/postgraduate-program-guidelines>).

Departments offering PhD admission for November, 2025 (available number of seats in each Department will be as per the approval of the 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 Horticulture, Department of Genetics and **Plant Breeding**, Center for Biotechnology, Department of **Soil Science** and Agriculture Engineering, Department of Agri botany and **Conservation Ecology**, Department of **Agriculture Extension** and Rural Sociology, Department of Plant Pathology
2. **Faculty of Animal Science, Veterinary Science and Fisheries:** Department of Veterinary **Microbiology** and Parasitology, Department of Veterinary **Surgery** and **Pharmacology**, Department of Aquaculture, Department of Animal Breeding and Biotechnology, Department of Livestock Production and Management, Department of Animal Nutrition and Fodder Production, Department of Anatomy, Physiology, and Biochemistry
3. **Faculty of Forestry**



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