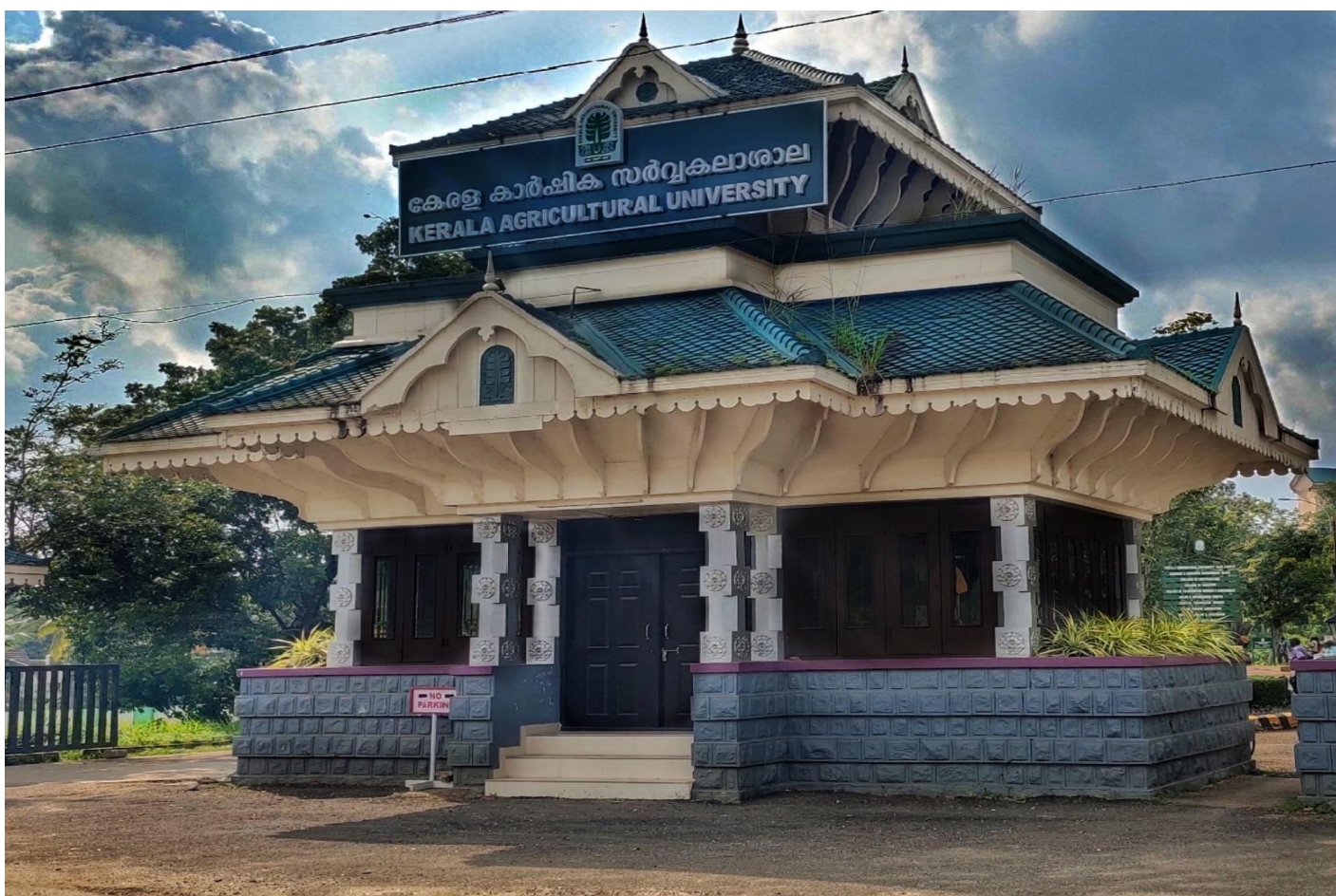




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POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES PROSPECTUS 2025-26

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INTRODUCTION

The Kerala Agricultural University is an institution which came into existence on the 24 February, 1971 by the Act passed by the Government of Kerala. The University is the principal instrument of Kerala state in providing human resources, skills and technology required for the sustainable development of its agriculture, agricultural engineering, horticulture and forestry by integrating education, research and extension.

The University fulfills its mission through a network of institutions spread throughout the State consisting of three Faculties under which are 8 constituent Colleges, 6 Regional Agricultural Research Stations, 17 Research Stations, one Central Training Institute, one Communication Centre and seven Krishi Vigyan Kendras. There is a network of libraries, including a Central Library in the main campus, constituent Colleges, Research Stations and KVKs.

Post-graduate programmes are offered in almost all the disciplines with specializations related to Agriculture, Agricultural Engineering and Forestry. The university offers post-graduate programmes on Master's degree in 34 disciplines and Doctoral programmes in 25 disciplines.

