Please read the email carefully for all the instructions.

Dear applicant,

This is with reference to your application for admission to the PhD Microbiology program at the University of Delhi. The interview for selection of candidates will be held in person on 08-April-2026 (Wednesday) in the Department of Microbiology at University of Delhi (South Campus).

Interview Schedule:

1. Reporting time 8:30 AM on 08-April-2026 (Wednesday) in the Seminar room (Bachhawat Block, First Floor)

Important Note:

Candidates with names starting from A to M are requested to report at 8:30 AM, and Candidates with names starting from N to Z are requested to report at 12:00 PM. (08-April-2026 (Wednesday)

1. Only students with an MSc degree, mark sheet, or result, and other desirable qualifications, will be considered for the PhD interview.
2. The OBC-NCL certificate must be issued after April 1, 2025.

Very Important:

1. The applicants are advised to read all the instructions carefully. This email is being sent for information to all the applicants who have applied to the Department, irrespective of their eligibility status. However, only applicants who meet the eligibility criteria (listed below) for appearing in the interview are required to attend the interview as per the schedule mentioned above.
2. **The applicants are therefore advised to make sure that they come for the interview only if they fulfill the criteria and are eligible to be interviewed.** Applicants are also required to bring evidence of their eligibility along with their educational qualification certificates, copies of their CV, dissertation, research publications (if any), GATE/ NET score card etc.
3. In case of any doubt or query regarding your eligibility for interview, you may seek clarification by sending an email to the Department at head@microbio.du.ac.in.

Eligibility:

1. Minimum 55% marks (or equivalent CGPA) in Post graduate degree in any branch of life science from a recognized University/ institute (relaxation of 5% marks for applicants belonging to SC/ST/OBC-NCL, PwD categories). Applicants who have appeared for the MSc final exams should note that they must have completed the MSc degree and that their results have been declared before the interview date. All applicants are required to bring their final mark sheet showing they have 55% or above marks in the MSc degree (a relaxation of 5% marks for applicants belonging to SC/ST/OBC-NCL and PwD categories).

2 Qualified CSIR-UGC-NET-JRF (Category-1), or CSIR-UGC-NET-LS (Category-2), or

CSIR-UGC eligibility for admission to PhD (Category-3), or GATE qualified, or DBT-JRF, or ICMR-JRF, or ICAR-NET, or DST-INSPIRE fellowship, or qualified equivalent national level examination/ fellowship as per Ordinance VI of the University of Delhi. You are required to bring evidence of the same at the time of the interview.

Important info for GATE-qualified and CSIR-UGC NET-qualified (Category-3) applicants:

For GATE-qualified applicants, the score should be valid on the date of the interview. For UGC-NET qualified applicants (in category-3), only those who have qualified in June 2025 and Dec 2025 will be considered for admission.

Important info for OBC and EWS applicants:

Those applying in the OBC-NCL category must have NCL eligibility certificates for the financial year 2024-25, issued on or after 01-Apr-2025. OBC applicants who belong to the Non-Creamy layer and whose caste appears in the central list of OBCs only shall be eligible for admission under the OBC category. Any applicant who has applied under the OBC-NCL category, and who does not have a valid certificate or is found ineligible for the category, will not be considered under the OBC-NCL category. Such applicants will then be considered only under the UR category. Similarly for EWS applicants, the certificate must be valid as on the date of interview.

Seats and research areas: Different research areas available for PhD admission are listed below. Please note that the number of seats listed below is indicative and may vary depending on the availability of suitable candidates interested in individual research areas who would qualify for the interview. You may be asked to share your research interests at the time of the interview.

Research Areas:

1. Microbial Pathogenesis,
2. Viral Pathogenesis,
3. Host-pathogen Interactions using the Leishmania model system,
4. Bioinformatics,
5. Host-microbe and RNA-Protein interaction biochemistry

How to reach:

The Google map link for Department location is https://maps.app.goo.gl/bz4njhFCkpYW9QMG7.
The detailed instructions are also available on the Department website here: https://microbio.du.ac.in/?Contact-Us

Documents to bring at time of interview:

Please note that the original documents are not mandatorily required to be brought at time of interview. You may bring 1 set of copies for submission. However, all original documents will be required to be submitted for verification at the time of admission if you are shortlisted/selected.

Here is a suggestive list of documents:

1. Copy of the application form downloaded from PhD admission portal
2. Documents related to educational qualification: UG final marksheet and degree, PG final marksheet and degree.
3. Documents related to NET qualification/ other eligibility etc: NET certificate and score card, or GATE certificate/ score card, or ICMR-JRF, or ICAR-NET, or DST-INSPIRE fellowship, or qualified equivalent national level examination/ fellowship as per Ordinance VI of University of Delhi
4. Documents related to category: SC/ ST/ OBC-NCL/ EWS certificate as applicable [*for those applying under OBC-NCL and EWS category, the certificate must be issued after* on or after 01-Apr-2025].
5. Copies of your CV, copy of research publication authored by you (if any), MSc dissertation (if any).
6. Any other document that could help the admission committee in evaluating your research acumen and potential.

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