

KAUSHALYA – THE SKILL UNIVERSITY

ANNEXURE - IV

Personal Interview (PI) — Schedule & Instructions

A. PERSONAL INTERVIEW (PI) DETAILS

Programme	Ph.D. Admission 2026-27
Round	Personal Interview (PI) — for candidates who cleared / are exempted from the KSU Ph.D. Common Entrance Test (CET) 2026
Date	Monday, 21 September 2026
Eligibility	All candidates declared eligible in the Final Result of Ph.D. CET 2026, and all candidates exempted from CET under Route A (UGC-NET/CSIR-NET/SLET-SET, GATE/GPAT/NATA/CAT ≥ 75 percentile, government-sponsored fellows, Teacher Fellowship holders, etc.). Exemption from CET does NOT exempt a candidate from the PI — it is mandatory for all.
Format	Conducted separately for each subject/discipline/stream, by a panel constituted for the respective School
Venue	Committee Room, Ground Floor, Kaushalya-The Skill University, Block-03, VGEC Campus, Nigam Nagar, Chandkheda, Ahmedabad-382424, Gujarat, India.
Reporting Time	11:00 AM
Weightage in Merit List	PI carries 30% weightage in the consolidated merit list (CET or CET-equivalent score carries the remaining 70%).
Queries / Contact	phd.sec@kaushalyaskilluniversity.ac.in

B. EVALUATION CRITERIA (MAXIMUM 50 MARKS)

Evaluation Component	Marks
Candidate's competence for the proposed research	20
Suitability of the proposed research work at the School/Institute, and availability of infrastructure	15
Contribution of the proposed research to new / additional knowledge in the field	15
Total	50

C. WHAT CANDIDATES SHOULD PREPARE

- Candidates are expected to discuss their proposed research interest, area, and research proposal content before the panel.
- A brief Research Proposal of approx. 1,000–1,500 words — covering objectives, methodology and significance of the proposed work — is encouraged to be submitted/presented at the PI.
- Candidates are advised to attend the Preparatory Workshop (17 September 2026) beforehand for guidance on the research proposal and interview expectations.

D. DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

- Original documents, as submitted with the application, including a passport-size photograph (*For CET-Exempted Candidates (Direct PI)*)
- One set of self-attested photocopies of all relevant documents. (*For CET-Exempted Candidates (Direct PI)*)
- One copy of the submitted Application Form. (*For CET-Exempted Candidates (Direct PI)*)
- Original category/reservation certificate (SC/ST/SEBC-Non-Creamy Layer/EWS/PwD), where applicable — originals must be produced at the PI for verification. Failure to produce originals will result in the candidate being considered under the General (Unreserved) category, with no reservation benefit.
- Proof of qualifying score/status for candidates exempted from CET (NET/SLET/GATE/GPAT/NATA/CAT certificate, fellowship letter, etc.).
- Proof of post-graduate result; where the result is reported in CPI/letter grade/other scale, an equivalency certificate is required.
- Valid No Objection Certificate (NOC) from employer, for Part-Time candidates.

E. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS

- A candidate who remains absent for the scheduled PI shall have their candidature cancelled.
- The PI is mandatory for all candidates, including those exempted from the CET.
- Candidates belonging to reserved categories must upload valid certificates with their application; originals must additionally be produced at the PI, failing which they will be treated under the General category.
- The decision of the PI panel and the Ph.D. Admission Committee shall be final and binding.