Postgraduate Programmes (PG) in the following faculties will be offered during the year - 2025

- Faculty of Agriculture
- Faculty of Forestry
- Faculty of Agricultural Engineering and Technology

CONSTITUENT COLLEGES OFFERING POST GRADUATE PROGRAMMES

A. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE

1. College of Agriculture (CoA), Vellayani, Thiruvananthapuram– 695522

Tel. No.	: 0471-2381915, 2381002, 2382439
Dean	: 0471-2381829
Email	: deanagri@kau.in , coavellayani@kau.in
Nearest Railway Station	: Thiruvananthapuram Central
Nearest Air Port	: Thiruvananthapuram International Airport

The College is situated in a calm and beautiful village named Vellayani, 12 Km away from Thiruvananthapuram, the capital city of the State.

2. College of Agriculture (CoA), Vellanikkara, KAU (P.O), Thrissur– 680656

Tel.No. : 0487-2438300

E mail : cohvka@kau.in, dean.coavka@kau.in

Nearest Railway Station : Thrissur

Nearest Air Port : Cochin International Airport

The College is situated in the main campus of the University at Vellanikkara, 12km away from Thrissur, the cultural capital of Kerala.

3. College of Agriculture (CoA), Padannakkad, Kasaragod–671314

Tel. No. : 0467-2280616

Email : dean.coapad@kau.in, coapad@kau.in

Nearest Railway Station : Nileshtar/Kanhangad

Nearest Air Ports : Kannur & Mangalore

The College is located at Padannakkad in Kasaragod district, the northern most district of Kerala, with a campus area of 31.3ha. The campus is on the side of NH 66, near Nileshtar.

4. College of Co-operation, Banking & Management (CCB&M), Vellanikkara, KAU (P.O), Thrissur– 680656

Tel.No. : 0487-2438501, 0487-2438503; Fax: 914872370019

Emai : ccbm@kau.in, deanbsh@kau.in, dirmba@kau.in

Nearest Railway Station : Thrissur

Nearest Air Port : Cochin International Airport

The College is situated in the main campus of the University.

B. FACULTY OF FORESTRY

College of Forestry (CoF), Vellanikkara, KAU (PO), Thrissur–680656

Tel.No. : 0487-2370050; FaxNo. 0487-2438402, Dean: 0487-2438401

Email : cofvka@kau.in, deanforestry@kau.in

Nearest Railway Station : Thrissur

Nearest Air Port : Cochin International Airport

The College of Forestry is located in the main campus of the University.

C. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURAL ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY

**Kelappaji College of Agricultural Engineering & Food Technology (KCAEFT), Tavanur,
Malappuram-679 573**

Tel. No. : 0494-2686214

Email : deanengg@kau.in, kcaet@kau.in.

Nearest Railway Station : Kuttippuram

Nearest Airport : Calicut (Karippur)

The College is located in Tavanur village of Malappuram district, on the bank of the river Bharathapuzha.

a) PROGRAMMES OFFERED: -**A. MASTERS PROGRAMMES 2025-26**

(i) M.Sc. Agriculture / Horticulture, M.Sc. Community Science, M.Sc. Agricultural Statistics										
Sl. No.	Discipline	CoA, Vellayani		CoA, Vellanikkara		CoA, Padannakad		Total KAU	Total ICAR	Grand Total
		KAU	ICAR	KAU	ICAR	KAU	ICAR			
1	Agronomy	13	5	5	2	2	1	20	8	28
2	Entomology	8	4	7	3	2	1	17	8	25
3	Agricultural Extension Education	9	4	6	3	2	0	17	7	24
4	Genetics and Plant Breeding	7	3	4	1	2	1	13	5	18
5	Plant Pathology	9	4	7	3	3	1	19	8	27
6	Soil Science	9	4	7	3	3	1	19	8	27
7	Plant Physiology	4	2	1	1	2	1	7	4	11
8	Food and Nutrition	5	2	3	1	0	0	8	3	11
9	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	7	3	5	5	1	1	13	9	22
10	Microbiology	3	1	3	1	0	0	6	2	8
11	Agricultural Economics	6	3	5	2	2	0	13	5	18
12	Fruit Science	2	1	2	0	2	0	6	1	7
13	Plantation, Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops	4	2	3	1	0	0	7	3	10
14	Vegetable Science	3	1	3	1	0	0	6	2	8
15	Postharvest Management	3	1	2	1	0	0	5	2	7
16	Agricultural Statistics	3	1	2	1	0	0	5	2	7
17	Seed Science and Technology	2	1	2	2	0	0	4	3	7
18	Agricultural Meteorology	0	0	3	2	1	1	4	3	7
19	Floriculture and Landscaping	3	1	3	1	0	0	6	2	8
20	Nematology	2	1	0	0	0	0	2	1	3
Total		102	44	73	34	22	8	197	86	283

(ii) M.Sc. Forestry at College of Forestry, Vellanikkara

Sl. No.	Discipline	Seats		Total
		KAU	ICAR	
1	Silviculture and Agro forestry	3	1	4
2	Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	3	1	4
3	Forest Resource Management	3	1	4
4	Forest Products and Utilization	3	1	4
5	Wildlife Science	4	0	4
Total		16	4	20

(iii) M.Sc. Co-operation & Banking (C&B) at CCBM, Vellanikkara

Sl. No.	Discipline	Seats		Total
		KAU	ICAR	
1	Co-operative Management	2	0	2
2	Rural Marketing Management	4	0	4
3	Rural Banking and Finance Management	4	0	4
Total		10	0	10

