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DBT-BHU INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

Important Notice:

This bulletin contains essential information regarding
DBT-BHU INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES
Postgraduate program, eligibility criteria, admission procedures, and important dates
for the academic year 2026-2027.

Candidates are advised to read the PG Information Bulletin 2026 carefully before applying.

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Section-1

Banaras Hindu University at a Glance

The Banaras Hindu University (BHU), founded by Mahamana Pandit Madan Mohan Malaviya ji in 1916, is one of the most prestigious Central Universities in the country. An autonomous institution of distinction and having the Hon'ble President of India as its Visitor, BHU is the largest residential University in Asia. Being a living embodiment of such visionaries as Mahamana Malaviya ji, Dr. Annie Besant and Dr. S. Radhakrishnan, this seat of learning epitomizes a synthesis of ancient wisdom and modern scientific temper. Its holistic model of education, conceived and enriched by its illustrious founder, offers refreshingly new perspectives to young minds and nurtures and facilitates their creative talents.

The Founder's Vision

- "It is my earnest hope and prayer that this centre of life and light, which is coming into existence, will produce students who will not only be intellectually equal to the best of their fellow students in other parts of the world, but will also live a noble life, love their country and be loyal to the Supreme Ruler."
- "A teaching university would but half perform its function if it does not seek to develop the heart power of its scholars with the same solicitude with which it develops their brain power. Hence, this university has placed the formation of character in youth as one of its principal objects. It will seek not merely to turn out men as Engineers, Scientists, Doctors, Theologists, Merchants, but also as men of high character, probity and honour, whose conduct through life would show that they bear the hallmark of a great university."

The University

This University was conceived as a residential university, keeping in view its objective of complete character development and thorough mentoring of students. Perhaps this is the only university in the world where courses ranging from nursery and primary school up to Doctoral/ Post-doctoral degrees are taught and pursued within a walled campus spread over 550 Hectares (1360 acres) and having majestic buildings of great architectural delight. It enshrines within its precincts, a phenomenal range of teaching disciplines in corporating almost all conceivable subjects of Science, Engineering & Technology, Medical Sciences, Humanities, Social Sciences, Commerce, Law, Education, Visual Arts, Performing Arts, Sanskrit Vidya Dharm Vigyan, Agriculture,Veterinary Sciences, Library Science, Journalism and a large number of Indian and Foreign Languages. There are at present 5 departments receiving support under Special Assistance Programme, 7- UGC-Innovative/TRIEA/Other Programme and 3-DST-FIST (Fund for Improvement of Science & Technology) 4 departments/schools are supported under FIST prgramme of DST. It also has four colleges admitted to the privileges of the university, which are located in the city.

The university also has three schools apart from having a Kendriya Vidyalaya housed in the Campus. In addition, the Rajiv Gandhi South Campus has been established in the year 2006 in a sprawling campus of 1092.6 Hectares (2700 acres) located about 75 kms away from the main campus, at Barkachha in Mirzapur district, Uttar Pradesh.

Hallmark of Excellence

In NIRF, Banaras Hindu University has been consistently ranked among the top universities of India, and it has also been recognised as an Institution of Eminence in the country by the Ministry of Education, a recognition given only to five Public Sector Universities of the nation.

Largest Residential Campus in Asia

Over 35,000 students from all over India and abroad are enrolled in various faculties of the university. The university has more than 72 hostels, having nearly 11000 inmates, with all modem amenities including internet for the students. It also has a specially designed International Student hostel to accommodate large number of foreign students who study here. It also has 1590 staff quarters and 7 guest houses on the campus.

