GLS UNIVERSITY

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Ph.D.

Information Dossier

School of Doctoral Research and Innovation

About GLS University

GLS University is a statutory state private university established by the Act of Gujarat State Assembly. Gujarat Law Society, the parent body of the university, is a premier educational group, offering courses in multiple disciplines. It stands as a synonym for contemporary education in the region with its state-of-the-art infrastructure which houses nearly 30 institutes in various spheres. There are over 24,000 students at the campus who are assisted in meticulously crafting their careers and leading them to the path of success. GLS has a particularly expansive alumni group too which echoes the values that it has imparted, right since its inception. Being a part of some of the most distinguished corporations, across the globe, the members of its alumni have carved out a niche identity for themselves, that of being responsible, pragmatic and proactive.

GLS University is set up with a vision to benchmark the global standards of education and create path breaking programmes in the areas of strategic importance not only to the country but across the world. The university is all set to initiate various innovative programmes in diverse areas of management, information technology, communications, social sciences and commerce.

GLS is poised to become Gujarat's first globally relevant university, delivering quality education at affordable costs.

Our Research Focus

At the GLS University, we offer outstanding research training and professional development opportunities for our researchers, at all stages of candidature. These include Orientation events, Course work, research skills workshops and seminars, online collaborative research resources, thesis mentoring, leadership programs, desk research courses and much more.

These valuable, highly sought-after opportunities have been designed and are managed by leading research training academic and professional staff at the School of Doctoral Research and Innovation and other departments of the university. Participating in these opportunities not only supports you throughout your candidature, but allows you to get your degree off to a flying start, maintain momentum throughout your candidature, complete successfully and reach beyond your research degree.

From the President's Desk

Dear Prospective Student,

Greetings from GLS University!

At GLS University, we believe that it is not a crisis, but our response to it that defines us.

The COVID-19 global pandemic represents the most serious public health challenge that our country and the world have faced in a century. At the outset, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the doctors, nurses, technicians, pharmacists, sanitation workers, emergency services workers, teachers, and everyone who is rising to the occasion and caring for our society at large. Your dedication, commitment, and courage deserve our deepest gratitude and admiration. Your service to our society is touching countless lives and making thousands of differences.

GLS University has been working tirelessly not only to help mitigate the effects of this crisis on the university community but also to alleviate the suffering of the most vulnerable members of society.

Our constant concern from the beginning of the crisis has been the health, welfare, and safety of the entire GLS University community. Apart from taking the precautionary steps to curb the spread of the virus, we have successfully completed our vaccination drive and more than 500 staff members of GLS University have been duly vaccinated. As even the darkest night ends with the crack of dawn, we are hopeful that the measures taken will lead us through these difficult times and take us forward to a better future.

To this end, we have also taken a number of significant operational decisions. Whilst we all are adapting to new norms of maintaining social distancing; GLS University is investing heavily into world-class ONLINE platforms and Learning Technologies that will ensure that the education delivery continues uninterrupted. This initiative would put our university at par with the leading global universities that have adopted high-tech educational innovations enabling us in doing all academic tasks ONLINE such as:

1) **Conduct and Record Online Virtual Video Lectures**
2) **Arranging Online Exams, Presentations, Quizzes and Assignments**
3) **Enabling Online Group or Collaborative work**
4) **Online Query resolution**
5) **Online Grading, Feedback, and Announcement of Results**

GLS University and on behalf of my staff members, we ensure a smooth educational journey during your programme tenure at GLS University.

As one of the most respected and long-standing institutions in Gujarat, GLS University has taken its responsibility very seriously. From contributing to the CM's Relief Fund, a comprehensive student benefit scheme/ scholarship for all deserving and needy students to reduce their financial hardship, special scholarship for COVID-19 affected students, GLS University is doing its bit in line with our motto of **"Learn, Love, Serve".**

While there is still a lot of uncertainty about the coming months, our plans for the next academic year are based on two principles that remain completely certain:

1) First and foremost, to protect the health of our students to the best extent possible
2) To provide all of our students with an excellent academic experience

I want to provide a strong assurance that we shall be doing everything possible to safeguard the health of our community through the fulfillment of all norms & safeguards at our campus and to maintain our high standards of excellence in teaching and learning.

No matter what, we are committed to educating all of our students in the upcoming new academic year, in VIRTUAL classrooms, and beyond the classroom. We are committed to a safe and enriching educational experience. We are committed to you.