(iv) M.Tech. (Agricultural Engineering) at KCAEFT, Tavanur

Sl. No.	Discipline	Seats		Total
		KAU	ICAR	
1	Farm Machinery and Power Engineering	2	2	4
2	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering	6	2	8
3	Processing and Food Engineering*	3	2	5
Total		11	6	17

**Two seats of M.Tech Processing & Food Engineering are reserved to B.Tech (Food Technology) graduates. If the B.Tech (Food Technology) candidates are not available, the seats will be filled up from B.Tech (Agricultural Engineering) candidates.*

B. DOCTORAL PROGRAMMES 2025-26

(i) Ph.D. Agriculture / Horticulture, Ph.D. Community Science and Ph.D Agricultural Statistics										
Sl. No.	Discipline	CoA, Vellayani		CoA, Vellanikkara		CoA, Padannakad		Total KAU	Total ICAR	Grand TOTAL
		KAU	ICAR	KAU	ICAR	KAU	ICAR			
1	Agronomy	6	2	2	1	1	0	9	3	12
2	Entomology	3	2	4	1	1	0	8	3	11
3	Agricultural Extension Education	4	2	3	2	0	0	7	4	11
4	Genetics and Plant Breeding	4	1	2	1	1	0	7	2	9
5	Plant Pathology	4	2	3	2	1	1	8	5	13
6	Soil Science	6	2	3	2	1	1	10	5	15
7	Plant Physiology	3	1	1	1	1	0	5	2	7
8	Food and Nutrition	3	1	4	1	0	0	7	2	9
9	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	2	2	4	4	0	0	6	6	12
10	Microbiology	2	1	1	1	0	0	3	2	5
11	Agricultural Economics	2	1	3	1	0	0	5	2	7
12	Fruit Science	2	1	1	0	0	0	3	1	4
13	Plantation, Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	1	4
14	Vegetable Science	1	1	1	1	0	0	2	2	4
15	Postharvest Management	1	0	1	1	0	0	2	1	3
16	Floriculture and Landscaping	2	0	1	1	0	0	3	1	4
17	Agricultural Meteorology	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	1	2
18	Nematology	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	1	2
19	Agricultural Statistics	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	2
Total		49	21	37	21	6	2	92	44	136

(ii) Ph.D Forestry, CoF, Vellanikkara

Sl. No.	Discipline	KAU	ICAR	Total
1	Silviculture and Agro forestry	1	1	2
2	Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	1	1	2
3	Forest Resource Management	1	1	2
4	Forest Products and Utilization	1	1	2
5	Wildlife Science	2	0	2
	Total	6	4	10

(ii) Ph.D Co-operation & Banking (C&B) at CCBM, Vellanikkara

Sl. No.	Discipline	KAU	ICAR	TOTAL
1	Rural Marketing Management	2	0	2
	Total	2	0	2

(iii) Ph.D Agricultural Engineering, KCAEFT, Tavanur

Sl. No.	Discipline	KAU	ICAR	TOTAL
1	Farm Machinery and Power Engineering	1	2	3
2	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering	2	2	4
3	Processing and Food Engineering	1	0	1
	Total	4	4	8

b) Eligibility for Admission:

Only Indian nationals are eligible to apply. Candidates should have obtained degree from a University/Institution accredited by ICAR (3 tier accreditation) and recognized by KAU. Three tier accreditation is required for the qualifying UG degree (for PG applicants) and PG degree (for Ph.D applicants).

Eligibility Criteria for the admission of ICAR students will be as per ICAR norms.

A. MSc./ M.Tech Programmes**Minimum requirement:**

Course	General	SC/ST and PwD
UG (Grade point system) (OGPA)	6.50/10.00	6.00/10.00
UG (Traditional system) (Percentage)	55	50

a) Faculty of Agriculture

M. Sc. (Agriculture/ Horticulture)	B.Sc. (Hons.) degree in the respective disciplines.
M. Sc. Community Science	B.Sc. (Hons.) Ag. or equivalent 4 year degree in the relevant discipline offered by SAUs/ICAR institutes. (OR) Bachelor degree in Community Science/B.Sc. Home Science/ B.Sc. Nutrition and dietetics/ B.Sc. Clinical Nutrition/ B.Sc. Food and Nutrition/ B.Sc. Clinical nutrition and dietetics or equivalent.
M. Sc. (Agricultural Statistics)	B.Sc. (Hons.) in Agriculture/ Forestry/ Co-operation and Banking offered by SAUs/ICAR institutes
M. Sc. (Co-operation & Banking)	B.Sc. (Hons.) Co-operation & Banking degree of the KAU or an equivalent 4 year degree.

b) Faculty of Forestry

M Sc.(Forestry)	Bachelors in Forestry/ Agriculture/ Horticulture/ B.V.Sc. & A.H (for Wildlife Science only). Degree holders with higher Grade Certificate from Ranger's College or with Diploma in Forestry from State Forest College/Indian Forest College, Dehradun
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c) Faculty of Agricultural Engineering & Technology

M Tech. (Agricultural Engineering)	A 4 year bachelor degree in Agricultural Engineering/Food Technology (for Processing and Food Engineering only) under ICAR system
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B. Ph.D programmes

Minimum requirement:

Course	General	SC/ST/ PwD
PG (Grade point system) (OGPA)	7.00/10.00	6.50/10.00
PG (Traditional system) (Percentage)	60	55

a) Ph.D in Agriculture/ Horticulture/ Forestry/ Agricultural Engineering

Master's Degree in the respective discipline/ related discipline from the faculty concerned.

