



**Notice: Admission to Doctoral Programmes (Part Time & Full Time) for the Academic Year 2024-25**

School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada (SPAV), an Institute of National Importance established by the Ministry of Education (MoE), Government of India, announces the Direct Admissions for the Doctoral Programmes (Part Time & Full Time) for the Academic Year 2024-25.

**A. Doctoral Programmes Disciplines:**

Applications are invited for the disciplines of research as follows:

- PhD in Planning
- PhD in Architecture
- PhD in Building Engineering and Management

Candidates can apply under research categories of 'Full Time' & 'Part Time' PhD candidates, as described below:

**B. Doctoral Prog' Categories (Full-Time & Part Time):**

1. **Full Time:** Full-time candidates are required to spend their entire time of PhD studies at SPA Vijayawada.

- Research Scholars with Institutional Fellowship:** These scholars shall be eligible for financial assistance by SPAV in the form of monthly fellowship (equivalent to JRF of Gol at the approved rates and guidelines as notified by MoE from time to time adopted by SPAV). The number of full-time research scholars with SPAV fellowship will be a maximum of 12. However, number of candidates who shall get scholarship can be limited and not guaranteed for all, as per decision of the School. All applicants applying under this category are to make necessary financial preparations for themselves as self-financed, till SPAV fellowship decisions are finalised.
- Self-financed Research Scholars:** These scholars shall be supporting themselves from their own funding arrangements and paying the requisite prevailing fees of the School at the start of every year.
- Sponsored Research Scholars:** These scholars shall be sponsored by their current employer, and need to be from need to be from Government / PSUs / Semi-Government / Recognized Planning or Architectural Office of repute. Such a candidate must be in service at the time of admission and must have been in employment with the sponsoring organization for at least **two** years at the time of admission. Candidates in service are to be relieved on 'study leave or extraordinary leave' from the organization for full-time research work at SPA Vijayawada and must furnish a "Leave cum Sponsorship Letter" along with "No Objection Certificate" from the current employer for the entire duration of PhD studies. The Sponsored Research Scholars will pay the full requisite fees of the School at the start of every year.

2. **Part Time:** Part-time candidates are candidate who while working at their respective organizations, they can pursue the Ph.D, after completion of residency period, mandatory course requirements and other guidelines of the Institute.

- In-house faculty OR in-house staff OR in-house project staff:** This category refers to students who are regular employees of SPA Vijayawada or who are working under various long term sponsored projects undertaken by SPA Vijayawada. They are expected to work for their Ph.D. while performing their normal duties.
- Part Time Off Campus Research Scholars:** This category comprises of Ph.D. scholars who are working professionals and are sponsored by their respective organizations. Such scholars are required to produce a "No Objection Certificate for pursuing PhD at SPAV" from their current employer at the time of admission application.

**C. Qualifying Degree and Marks/Grades Eligibility:**

- Applicants must have qualifying degrees with CGPA of 6.5 on a 10-point scale (or equivalent) or 60% overall marks in case of Open/OBC-NCL/EWS candidates in the qualifying Master's degree as given in section C(d) herewith, whereas in case of SC/ST/PwD candidates, a CGPA of 6.0 on a 10-point scale (or equivalent) or 55% overall marks for the qualifying Master's degree as given in section C(d).

- Applicants who are applying as "sponsored research scholars-full time" AND are employees of government organisations / government departments / PSUs / government research organisations must have CGPA of 5.5 on a 10-point scale (or equivalent) or 50% overall marks for the qualifying Master's degree as given in section C(d) herewith, to be eligible.

- Applicants applying on the basis of only UG Degree as given in section C(d) herewith require a minimum of 70% aggregate or CGPA of 7.5 on a 10-point scale (or equivalent) in case of Open/OBC-NCL/EWS candidates, whereas in case of SC/ST/PwD candidates, a CGPA of 6.5 on a 10-point scale (or equivalent) or 65% overall marks AND must have **three** year experience in teaching / research / professional practice.

