

Applications for online Ph.D. Entrance Test for foreign students can be submitted from November 6 to November 25, 2013.

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Pune: The University of Pune (UoP) will conduct a first-of-its-kind online entrance examination on December 23 for enrolling foreign students to various PhD courses.

“A key feature of the entrance test is that foreign students will not be required to travel to the city for writing the test, but will be able to apply as well as appear for the examination online from their respective foreign locations,” Vijay Khare, director

of UoP’s International Students’ Centre (ISC), told TOI on Monday.

“The university has acquired a special computer software solution to facilitate individual monitoring of the online PhD entrance test at the time when the candidates will appear for the same,” said Khare. “The candidates will have to secure a prescribed technology kit, such as webcam and Internet video call platform like Skype, for aiding the monitoring process,” he added.



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The entrance exam will be conducted on December 23

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versity has, meanwhile, released an initial programme for the online PhD entrance test.

According to the programme, the process for online submission of applica-

tion forms will commence from November 6 and will continue till November 25. The online examination date is December 23.

Khare said, “Earlier, foreign students aspiring for PhD courses at the UoP would be required to travel to the city for writing the entrance test. This was viewed as one of the key contributing factors behind lesser number of foreign students seeking PhD enrolment at the university and its affiliated colleges.”

“With the online entrance examination, we expect to receive a good response and the number of foreign students for PhD

studies may go up considerably,” he added. Under the existing system, each one of the approved PhD guides at the university and its affiliated colleges and recognized postgraduate institutions across Pune, Ahmednagar and Nashik districts are entitled to accept one foreign student under their guidance for PhD studies.

Khare said, “We have a fairly large number of approved PhD guides, but the same can not be said about foreign students who are currently pursuing their PhD studies in the university. The number is fairly low and we want to raise the same through various initiatives.”