A basic degree in the relevant faculty is essential.

4 years Basic Degree (UG) and 2 years PG, from a University/ Institution accredited by ICAR will be strictly followed.

b) Ph.D in Agricultural Statistics

M. Sc. in Agricultural Statistics. 2 years PG, from a University/ Institution accredited by ICAR will strictly be followed.

c) Ph.D in Community Science (Food and Nutrition)

M Sc. in Community Science (Food and Nutrition) or equivalent recognized by KAU.

d) Ph.D in Rural Marketing Management

Master's Degree in the respective discipline/related discipline from the faculty concerned of KAU/ State Agricultural Universities or a recognized equivalent qualification by KAU. Basic Degree UG 4 years and Master's degree 2 years from SAUs recognized by KAU will be strictly followed for admissions.

3. System of Teaching and Evaluation

Semester system of instruction and internal/external evaluation will be followed.

4. Reservation of seats and admission for sponsored candidates

- 30% of the seats shall be reserved for the eligible ICAR candidates on the basis of All

India Entrance Examination conducted by ICAR. At the time of admission, ICAR candidates have to fill the Bio data and remit the fees as prescribed by KAU.

- Number of students from outside Kerala is restricted to 10% of the total PG/Ph D seats of KAU, in addition to ICAR allotment.

In service candidates

Candidates sponsored by the Govt. of Kerala are admitted over and above the intake capacity subject to availability of faculty and facilities. Intending candidates will have to submit their application through their employers concerned within the stipulated time and should attach a certificate of sponsorship and experience from the concerned employer. They should also satisfy the required qualification for admission. Sponsored candidate is a candidate deputed by the respective development department, research institutions of national importance, Commodity Boards and other Government and Quasi Government development institutions. The expenditure towards the Post Graduate programme of such students will be met by the sponsoring agency or the student.

Two seats for M Sc. (Ag.) will be reserved for the candidates from the Union Territory of Lakshadweep provided that the entire expenditure on account of the programme is met by the Union Territory of Lakshadweep. At the time of admission, candidates have to fill the Bio data and remit the fees as prescribed by KAU.

KAU sponsored candidates

KAU sponsored candidates have to apply via the admission portal for admission to PhD programmes. Candidates must attach a No Objection Certificate issued by the Registrar along with the hard copy of application and submit the same through the Head of Institution. Advance copy will not be considered. Admissions will be considered based on granting of study leave by KAU, subject to fulfilling of other requirements for admission.

5. How to Apply

Prospectus for admission is available in the KAU website www.admissions.kau.in. Candidate should submit the application online after registering in the website. Applications submitted late or found defective or incomplete in any manner or which do not contain any of the enclosures specified are liable to be summarily rejected. The candidates are advised to read the instructions given in the website carefully before filling up the application (Appendix I). Hard copy of application of employed candidates should be routed through their Heads of Institutions. On successful submission of the application, the candidates will receive an **auto generated email**.

Application fee for Masters Degree programme :-

Category	Application Fee (Rs.)
General category	1000
Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe (Native of Kerala only)/ PwD	500

Application fee for Ph.D programme :-

Category	Application Fee (Rs.)
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General category	1500
Scheduled Caste/ Scheduled Tribe (Native of Kerala only)/ PwD	750

Payment of Application Fee

Application fee can be paid online by using the internet facility “**SB COLLECT**” of State Bank of India for which a link is provided in the application portal and after payment of application fee, candidate should take a print out of **online payment receipt** from website. Candidates can also remit the application fee directly at any of the branches of State Bank of India by showing the chalan generated through “SB COLLECT” and the bank will issue an Online Receipt on payment of the same. Any other mode of payment will not be accepted. **The Application fee /additional fee once remitted will not be refunded under any circumstances.**

NB:- The candidates are required to enter details of the fee paid in the online application form. Application forms without receipt of online payment attached will be summarily rejected. Candidates must ensure the payment before attaching the online receipt of payment.

6. Application Enclosures

Each application should contain the following documents as enclosures:

- a. Online payment receipt of the application fee.
- b. Scanned copies of certificates in proof of mark list of qualifying examination/ provisional degree certificate/ degree certificate with OGPA.
- c. Valid ICAR Score Card (2025-2026), Valid GATE Score Card in case of M.Tech Programmes
- d. PwD/ Community/ NCLC/ EWS Certificate in case of reservation Candidates.
- e. Certificates in proof of experience, sports, arts, publication.
- f. The details of published papers should be furnished as follows :
 - Original research paper
 - Text books (authored or edited)
 - Chapter in Text Book
 - Review articles in research journals/Research note
 - Popular science articles
- g. A 'no objection certificate' and experience certificate obtained from the controlling officer concerned in the case of in-service candidates. Registrar will be the controlling officer for KAU employees.