**d) Qualifying Degrees:**

S. No.	Nomenclature	Academic Eligibility
1	PhD in Architecture	i. Master Degree in – (a) Architecture OR (b) Urban Design OR (c) Building Engineering & Management / equivalent OR (d) Planning with appropriate specialization, AND Bachelor Degree – in Architecture from any recognized University / Institutions in India* OR ii. Bachelor Degree – in Architecture from any recognized University / Institutions in India.
2	PhD in Planning	i. Master Degree in Planning with appropriate specialization from any recognized University / Institutions in India* OR ii. Bachelor Degree in Planning from any recognized University / Institutions in India.
3	PhD in Building Engineering and Management	i. Master Degree in – (a) Building Engineering & Management / equivalent, OR (b) Architecture, OR (c) Urban Design, OR (d) Planning with appropriate specialization, AND Bachelor Degree in - (i) Architecture, OR (ii) Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from any recognized University / Institutions in India* OR ii. Bachelor Degree in (i) Architecture OR (ii) Bachelor Degree in Civil Engineering from any recognized University / Institutions in India.

\* For students with foreign degrees, degree equivalence certificate by AIU, MoE, Gol needs to be produced along with the application.

**D. Admission Process:**

- Stages:** Admission shall be through the following stages:
  - The applicants shall apply for admission on the prescribed forms with a research write-up and other requisites mentioned in the application format. The list of shortlisted candidates found eligible will be notified and will appear physically for selection process, which shall be assessed in two stages.
  - Stage-I:** Shortlisted candidates are required to appear for a "qualifying written examination" conducted in the campus.
  - Stage-II:** The candidates who qualify in the Stage-I "qualifying written examination" shall appear for Stage II, which consists of interview and delivering a brief presentation on his/her proposed PhD research interest. Selection shall be based on Stage II assessment only as per institute norms,



i.e., the interview, presentation and research write-up enclosed with the application,

S. No.	Components for Stage-II	Weightage of Marks
1	Research Write-up (with application)	20
2	Presentation of Research Interest	30
3	Interview	50
Total		100

**E. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:**

**i. How to Apply:**

An applicant can apply for any number of PhD programmes offered as given in A i, ii, iii. However, applicant needs to submit separate application forms and supporting documents as separate sets for each PhD programme applied for. Fee should be paid separately for each PG programme applied for and the fee details to be enclosed in the respective application forms separately and sent to SPAV as separate envelopes. The application form is available on SPAV Website <https://www.spav.ac.in> under Admissions Section, which needs to be downloaded, duly filled, signed and sent as hard copies only with self-attested copies of required supporting documents. The duly filled in application form along with the marks sheets of 10th & 12<sup>th</sup> Standard, UG Degree, PG degree, UG and PG semester mark sheets indicating total degree marks, Birth & Caste Certificate, Online Fee Receipt, a research write-up, experience certificates for applicants with only UG degree, and other documents as mentioned in the application form should be sent to SPA Vijayawada by post/courier by the deadline.

ii. **Application Deadline:** Envelopes / packets containing duly filled application forms and supporting self-attested documents need to reach the following address on or before **May 08, 2024 05.00 PM:**

**The Registrar**  
**School of Planning and Architecture, Vijayawada**  
**Survey No.4/4, ITI Road, Vijayawada – 520008,**  
**Andhra Pradesh, India. Ph: +91 866 2469449**

Envelopes to be super-scribed with the text **“Application for Admission to (write the name of PhD programme applied for)”** duly mentioning the candidate name with full postal address on the envelope as ‘From Address’. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered irrespective of postal or any other delays. The short listed / eligible candidates shall be notified on the Institute website and must produce the original certificates & a set of self-attested photocopies, etc., at the time of Qualifying Examination & Interview for physical verification.