Sudhir Nanavati
President
GLS University

About School of Doctoral Research and Innovation (SDRI)

The School of Doctoral Research and Innovation has responsibility for leadership, oversight and policy advice in relation to the Ph.D. degree as well as responsibility for providing appropriate support and guidance to the research candidates and their supervisors.

The School promotes innovation and excellence in research education and researcher development across the University. It provides a range of services to support and develop our research students, supervisors and early career researchers including research education programs, policy development, advice and guidance and scholarships.

The school aims to enhance the quality of the research experience and culture at GLS University by providing face-to-face and online training, seminars, academic events and social activities. It also promotes high-quality research training through clear policies, procedures, information and support processes. The school also fosters good practice in supervision through the provision of training and compliance procedures for supervisory staff.

Our school provides programmes in most major disciplines including:

- **Business and Management**
- **Commerce**
- **Information Technology and Computer Sciences**
- **Design**
- **Law**
- **Interdisciplinary**

Here you will undertake research in your chosen field while working alongside international leaders. We value our graduate researchers and assist in every way to ensure your research is well supported. We provide:

- Dedicated research centres staffed by world-class researchers and teachers
- Access to some of the world's most advanced research resources and facilities
- Generous scholarship programs
- Unique professional development programs
- Comprehensive student support networks

About the Research Degrees at GLS University

A research degree enables you to quench that thirst for knowledge in the research area that most interests you. Research degrees are intensive allowing you to delve deeply into your subject area and contribute distinct knowledge to your field.

GLS University offers outstanding opportunities for postgraduates to pursue their research careers by offering the Doctoral Programme in various disciplines.

The Ph.D. typically takes 3.5 years duration culminating into a thesis as output with 80 000 – 100 000 words of documented research.

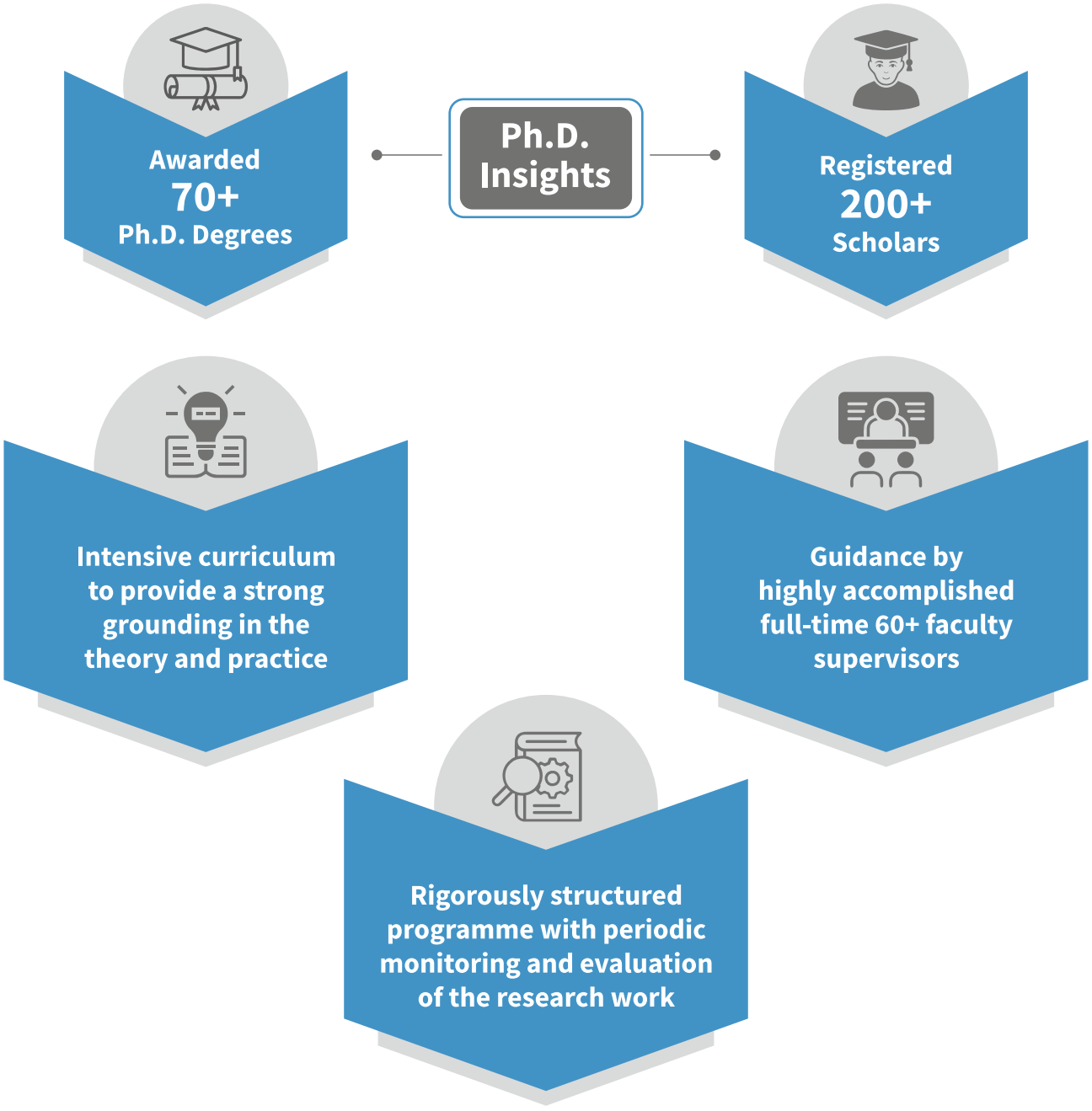
The scholar needs to complete one semester of coursework (included in the duration of 3.5 years), and then periodically appear before the Research and Development Committee, which monitors the progress.