7. Penalty for false information

Any candidate who is found to have willfully or otherwise furnished any particulars which are false or has suppressed material facts or does not satisfy the requisite qualification for admission shall be disqualified. They shall not be allowed to continue on the rolls of the University, if it is detected at any stage of his/her studentship in the University. In case the candidate has already graduated from the University, then the degree awarded by the University will be withdrawn.

8. SELECTION

a. Masters

Selection of candidates for the master's degree programmes will be based on ICAR entrance examinations conducted for the academic session 2025-26 for M.Sc. (Ag.), M.Sc. (Hort.), M.Sc. (Forestry) and M.Tech (Agrl.Engg.) **The candidates should attend the Entrance Examination in the relevant subject group as prescribed by ICAR, to be eligible for admission. KAU will conduct separate entrance exam for Community Science and Co-operation & Banking courses.**

Candidates with valid **GATE score** also will be considered for admission to **M.Tech. Programme** in Agricultural Engineering. GATE score in Agricultural Engineering will be considered for admission to all M.Tech. disciplines of Agricultural Engineering. GATE score in Food Technology will be considered for admission to M.Tech. (Processing & Food Engineering).

An ICAR score card of relevant year of admission in the Major Subject Groups as prescribed by ICAR for admission through AIEEA, under the corresponding Faculty of KAU is mandatory for considering for admission at KAU

Candidates will be ranked on the basis of the following criteria.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Marks
1	Marks obtained in ICAR/KAU Entrance Examination	75
2	Academic Performance (Marks/Grade obtained in Degree Examination)	20
3	Publication*/Sports**/Arts**/NSS***NCC****	5

Criteria followed for the distribution of marks to Publication/ Sports/ Arts etc will be as follows:

***Publication:**

- Popular article/abstract/poster paper - 0.25 Mark
- Full Paper in symposium/seminar/Research note - 0.50 Mark
- Research Paper in refereed journals/Book/Book Chapters - 1.00 Mark

****Sports/Games/Arts:**

- Representing the Nation - 5 Marks
- Representing the State - 3 Marks
- Representing the University - 1 Mark

*****NSS**

- Participation in Republic day parade - 5 Marks
- Participation in Pre Republic day camp - 3 Marks
- Participation in National integration camp - 2 Marks

******NCC**

- C Certificate - 3 Marks
- Participation in Republic day camp - 2 Marks

b. Ph.D.

Selection of candidates will be based on the ICAR Entrance examination (AICE- JRF/ SRF (Ph.D) conducted for the academic session 2025-26. KAU will conduct separate entrance exam for Community Science and Rural Marketing Management.

Candidates will be ranked on the basis of the following criteria.

Sl. No.	Particulars	Marks
1	Marks obtained in ICAR/ KAU Entrance Examination	75
2	Academic Performance (Marks/Grade obtained in PG Degree Examination)	15
3	Publication*	10

Reservation rules of Government of Kerala will be applicable for admission to all PG/ Ph.D programmes. A detailed list of seats reserved to various communities for this year admission is appended as Annexure - I & II.

9. Rejection of application and disqualification of candidates

1. Applications defective or incomplete in any manner or which do not contain any of the enclosures specified above are liable to be summarily rejected.
2. Applicants who attempt to canvas or influence directly or otherwise **will be disqualified.**

10. Entrance Examination

Candidates will be required to attend Entrance Examination (with objective type questions) for M.Sc. (C&B), M.Sc. (Community Science), Ph.D Rural Marketing Management and Ph.D Community Science, at the place and time to be notified by the University at their own expense. Their minimum qualifying marks for entrance examination will be 50%.

11. GENERAL PROCEDURES AND IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS ON MODE OF ADMISSION

Admission to various PG/Ph.D programmes under Kerala Agricultural University for the academic year 2025-26 will be conducted through online mode.

The online applications received will be verified by the Committee constituted for each Faculty of the University and on completion of verification, provisional rank list & rejected list will be published in the official admission website of Kerala Agricultural University.

It is mandatory that the students should upload certificates proving their basic qualification for admission to the programme, before the last date for submission of online application, failing which their applications will be summarily rejected without further notice.

The candidates included in the Rejected List for want of certificates proving their basic qualification for admission to the programme concerned, will not be allowed to submit certificates, after the last date prescribed for submission of Online Application, under any circumstances.

The candidates included in the rejected list for other reasons shall submit the documents to prove their part, strictly within the time prescribed by the University.

Choice filling

The process of Choice – filling is a one time procedure.

During this process, candidates can select the colleges/disciplines they wish to attend.

It is obligatory that the candidates included in the Provisional Rank List must log into their registered account on the admissions portal and select their preferred courses or colleges in the order they want.

Candidates who have not submitted their Choices, will not be considered for any subsequent round of admission/allotment and no requests in this regard will be considered by the University.

Candidates can choose any number of options from the provided list and they have the flexibility to add or delete choices and rearrange them according to their preferences. The candidates should keep a copy of the choice list they submitted for future reference.

Once choices are finalized and submitted candidates can make no further changes.

The provision for filling choices will be automatically locked after the stipulated time and date prescribed for the same.

INDIVIDUAL REQUESTS on changing the choices once submitted, extension of time for choice filling, vague claims on technical errors committed and that for fresh choice filling during consequent rounds of allotment will not be considered by the University, under any circumstances.

