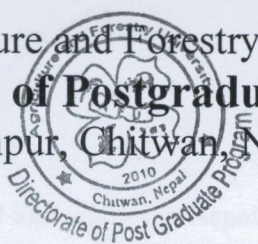




Agriculture and Forestry University
Directorate of Postgraduate Program
Rampur, Chitwan, Nepal



Application call for PhD admission

(Date: Ashoj 20, 2083/ October 6, 2026)

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, 2026 (Ashoj, 2083) session in different disciplines. 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 4, 2083 / November 20, 2026 (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.

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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 (Bachelor and Master degree)
5. Equivalent certificates (for Degrees obtained from foreign countries)
6. Official release letter/Nomination letter
7. Recommendation letters (2, at least one from the University Professor)
8. Work experience letter/s
9. Concept note of proposed study
10. Letter of sponsorship (Funded by sponsoring agencies, or, self-sponsoring)
11. Publications as first author (Hardcopy)
12. Application fee (NPR 3000) paid receipt (from account section of the Post Graduate Office, AFU) or original bank voucher

Bank details:

A/C name: Directorate of Post Graduate Program Income Account

A/C number: 08500107544433000001

Bank: Nepal Bank Limited

Branch: Rampur, Chitwan

Selection process: PhD committee will evaluate the documents and decide for the admission offer by Magsir 24, 2083 (December 10, 2026). 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 20 2083/January 4, 2027 (4:00 PM)

PhD Fee Structure

Nepalese Student fee (NRs)

Admission Fee: 60000 (one-time payment)

Semester Fee: 20000/Semester

Tuition Fee: 8000/Credit hour

Total fee minimum required credit hours: NPR 6,60,000

Foreign student fee (USD)

Admission Fee: 1400 (one-time payment)

Semester Fee: 1100/Semester

Tuition Fee: 200/Credit hour

Total fee minimum required credit hours: USD 20,000

Date of orientation/semester commencement: Paush 20, 2083/January 4, 2027

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>).

PhD Disciplines Offered in November 2026

PhD in Agronomy, PhD in Agricultural Economics, PhD in Agribusiness Management, PhD in Rural Sociology, PhD in Development Studies, PhD in Entomology, PhD in Horticulture, PhD in Plant Breeding, PhD in Biotechnology, PhD in Soil Science, PhD in Conservation Ecology, PhD in Agriculture Extension, PhD in Plant Pathology, PhD in Microbiology, PhD in Surgery, PhD in Aquaculture, PhD in Animal Breeding, PhD in Livestock Production and Management, PhD in Theriogenology, PhD in Forestry