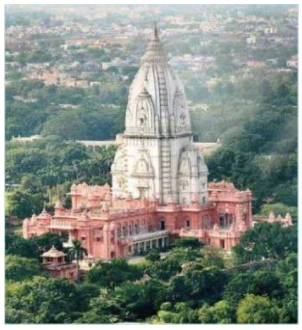
Library

BHU has a Central Library system having more than 15 lacs volumes apart from subscription to more than 15000 online journals, 50000 e-books, databases and a huge collection of digitalized rare manuscripts. It functions in conjunction with a chain of Departmental, Faculty and Institute libraries. In addition, BHU has a fully air-conditioned Cyber Library with a seating capacity of over 200. Newly created air-conditioned Periodical Hall provides 60 cabins for the use of faculty members and research scholars.

ICT Infrastructure

The University has Wi-Fi enabled campus. All the academic and administrative offices are Wi-Fi connected. In addition, the University has 100 kilometres long fibre optic backbone of campus wide LAN, connecting all academic and administrative buildings as well as hostels with a well- equipped Computer Centre, providing high end computing and training facilities. The university has been provided three 1 Gbps nodes of National Knowledge Network (NKN) under NME-ICT. Besides these, more than 100 smart classrooms have been augmented for smoothening the online teaching and learning especially during the COVID times. The university has switched over to computer-based entrance test and implemented ERP for executing all administrative and financial work, thereby moving towards paperless office.

The Temple



The Banaras Hindu University has a temple of Lord Shiva called Shri Vishwanath Temple. It is situated at the centre of the campus. The temple is built with white marble. Its detailed planning was done by Malaviyaji himself. The lush campus of Shri Vishwanath Temple and the beautiful gardens surrounding it are a delight to the eyes of the visitors. The interior of the temple has a Shiva Lingam, and verses from Hindu scriptures are inscribed on the walls of the temple with pictorial depiction.

Bharat Kala Bhavan

BHU has a museum of international importance - Bharat Kala Bhawan, which is a treasure trove of rare art and artefacts. The Bharat Kala Bhavan has 13 galleries having a collection of more than 1 lakh antique and rare sculptures, miniature paintings, Rajasthani, Mughal and Pahari paintings, coins, jewellery, precious stones, etc. of immense historic value and a very special literary gallery containing manuscripts of famous authors. It also has a rich library containing rare books.

Rajiv Gandhi South Campus

The Banaras Hindu University has extended its outreach by establishing its South Campus at Barkachha in Mirzapur district. The RGSC is being developed as a potential hub of education, training and entrepreneurship for youth and women, especially those belonging to tribes and weaker sections of the society. The campus is being developed by the University with a mission to enrich the lives of the population of the region by extending to them opportunities to engage in life-long learning and to benefit from the result of research.

Institute of Science

Establishedin1916, the Faculty of Science which later on upgraded to Institute of Science as a constituent institute of the University, offers under graduate and post graduate courses besides offering Ph.D. program and several diploma and certificate courses. The Institute comprises of 13 Departments, 6 Centres and 2 Interdisciplinary Schools. Equipped with advanced and sophisticated laboratories and research facilities the institute is marching ahead towards excellence in teaching, learning and research in almost all domains of basic and applied sciences.

DBT-BHU Interdisciplinary School of Life Sciences

The Interdisciplinary School of Life Sciences (ISLS) was established in 2009 at Banaras Hindu University under the BUILDER Programme with financial support from the Department of Biotechnology, Ministry of Science & Technology, Government of India. Functioning under the Institute of Science, ISLS serves as a premier centre for advanced research, innovation, and capacity building in life sciences. The school was created with the objective of promoting interdisciplinary and interactive research among faculty members and researchers working across diverse domains of biological sciences. It brings together the Departments of Biochemistry, Botany, Molecular & Human Genetics, Zoology, and the School of Biotechnology, thereby fostering collaborative research in modern biology, genomics, biotechnology, and allied disciplines.