As the allotment will purely be based on the choices, the applicants should take utmost care while submitting their choices in regard to their preferred College/discipline.

The candidates included in the Provisional Allotment List should physically report at the date, time and venue as announced by the University with all necessary documents to confirm their admission.

All announcements of admission for publishing of Provisional Rank List/Fresh Choice Filling, Confirmation/Up gradation & Physical reporting, and conduct of Spot admission, if any, etc will be published ONLY THROUGH the website www.admissions.kau.in & www.kau.in. No individual communication will be made by the University in this regard and hence, the students should visit the websites for updates, at frequent intervals to ensure that no deadline is missed.

12. Announcement of results

The list of candidates provisionally selected for admission and the dates on which they have to remit the fees and physically join the course will be published through KAU Website www.admissions.kau.in

13. Admission

Originals of all certificates and documents should be produced at the time of admission. Those who do not produce the original documents at the time of admission shall forfeit their seat and the seats will be allotted to the next eligible candidate from the rank list/waiting list or in any other manner deemed fit by the University.

Candidates selected will be admitted to the course, provided they pay the prescribed fees in full on the due date fixed.

In the case of those candidates provisionally selected for admission who have not paid the fees on time and not joined the course on the date fixed, their claims for admission will be cancelled without notice and the seat thus becoming vacant will be filled up with eligible candidates, if any, from the rank/ wait list.

Candidates in Government service/University service should make their own arrangements to get relieved from their posts in time.

ORIGINAL DOCUMENTS TO BE PRODUCED AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION

- a) Certificates in proof of qualifications
- b) Certificate in proof of Date of Birth
- c) Nativity Certificate
- d) Non – Creamy Layer Certificate (NCLC) / EWS Certificate in case of reservation candidates other than SC/ST
- e) Community Certificate (for SC/ST candidates of Kerala Native only)
- f) Medical Certificate issued by the competent authority in the case of Physically Challenged candidates
- g) Aadhar Card
- h) Certificate from the Head of institution to the effect that the institution is under the University which is accredited by the ICAR / will come under the umbrella of the NARS of ICAR in the case of candidates who have passed the qualifying examination from outside Kerala.
- i) Transfer Certificate
- j) Conduct certificate
- k) Medical fitness certificate obtained from a Govt. Medical Officer not below the rank of Asst. Surgeon.
- l) Score card of ICAR JRF/SRF or GATE Score Card (as applicable)

Candidates who secured their degrees from Universities outside the Kerala State should produce Migration Certificate within one month of provisional admission.

Note: - 1. Candidates whose original certificates are in any language other than English should produce translate certificate from competent authority.

2. Kindly visit the University website (www.kau.in) for updates at frequent intervals.

All those who take admission and discontinue the course shall be liable to pay liquidated damages to the University as decided by the authorities.

The Registrar, Kerala Agricultural University is authorized to close the admission at any date after the commencement of first semester of course.

A student provisionally admitted to the programmes should physically report to the Dean of Faculty/ Dean concerned on the date of registration with the Bio-data cum Admit Card and all certificate in physical. Failure to report at the college/ institution without prior permission will lose their admission without further notice.

ICAR candidates should report for admission at KAU Head Quarters on the date and time announced by KAU with the documents prescribed by ICAR. Colleges will be allotted to the candidates **considering their option and the availability of faculty for research guidance at college.**

14. Residential Facilities

Hostel facilities will be provided depending on availability.

15. Fees

The fees for Post-graduate courses are as indicated in Annexure-III, but are liable to be revised by the University and admitted students shall follow it. A special caution deposit of Rs.3000/- is to be paid at the time of admission in the case of candidates from outside the State of Kerala. This will be refunded when he/she leaves the University after completion of the course.

Note: Fees once paid will not be refunded under any circumstances.

Fee exemptions to the SC/ST students are applicable to only those who belong to the state of Kerala. SC/ST candidates with nativity other than Kerala will be treated as General Candidates.

The High Court of Kerala will be the only judicial body to decide on the disputes arising if any, in the matter of admission.

The prospectus is subject to further modification/ addition as may be considered necessary by the University and will be issued as executive orders/ notifications and the students are liable to obey the rules and regulations so amended or modified.

NOTICE

Ragging is a criminal offense as per the 'Kerala Prohibition of Ragging Act 1997 of Kerala'. Students indulging in such activities will be punished as per law.

UGC REGULATIONS ON CURBING THE MENACE OF RAGGING IN HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, 2009.

* Ragging in Kerala Agricultural University (KAU), in any form, has been strictly banned and is a criminal offence. Before applying, all the candidates are advised to study in detail the UGC Regulations on Curbing the Menace of Ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, 2009.

(<https://www.ugc.ac.in/oldpdf/ragging/gazzetaug2010.pdf>).

* Ragging is totally prohibited in KAU institutions, and anyone found guilty of ragging and/or abetting ragging, whether actively or passively, or being a part of a conspiracy to promote ragging, is liable to be punished in accordance with these Regulations as well as under the provisions of any penal law for the time being in force.

* Every student studying in KAU and his/her parents/guardians shall be required to provide the specific affidavits in accordance with clauses (d), (e) and (g) of Regulation 6.1 of these Regulations at the time of admission or registration, as the case may be, during each academic year.

