

PONDICHERRY UNIVERSITY

Election Notification - 2012

In accordance with the recommendations of the Lyngdoh Committee Report communicated by the UGC pursuant to the Supreme Court directions, Election for students bodies in Pondicherry University is notified as per the modalities and schedule given below:

Modality of Election

1. There will be two separate bodies one for scholars known as Scholars Forum and another for all other students of the University known as Students' Council.
2. The mode of election will be indirect for both the bodies.
3. The School representatives shall be directly elected by the students of the respective schools, located in Puducherry campus. Similarly separate representatives shall be directly elected for Karaikal and Port Blair Campuses and also for Community College. The representatives of schools/Campuses/Community College will constitute the Electoral College for electing office bearers to the Students' Council/Scholars Forum.

The number of representatives to be as follows:

Students' Council:

Strength of Students in the School/Campus/Community College	No. of Representatives
Upto 400	2 (one male & One female)
401 to 800	4 (two males & two females)
801 to 1200	6 (three males & three females)
1201 to 1600	8 (four males & four females)
➤ 1600	10 (five males & five females)

Scholars Forum:

No. of Scholars in the School/Campus	No. of Representatives
Upto 100	1
101 – 200	2
201 – 300	3
301 – 400	4
➤ 400	5

4. The Students' Council/Scholars Forum shall have the following office bearers:
 - a. President
 - b. Vice-President (Two - one male and one female)
 - c. Secretary (One)
 - d. Joint Secretary (One)
 - e. Executive members (Six – three males and three females)
5. No person, who is not a regular student on the rolls of the university, can take part in the election process in any capacity.
6. The elections shall be free of political involvement of any kind including affiliation to external outfits etc.
7. The entire process of elections commencing from the date of filing of nomination papers to the date of declaration of results including the campaign period, shall not exceed 10 days.
8. The maximum age limit for UG students and P.G. students to contest the election shall be 22 Yrs. and 24 yrs. respectively. For research scholars, the age limit shall be 28 years.
9. The candidate contesting the election shall have no academic arrears and should have minimum 75 % attendance.
10. The candidate shall have one opportunity to contest for the post of office bearer, and two opportunities to contest for the post of an executive member.

11. The candidate shall have no previous criminal record and shall not have been subject to any disciplinary action by the university authorities.
12. The candidate must be a regular student of the university enrolled in a full time course of duration of at least one year and should not be a distance education student. The students admitted only for add on courses (evening courses) will not be eligible to participate in the election.
13. All the Ph.D. scholars who have not completed four years from the date of registration and on the roll to receive Fellowship will be eligible to participate (Since M.Phil. programmes has been discontinued from this year, M.Phil. scholars are not included to participate in the elections).
14. The maximum permitted expenditure per candidate shall be Rs.5,000/-
15. Each candidate shall within two weeks of the declaration of the result, submit complete and certified accounts to the university authorities which shall be made available for any member of the student body to examine the same.
16. The candidates are specially barred from utilizing funds from any external source other than voluntary contributions from students.
17. No candidate shall indulge in or abet any activity which may aggravate existing differences or create mutual hatred or cause tension between different castes and communities, religious or linguistic, or between any group(s) of students.
18. There shall be no reference or criticism to private life or public activities of the other candidates or supporters of such other candidates. No allegations shall be made or distortions of any kind resorted to.
19. There shall be no appeal to caste or communal feelings for securing votes. Places of worship within or outside the campus shall not be used for election propaganda.

20. The candidates are strictly prohibited from indulging or abetting in any or all activities which are considered to be "corrupt practices" and offences such as bribing of voters, intimidation of voters, impersonation of voters, canvassing or the use of propaganda within 100 meters of polling stations, holding public meetings during the period of 24 hours ending with the hour fixed for the close of the poll, and the transport and conveyance of voters to and from polling station.

