

University of Jaffna, Sri Lanka
Faculty of Graduate Studies

New Admission for Postgraduate Research Programme
MPhil & PhD – 2026

Eligibility Requirements – based on SLQF

MPhil

Candidate shall have one of the followings as minimum qualification :

- (i) A Bachelor's Honors degree in a recognized University with a minimum of 30 credits in the relevant field of research.
- (ii) A Bachelor's Honors degree in a recognized University with a minimum of 30 credits in a related field of research and successful completion of a qualifying examination.
- (iii) A Bachelor's degree in a recognized University with a minimum GPA of 3 in the scale of 0-4 and successful completion of a qualifying examination which will be conducted after completion of 30 credits equivalent to Bachelor's Honors degree in the same or related field of research.
- (iv) A qualification of Postgraduate Certificate or above in a recognized University (Postgraduate Diploma, Masters degree with course work, Masters degree) in the relevant field of research.
- (v) Completion of National Vocational Qualification with a minimum GPA of 3 in a scale of 0-4 and successful completion of a qualifying examination which will be conducted after completion of 30 credits equivalent to Bachelor's Honors degree or Postgraduate Certificate, as determined by the Senate of the University of Jaffna, may also be considered for admission to MPhil in that field of specialization.

PhD

Candidate shall have one of the followings as minimum qualification :

- (i) A Master of Philosophy in a recognized University in the relevant field of research.
- (ii) A Master's Degree in a recognized University in the relevant field of research.
[60 credits after Bachelors degree or Honors Bachelors degree which include a research component of minimum 15 credits]
- (iii) A Bachelor's Honors degree in a recognized University with a minimum GPA of 3 at a scale 0-4, with or without a qualifying examination as determined by the Senate of the University of Jaffna.
- (iv) A Bachelor's Honors Degree in a recognized University who has registered to follow MPhil degree may be upgraded to PhD level after a minimum period of one year provided that his/her research competencies are of exceptional merit.
- (v) A Bachelor's Degree in a recognized University with a minimum GPA of 3 in the scale of 0-4 and successful completion of a qualifying examination which will be conducted after completion of 30 credits equivalent to Bachelor's Honors degree in the same or related field and register to follow MPhil degree may be upgraded to PhD level after a minimum period of one year provided that his/her research competencies are of exceptional merit.