* The candidates are advised to contact Anti-Ragging Committee/Cell of the institution (KAU) for further information in this regard. They may visit ICAR's Agricultural Education Portal

(<https://education.icar.gov.in/>) to reach the website of the Kerala Agricultural University/ Institution of their interest for more information. (visit <https://kau.in/>)

KERA Ph.D programme

Kerala Agricultural University is pleased to announce the availability of **six Ph.D fellowships** under the World Bank–supported KERA Program on Low-Emission Rice Systems, co-led by KAU and the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI). The programme is offered in collaboration with leading institutions such as Cornell University, Wageningen University, and other global research partners for doctoral scholars through international training, joint supervision, and a six-month research stay abroad. One fellowship each will be offered in 5 disciplines (**Agronomy, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Agricultural Extension and Agricultural Meteorology**) at College of Agriculture, Vellanikkara and for 1 discipline (**Agricultural Economics**) at College of Agriculture, Vellayani. Key features include participation in a Summer Institute at reputed institutions abroad, a three-year fellowship of ₹30,000 per month, and mentorship by international faculty as part of the advisory committee. This unique program equips scholars with world-class academic training, hands-on research experience, and global exposure to advance sustainable, climate-resilient rice systems in Kerala and beyond.

PM-VIDYALAXMI SCHEME

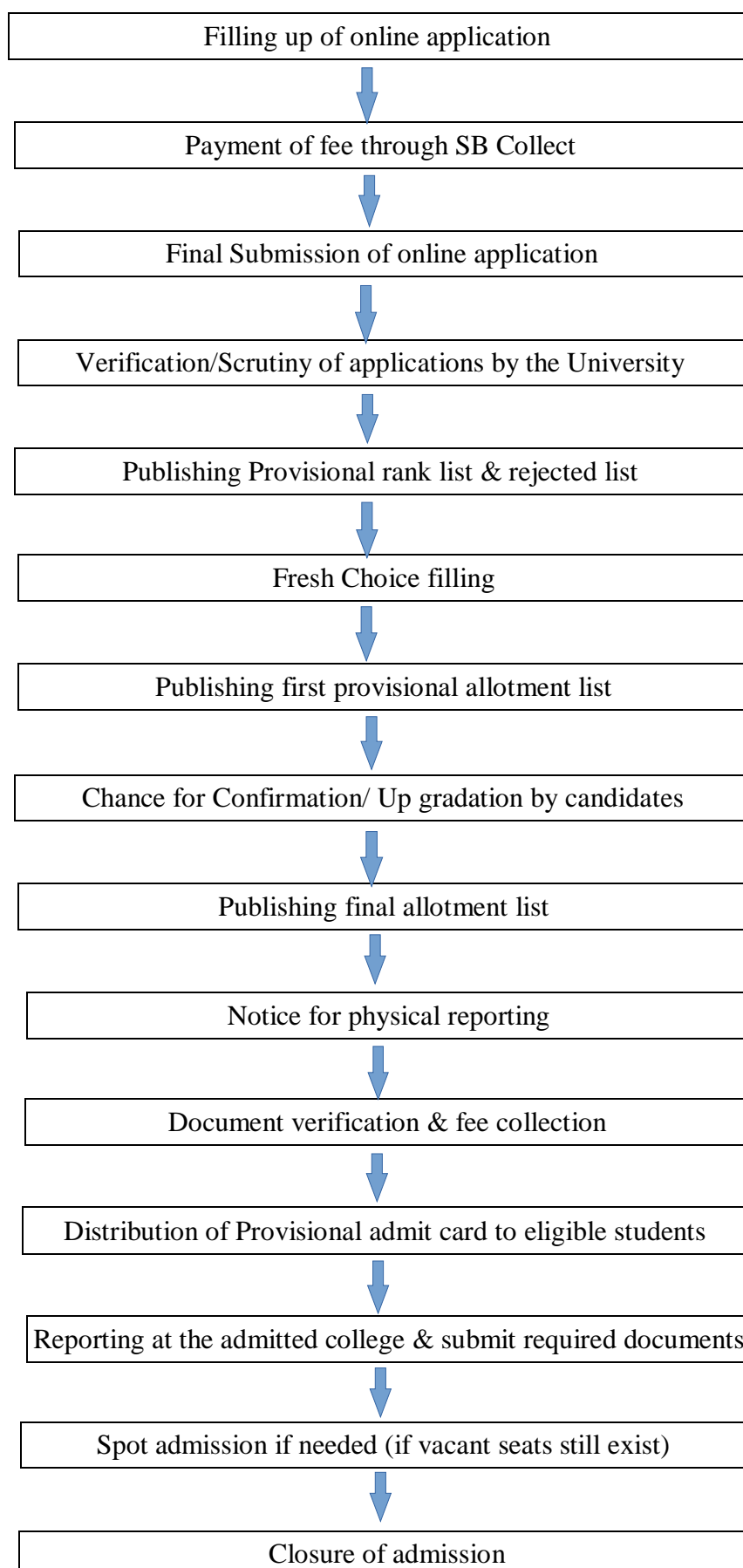
“Pradhan Mantri Vidyaxmi” (PM-Vidyaxmi), a Central Sector Scheme to financial support to meritorious students so that financial constraints do not prevent any youth of India from pursuing quality higher education. For more details: visit <https://pmvidyalaxmi.co.in>