21. No candidate shall be permitted to make use of printed posters, printed pamphlets, or any other printed material for the purpose of canvassing. Candidates may only utilize hand-made posters for the purpose of canvassing, provided that such hand-made posters are procured within the expenditure limit set out herein above.

22. No candidate shall carry out processions, or public meetings, or in any way canvass or distribute propaganda outside the university campus. For holding any meeting inside the campus (only during non-working hours), prior written permission of the University Authorities/ chief Election Officer should be obtained. The use of loudspeakers or vehicles for canvassing is strictly prohibited.

23. No candidate or his/her supporters shall deface or cause any damage or destruction to any property of the university, for any purpose whatsoever, under any circumstance. All candidates shall be held jointly and severally liable for any destruction/defacing of any university property.

24. The candidates may utilise only hand-made posters (not bigger than A-3 size) at the specified spaces in the campus in the following locations: Near Gate Nos. 1 & 2, Amutham Mess, Mother Theresa Mess, Canteen 1, 2, 3 & 4, shopping complex, lecture hall complex 1 & 2, Libraries of all Schools and Students' Council building.

25. The candidates shall co-operate with the officers on election duty and shall ensure peaceful and orderly polling and allow the voters to exercise their franchise without any annoyance or obstruction. The candidates shall not serve or distribute any eatables or other solid and liquid consumables (except water).

26. Excepting the voters, no one without a valid pass / letter of authority from the Chief Election officer / University authorities shall enter the polling booths.
27. The election of the candidate will be nullified in the event of non-compliance of above or in the event of any excess expenditure.
28. If candidates have any specific complaint or problem regarding the conduct of the elections they may bring the same to the notice of the election authority.
29. All candidates shall be jointly responsible for ensuring the cleaning up of the polling area within 48 hours of the conclusion of polling.
30. On the day of polling, the candidates or their representative shall not hand out any propaganda.
31. In the event of any contravention of any of the above conditions, the candidate shall be liable to be stripped of his candidature or his elected post as the case may be and the university may also take appropriate disciplinary action against such violators.

Election Officers

Dean or a senior faculty nominated by the Dean will be the election officer for the School concerned. In the case of Karaikal Campus, the Centre Head, Prof. Lalitha Ramakrishnan will be the election officer. For Port-Blair Campus, HOD of Ocean Studies & Marine Biology, Prof.P.M. Mohan will be the election officer and for the Community College, Principal Prof.K.S. Kumari will be the election officer.

Prof. Mohanan B Pillai, Director, UMISARC will be the Chief Election Officer of the University and Dr. G. Vasanthi, Associate Professor, Department of Physical Education and Sports will be the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

All matters starting from the filing of nomination upto the declaration of the results for School/Campus representatives will be dealt with by the respective Dean or his nominee/

campus Heads. The election of office bearers and the overall supervision of the Elections will be the responsibility of Chief Election Officer assisted by the Deputy Chief Election Officer.

Representative of Port-Blair and Karaikal Campus shall cast their vote for the office bearers of the Students' Council through e-mail to the Chief Election Officer, which will be counted alongwith the secret ballot votes by other representatives.

Election Schedule:

Filing of Nomination papers for the post of School/Campus representatives	:	03-08-2012.
Scrutiny and declaration of valid Nominations	:	04-08-2012, 04.00 PM
Date of Withdrawal	:	06-08-2012, 11.00 AM
Publication of final list of contestants	:	06-08-2012, 04.00 PM
Polling for Electing School/Campus representatives	:	11-08-2012, 10.00 AM to 05.00 PM
Counting of Votes & Declaration of results for School/Campus representatives	:	12-08-2012; 12.00 PM
Nominations to be filed for Office Bearers	:	13-08-2012, 10:00 AM
Election of office bearers to the Students' Council	:	13-08-2012; 03.00 PM
Declaration of results for office bearers to the Students' Council/Scholars Forum	:	13-08-2012; 05.00 PM

Violation of any sort of the election guidelines shall invite stringent punishment.


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