iii. **Students pursuing PG Programmes:**

The candidates pursuing final semester PG Programme as per eligibility given in ‘B’, can also apply and must submit the CGPA/Percentage marks secured till the II Semester (for a 2 year PG Programme) and submit all mark sheets till the said semester. Such a student is required to submit an undertaking/certificate issued by their institute, certifying that the applicant is ‘appearing in final examination of final semester’. Such candidates, if provisionally admitted, are required to submit final year mark sheets and provisional degree certificate, prior to the commencement of classes at SPA Vijayawada. Candidates who have already completed the eligible qualifying degree programmes are required to produce original degree certificate or provisional degree certificates, in case the original degrees are not yet issued.

iv. **Application Fee for PG Programme:**

Application fee (non-refundable) for each PhD programme applied for is Rs.3,000/- for General/EWS/OBC-NCL categories and Rs. 2,000/- for SC/ST/PwD categories and can be paid through online mode only. If an applicant is applying to multiple programmes, he/she should pay separate for each application & enclose the proof of payment separately with each application.

**For Directions for Application Fee Payment, visit:**

<https://www.spav.ac.in/spavadmissions.html>

**Fee should be paid at:**

<https://www.onlinesbi.sbi/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm>

v. **Reservation of Seats:**

Reservations for all the PhD categories seats, will be applicable for SC/ST/OBC-NCL/EWS/PwD as per rules of the Government of India. Since PhD admissions generally happen twice a year, the PhD programmes run for multiple years, and there is a limit to the number of scholars that one faculty can guide, the number of seats which shall be filled in each admission cycle under each PhD programmes is flexible and shall be the final decision of the Institute. The number of full time research scholars with fellowship, for every admission cycle shall be limited and not guaranteed for all, as per decision of the School. All applicants applying under this category to treat self as self-financed till fellowship decisions are finalised.

vi. **Submission:**

Application forms which are incomplete, not signed, or does not have enclosed the required self-attested copies of documents as indicated in this notification or the application form, is liable to be summarily rejected. On qualifying Stage I the applicant needs to appear for Stage II. At stage II, candidate should be prepared to make a brief presentation to the Interview panel on his/her proposed phd research interest. The School reserves the right to reject/cancel any application without assigning any reasons.

vii. **Guidelines for Part-time PhD Programme Aspirants:**

(a) Candidate applying as Part-time as per B.2 section of this notification, if admitted, will have to complete the residency requirement as per Institute norms, and must attend compulsory course work in person at the campus.

(b) Such applicants are required to produce a “No Objection Certificate” from their current employer along with the application, which states that:

*“His/her prevalent official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research at SPA Vijayawada. We confirm to appropriately relieve him/her to stay on the campus to enable the candidate to complete the Residential requirements and to complete the required Course work, and complete all assessments in person in every semester whenever applicable for the entire duration of the PhD studies”*

viii. **Guidelines for Full-time Sponsored Research Aspirants:**

Candidate applying as Full Time Sponsored Research Scholars as per B.1(c) section of this notification, if admitted, will have to be in SPA Vijayawada for entire study period. Candidates in service are to be relieved on ‘study leave or extraordinary leave’ from the organization for full-time research work at SPA Vijayawada and must furnish a “Leave cum Sponsorship Letter” along with “No Objection Certificate” from the current employer for the entire duration of PhD studies.

ix. **Contact:**

Any queries may be addressed to Registrar in writing or by email to ‘admissions@spav.ac.in’ or by Phone 0866-2469493. In case the seats are not filled, SPA reserves the right to have subsequent rounds. Any dispute arising at any stage will be limited to jurisdiction of the Court of Vijayawada.

x. **IMPORTANT DATES**

1	Application Form available in Institute website	<b>April 08, 2024</b>
2	Last date of receiving Hard Copy of Application(s)	<b>May 08, 2024</b>
4	Display of Shortlisted Candidates List	<b>May 10, 2024</b>
5	Entrance Examination and Interview	<b>May 21 &amp; 22, 2024*</b>
5	Display of Provisional Selection List	<b>May 24, 2024*</b>
6	Last Date to Pay Fees and Confirm Seat	<b>May 31, 2024</b>

\*Is tentative. Shall be notified to the eligible candidates, if amended.

**For more details, please visit**

<https://spav.ac.in/spavadmissions.html>

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Registrar