

**ORIENTAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE & MANUSCRIPT LIBRARY
UNIVERSITY OF KERALA
KARIAVATTOM, THIRUVANANTHAPURAM**

ADMISSION NOTIFICATION

Applications are invited for the admission to the **Post Graduate Diploma in Palaeography and Conservation of Manuscripts** conducted by Oriental Research Institute & Manuscript Library, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram.

Introduction

Oriental Research Institute and Manuscripts Library is one of India's largest Manuscripts libraries, with a history starting from 1908. The manuscripts collection in the Palace Library of the Royal Dynasty of Travancore created the nucleus of this Institution. From there, it has grown into one of India's most important manuscripts libraries by collecting different types of manuscripts from Kerala and other parts of India. This institution became part of the University of Travancore in 1940, and now it is one of the prestigious academic institutions and Indological Research Centre of the University of Kerala.

Programme Outline

The Programme, Post Graduate Diploma in Palaeography and Conservation of Manuscripts is conceived as a bridge programme to introduce Learners the basic awareness of Palaeography and Manuscriptology and develop skills on these disciplines. The knowledge and skills transacted through this course will enable them to study all aspects of manuscripts and take up higher studies and research in Manuscriptology and Palaeography. The course aims to produce individuals trained in Manuscriptology, a highly specialised area, so that studies and research in Manuscriptology are extended outside the few research centres in the University of Kerala. The extensive manuscript collections now available in Kerala require a large number of trained and dedicated researchers to study, catalogue, edit and the manuscripts thereby tapping the vast knowledge and cultural memory contained in them for the

benefit of the society. The proposed course will cover basic knowledge about Manuscripts and Manuscriptology and provide hands-on training in reading and writing old scripts, manuscript editing and textual criticism and also conventional and modern techniques of conservation of manuscripts. The course will be evaluated through continuous assessment, end semester exams, text editing as project and viva-voce.

Structure and Duration

The Post Graduate Diploma in Palaeography and Conservation of Manuscripts (PGDPCM) is a one year course (Regular) consisting of two semesters via lectures, practical work and an independent project work.

Fee Structure for the programme.

- Application Fee and Entrance Examination : Rs. 1000/-
- Tuition Fee : Rs. 5000/-
- Caution Deposit : Rs. 1000/-
- DDF : Rs. 2500/-
- Examination Fee (Rs. 500/- per paper) : Rs. 3500/-
- Fee for subsequent appearance per paper : Rs. 500/-

Number of seats : 15

Last date for submission of application : 15th December 2022

Date of Entrance Examinations : 10th January 2023

Date of commencement of classes : 1st February 2023

Eligibility

Bachelors Degree in any discipline with minimum 50% of marks. Relaxation for SC/ST as per University norms.

Admission Procedure

Interested candidates are required to submit the application form (can be downloaded from the website <https://www.keralauniversity.ac.in/> will be available from the ORI&MSS Library, Kariavattom) duly filled in, with the required documents (as mentioned in the instructions) along with the required application fee. The application and entrance examination fee **Rs.1000/-** may be paid in cash at the University Cash Counter in favour of “**The Finance Officer, University of Kerala**”. The application fee is non-refundable/non-transferable.

The application forms complete in all respects along with attested copies of marklists of all examinations (semesters/years) should be submitted to “The Professor & Head, Oriental Research Institute & Manuscript Library, University of Kerala, Kariavattom, Thiruvananthapuram “ on or before **15th December 2023. Application form received without the application fees, shall be rejected.**

Contact Details:-

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