ISLS actively collaborates with the Institute of Medical Sciences, Institute of Agricultural Sciences, Institute of Environment & Sustainable Development of BHU, as well as with Indian Institute of Technology (BHU). Over the years, ISLS has developed state-of-the-art research facilities that are not only for the faculty members and students of the constituent life science departments but also to researchers from other Institute/ centre/units of the University and external institutions. The school regularly supports and organizes seminars, symposia, conferences, workshops, and specialized training programmes in emerging and frontier areas of life sciences, thereby contributing significantly to research excellence and human resource development in the biological sciences.

Origin and Mission

The Interdisciplinary School of Life Sciences (ISLS) was established to promote advanced and interdisciplinary research and education in diverse areas of the life sciences. It serves as a collaborative platform within the Institute of Science, bringing together expertise from multiple departments and center's to foster innovation, knowledge sharing, and cutting-edge research.

- Department of Biochemistry
- Department of Botany
- Department of Molecular & Human Genetics
- Department of Zoology
- School of Biotechnology
- Centre for Genetic Disorders

Over the years, ISLS has evolved as centre for research and doctoral training, providing a common platform for interdisciplinary investigations in genomics, molecular biology, biotechnology, microbiology, plant sciences, animal sciences, medical sciences, agricultural sciences and related disciplines. The school supports faculty members, research scholars, and students through state-of-the-art instrumentation, centralized research facilities, and specialized research platforms that facilitate high-quality basic and applied research. By promoting collaborative research, shared infrastructure, and academic excellence, ISLS plays a pivotal role in advancing life science research and capacity building at Banaras Hindu University.

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General Instructions and Guidelines

Important Notes

- Seat allocation and admission for this postgraduate program conducted through the Combined Allotment Program – Postgraduate 2026 (CAP-PG 2026). Detailed information regarding this program will be announced on the official BHU admission website at https://admission.bhu.ac.in. Candidates must frequently check this website for updates.
- Banaras Hindu University reserves the right to revise, amend, or update any part of this bulletin without prior notice. Any changes will be published on the BHU admission website and will take effect immediately upon publishing.

Candidate Responsibilities

- Candidates are required to regularly visit the NTA and BHU websites for updates related to CUET-PG 2026, seat allocation, and admission policies. Complaints arising from failure to review the bulletin or website updates will not be entertained at any stage.
- Non-compliance with admission requirements, such as failure to submit documents or pay fees within the specified timeframe, will result in forfeiture of admission rights.
- If a candidate's documents are found to be fake, forged, or otherwise invalid at any stage, their admission will be cancelled without prior notice. Fees paid will not be refunded, and if discovered

after program completion, the candidate's degree will be revoked, and legal action will follow.

Important Points:

1. **Admission Basis**

   Score obtained in the Common University Entrance Test (CUET-PG) 2026.

2. **Pre-registration Guidance**

   - Before registering for CUET-PG 2026, candidates are strongly advised to carefully read the CUET-PG Information Bulletin 2026 on the BHU website.
   - Candidates should also familiarize themselves with the Banaras Hindu University Act, 1916, the University Statutes (including amendments), and the Ordinances, Rules, and Regulations available on the BHU website.

3. **Eligibility Criteria**

   - Candidates must ensure they meet the **Minimum Eligibility Criteria** before applying.
   - Students appearing for their qualifying degree examination or awaiting results are eligible to appear for CUET-PG 2026 but must fulfil eligibility requirements at the time of admission.

4. **Program-Specific Requirements**

   - Candidates must meet the program-specific eligibility criteria and appear for the relevant CUET paper. Details about the syllabus are available at https://nta.ac.in, https://exams.nta.nic.in/cuet-pg/.
   - **Admission Responsibility**
   - Candidates must verify their eligibility for their chosen program(s) before appearing for CUET-PG 2026. Admission will only be granted if all prescribed eligibility criteria are met.
   - Misrepresentation of eligibility, category, or other claims will result in admission cancellation and may lead to legal action.

