

PhD programmes at St Xavier's Univ

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Kolkata: St Xavier's University, Kolkata, has announced admissions to PhD programmes in commerce, mass communication and English for the 2019-20 session (in the first phase). It also plans to come up with PhD programmes in management, economics, social work and law in the coming years.

The PhD programmes will be as per UGC regulations 2016 (and subsequent amendments). "A board of research has been constituted, which shall be the apex body for providing direction and supervising doctoral research," said Fr Felix Raj, vice-chancellor of St Xavier's University.

Jadavpur University vice-chancellor Suranjan Das and Sudipti Banerjee, former professor of Calcutta University, have joined as board members.

Students interested in joining PhD programme will have to appear for research aptitude test — XU-RAT — which will be held on August 24.

Application form and brochure for the PhD programme can be downloaded under PhD programme link from the website — www.sxuk.edu.in.

"For this purpose, the university has established the Centre for Excellence in Research and Innovation (CERI) in Arrupe Building of the university complex," added Fr Felix Raj.



The St Xavier's University campus in Rajarhat

Niraj Kumar, the PhD coordinator and convener of the board of research, will be supervising the doctoral research programme and functioning of the research centre.

The VC pointed out that the first batch of PG students who will be graduating this year from St Xavier's University can also enrol for doctoral programmes.

"Students who have completed Masters in relevant fields from other universities will also be able to apply. For three subjects, 28 applicants will be selected. As per UGC norms, assistant professors can guide four candidates each year and associate professors can guide six students while professors can guide eight candidates.

"There will be an entrance test to screen applicants. Once selected, the students will have to fulfill six months of coursework," VC added.