Benefits of completing a Ph. D. Degree

Undertaking a doctoral research degree has many benefits. It gives the research scholar an opportunity to:

- Make an original, distinct contribution to knowledge
- Learn to communicate research findings effectively within the academia, to industry and internationally
- Collaborate with world-class, leading experts in the chosen field
- Develop key transferable skills highly sought by employers
- Grow personally and professionally
- Join the community of scholars in the discipline of research
- Comprehensive student support networks.

Program Competences



Library Facilities

The Library is equipped with a large collection of books, Indian & International journals; magazines and research reports related to the current industry insights. The department is committed to expanding the knowledge resources on a continuous basis. It provides the facilities to access several academic online databases.

Library Collection Highlights

Print Books - 70,000+

Journal & Magazines - 100+ Including Harvard Business Review, IIM Bangalore Management Review, Focus, BW Business World, Business Today, BPCQ - business and professional quarterly, Asian Economic journal, Banking Finance, Fortune, Family Business Review etc.

Newspaper - 10+ Including Time of India, Economic Times, Hindustan Times, Indian Express, Regional Newspapers etc.

Online Databases - Proquest, J-Gate, EBSCO, National Digital Library of India etc.

Research Assistance Tools - Plagiarism Checking Software

Eligibility

Entry into the GLS University research programmes is competitive and the successful applicants usually exceed the minimum entry requirements. Applicants are assessed for their knowledge of their chosen discipline and their ability to complete a rigorous research project. Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Academic achievement
- Relevance of your previous qualification to your intended research
- Evidence of research ability
- Current knowledge of the discipline.

Typically, to be successful, the candidate should have:

- A Master's degree (bachelor's degree obtained in 10+2+3, followed by a master's degree) or a post-graduate diploma (2 Years) from any discipline, with at least 55%* in Master's degrees

Or

- A professional qualification like CA, ICWA, CS with atleast 55%*

  * Five Percent marks relaxation is given to SC, ST and PwD Candidates; The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate would be calculated based on the practice as followed by the respective University/Institution. In case of grades/CGPA, the conversion to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure as certified by the respective university/institution.

- Candidates who are in the final year of the qualifying programs that would make them eligible, can also apply. Such candidates, if selected, will be allowed to join the programme provisionally only. Their admission will be confirmed only when they submit the mark sheets and a certificate of having passed the master's degree/equivalent qualification referred to in the application form.
- Please note that those candidates who have applied based on their master's degree will have to submit final degree mark sheet with above stated eligibility criteria. Non-fulfilment of these conditions will automatically result in the cancellation of the provisional admission.

Admission Process

Online applications need to be filled up from the GLS University website.

The applicant must make sure that all the desired attachments are uploaded along with application fees Rs. 500.

The applicant should verify the complete online application before submitting the same.

The applicant will get an acknowledgement in his/her e-mail regarding the schedule of the GReAT and the schedule for interaction with the Research & Development Committee

Appear for the test online if applicable. The applicant Will be intimated the outcome of the exam within seven days

Appear for the interaction with the Research Development Committee and discuss the research area and topic with the committee members

The applicant will receive an offer of admission by e-mail, giving details about payment of fees and other formalities

On acceptance of the offer, the applicant is supposed to pay the fees within the stipulated time

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