5. **Application Process**

   - In addition to CUET-PG 2026, candidates must apply for BHU's Combined Allotment Program – 2026 (CAP-PG 2026).
   - Certain fields (e.g., name, signature, photograph, registered email and mobile number) will auto-populate from the CUET-PG 2026 form and cannot be edited in the CAP-PG 2026 application.

6. **Reservation Policies**

   - Candidates seeking reservations under SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/PwBD categories must upload valid certificates during the CAP-PG 2026 application.
   - Candidate and parent names must match those on qualifying certificates and CUET-PG 2026 records.

7. **Additional Notes**

- Gap years will not affect eligibility for admission.
- There is no minimum age requirement, except where regulatory bodies (e.g., ICAR, AICTE, BCI) mandate it.
- Pursuing two regular degree programs simultaneously is not permitted.

8. **Regular Updates and Notifications**

- Candidates must regularly check the BHU admission website (https://admission.bhu.ac.in) for updates and notifications. Grievances arising from unawareness of published information will not be considered.

9. **Disclaimer**

- BHU reserves the right to make changes to the admission process and policies at any time without prior notice.

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Course of Study and Eligibility Requirements

DBT-BHU INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES

1. **(PG0499) Master of Science in Life Sciences**

General Instructions and Guidelines:

- All candidates, including those applying under the supernumerary quota, must appear for the Common University Entrance Test (CUET-PG) 2026. Registration for CUET-PG 2026 is available at https://nta.ac.in, https://exams.nta.nic.in/cuet-pg/ .
- For seat allocation and admissions, candidates are required to apply through the https://admission.bhu.ac.in/en of Banaras Hindu University.
- For details regarding reservations, Supernumerary Seats visit the BHU PG Information Bulletin 2026 (https://admission.bhu.ac.in/en).

Total Number of seats: 15

Category-wise distribution of seats:

Preference Choices/Location	BHU (C1)						NON BHU(C2)						Ward	Fee (Rs) / Semester
	UR	SC	ST	EWS	OBC	PwBD	UR	SC	ST	EWS	OBC	PwBD		
DBT-BHU INTERDISCIPLINARY SCHOOL OF LIFE SCIENCES (Special Fee Course)	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	2	1	2	4	1	2	22000/-

Eligibility:

For NEP-based Graduates

Bachelor of Science (Honours) / Bachelor of Science degree in Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Zoology, Botany, or allied biological sciences (including Agricultural, Medical, Veterinary, or Pharmaceutical Sciences), with a minimum of 50% of the total credits earned in major subject during the Bachelor's programme with an aggregate of at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA during the Bachelor's programme.

For Non-NEP Graduates

Bachelor of Science (Honours)/ B.Sc. in Life Sciences, Biotechnology, Microbiology, Biochemistry, Zoology, Botany, or allied biological sciences (including Agricultural, Medical, Veterinary, or Pharmaceutical Sciences), or in relevant biological or allied disciplines from a recognized university, with a minimum aggregate of 50% marks or an equivalent CGPA.

OR

B.Tech/B.E. in relevant biological or allied disciplines from a recognized university, with an aggregate of at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA.

Duration: 2 Years (4 Semesters)

Program Type: Special Program

CUET NTA Paper Code for Admission: SCQP17, SCQP01, SCQP23

Website for online application to BHU: Online application process will be available at https://admission.bhu.ac.in/en w.e.f. June 25, 2026

Date of start of online registration for admission*: June 25, 2026

Last date for application to BHU*: July 10, 2026

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Application Form

The candidates desirous of admissions in M.Sc. Life Sciences at DBT-BHU Interdisciplinary School of Life Sciences, Institute of Science shall be required to register on Samarth Portal of BHU and fill up the application form ONLINE as per procedure provided on the Portal.

For further details visit the BHU website (https://admission.bhu.ac.in/en).

Application Processing Fee

There will be a one-time Registration fee (non-refundable):

Category of the Candidate	Registration Fee (non-refundable)
UR/OBC-NCL/EWS	300.00 (Rupees Three Hundred only)
SC/ST	150.00 (Rupees One Hundred Fifty only)

IMPORTANT DATES:

Filling up of the online application form will open on **25 June 2026**

Instructions for Submission of Application Form

Applicants must fully satisfy themselves about their eligibility before filling the application forms of M.Sc. Life Sciences at DBT-BHU Interdisciplinary School of Life Sciences, Institute of Science, BHU.

Online Application Form:

The Application Form for M.Sc. Life Sciences at DBT-BHU Interdisciplinary School of Life Sciences, Institute of Science, BHU is available on the BHU's Admission portal https://admission.bhu.ac.in/en
The online application making process will have following steps:

Step 1: Registration on the Portal

This step involves authentication of Candidate's email id and mobile number. Candidates are required to have a valid email id and mobile No. (in use) for registration, preferably the same they have used for CUET-PG 2026 registration purpose.

Step 2: Filling up Identification details - Only after successful registration on the Portal [https://admission.bhu.ac.in/en], the candidates would be required to fill up an Identification Form giving particulars of the documents for authentication of their identity. For this purpose, following photo identification documents are allowed: **(i) Aadhaar Card; (ii) Passport; (iii) Voter ID issued by the Election Commission of India; (iv) Bank Passbook affixed with the photograph (v) Driving License; and (vi) Pan Card; (vii) any other valid Government ID Number.**

Step 3: Online Application Form Entry and Course Selection- After successful authentication of identity, candidates would be allowed to fill-up details in the online application form and select the course after ensuring their eligibility for the concerned course in which they are desirous.

Step 4: Uploading of photographs and signature- Candidates have to scan their photo and signature as per instruction given in the portal and upload it.

Step 5: Payment of Application Processing/ Entrance Test Fee- After the candidate has filled up the application form online and clicks on the "SUBMIT" button, he/she will be made payment of application processing/ test fee through online payment credit card/debit card through the payment gateway available on the portal.

Step 6: Printout of Application Form for the record of candidates- After online submission of application form and successful payment of Application Processing/ Test Fee, candidates are advised to take a printout of the online filled up application form (containing the details he/she has filled in and the transaction details of payment of application fee) from either the Entrance Test portal for their own record.

Rejection of Fraudulent Applications:

Applications with forged or fraudulent certificates will be rejected, and the candidate may be barred from future entrance tests.

Admission may be canceled if the candidate fails to meet eligibility requirements, provides false documentation, or suppresses information.

Admission procedure: Admission to PG Program in M.SC. life Sciences will be based on **CUET (PG)–2026**. For detail visit https://admission.bhu.ac.in/en

Fee Structure:

The aforesaid course fee will be as per PG special course of Institute of Science (Rs 22000/-per semester).

Documents in Original required at the time of Admission

Candidates applying for postgraduate programs at Banaras Hindu University (BHU) must upload scanned copies of the following documents (matching the details submitted in CUET (PG)-2026 Form) during the application process:

- UG Mark sheets (all semesters/years; provided if all semester mark sheets are not available, the candidate should upload mark sheets of available semesters/years)
- Class XII Mark sheet
- Class X certificate (or equivalent) as proof of birth date.
- Passport-sized photograph (will be auto-fetched from NTA Portal)
- Signature (will be auto-fetched from NTA Portal)
- Category certificate, if applicable (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/BHU Employee Ward/PwBD/Sports)
- Any relevant mark sheet of the qualifying examination

Additional Documents (Optional): Transfer certificate, Conduct Certificate, Domicile Certificate, Migration Certificate (Upload filled in undertaking if any of the additional document is not available. The format of undertaking is available in the CAP PG 2026).

IMPORTANT NOTE:

For details regarding reservation, relaxation and Supernumerary quota. Kindly refer to published Post Graduate Admission Information Bulletin 2026 and CAP PG 2026. https://admission.bhu.ac.in/en

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