TENTATIVE TIME SCHEDULE FOR P.G. & Ph.D. ADMISSIONS 2025

1.	Issue of Admission notification	23.08.2025
2.	Commencement of Online Application Submission	23.08.2025
3.	Last date for submission of online application	21.09.2025
4.	Issue of admit card for written examination for M. Sc. (C & B), M. Sc. (Community Science), Ph. D Rural Marketing Management and Ph. D (Community Science)	Date will be Announced in the website
5.	Entrance Examination (M. Sc. (C & B), M. Sc. (Community Science), Ph.D (Community Science) and Ph.D Rural Marketing Management)	
6.	Publishing Rank list of Masters/Ph. D programme	
7.	Date of Admission	
i	M. Sc. (Agriculture) /(Horticulture)	
ii	M. Sc. (C&B), M. Sc. (Forestry), M. Sc. Community Science, M. Sc. (Ag. Stat.) and M. Tech. (Agrl. Engg) Admission	
iii	Ph. D Agriculture, Horticulture, Community Science, Rural Marketing Management, Forestry, Agricultural Engineering and Agricultural Statistics	

Appendix – I

KAU - PG PROGRAMMES (PG/Ph.D) ADMISSION - 2025 - A QUICK REFERENCE



Annexure I*** Distribution of seats under KAU Masters Programmes**

Sl. No	Name of discipline	KAU Total	ICAR Total	General Merit**	EWS	SC	ST	Ezhava	Muslm	OBH	LC/AI	BX	KU	Gross Total
(a) M.Sc. Ag/ Hort/ Ag. Stat./ Comm. Sc.														
AGRONOMY														
1	Agronomy	20	8	12	2	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	28
PLANT SCIENCE														
2	Seed Science and Technology	4	3	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	7
3	Microbiology	6	2	3	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	8
4	Genetics and Plant Breeding	13	5	6	2	1	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	18
5	Plant Pathology	19	8	10	2	2	0	1	1	1	1	0	1	27
PLANT BIOTECHNOLOGY														
6	Plant Physiology	7	4	4	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	11
7	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	13	9	6	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	22
COMMUNITY SCIENCE														
8	Food and Nutrition	8	3	4	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	11
ENTOMOLOGY AND NEMATOLOGY														
9	Entomology	17	8	10	2	1	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	25
10	Nematology	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
SOCIAL SCIENCES														
11	Agricultural Economics	13	5	8	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	18
12	Agricultural Extension Education	17	7	10	1	1	0	2	1	1	1	0	0	24
HORTICULTURE														
13	Vegetable Science	6	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
14	Fruit Science	6	1	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
15	Floriculture and Landscaping	6	2	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	8
16	Postharvest Management	5	2	2	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	7
17	Plantation Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops	7	3	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	10
STATISTICAL SCIENCES														
18	Agricultural Statistics	5	2	2	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7
PHYSICAL SCIENCE														
19	Soil Science	19	8	9	2	2	0	2	2	1	1	0	0	27
20	Agricultural Meteorology	4	3	2	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	7
TOTAL		197	86	103	20	16	4	16	14	14	6	2	2	283
(b) M.Sc. Co-operation and Banking														
1	Co-operative Management	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
2	Rural Marketing Management	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3	Rural Banking & Finance Management	4	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL		10	0	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	10

Sl. No	Name of discipline	KAU Total	ICAR Total	General Merit*	EWS	SC	ST	Ezhava	Muslm	OBH	LC/AI	BX	KU	Gross Total
(c) M.Sc. Forestry														
1	Silviculture and Agro forestry	3	1	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
2	Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
3	Forest Resource Management	3	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
4	Forest Products and Utilization	3	1	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
5	Wildlife Science	4	0	2	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
TOTAL		16	4	12	1	1	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	20

(d) M. Tech Agricultural Engineering														
1	Farm Machinery and Power Engineering	2	2	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	4
2	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering	6	2	3	0	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	8
3	Processing and Food Engineering	3	2	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
TOTAL		11	6	6	1	1	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	17

* The seat matrix is liable to changes at the discretion of the University.

** Mandatory reservation will be ensured from the General Quota for persons with disabilities, subject to availability of candidates.

Annexure II*** Distribution of seats under KAU Ph.D Programmes**

Sl.No.	Name of discipline	KAU Total	ICAR Total	General Merit**	EWS	SC	ST	Ezhava	Muslim	OBH	LC	BX	KU	Gross Total
1	Agronomy	9	3	5	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	12
2	Entomology	8	3	4	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	11
3	Agricultural Extension Education	7	4	3	1	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	0	11
4	Genetics and Plant Breeding	7	2	3	1	1	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	9
5	Plant Pathology	8	5	4	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	13
6	Soil Science	10	5	5	1	1	0	1	1	0	1	0	0	15
7	Plant Physiology	5	2	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	7
8	Food and Nutrition	7	2	3	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	9
9	Molecular Biology & Biotechnology	6	6	3	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	12
10	Microbiology	3	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	5
11	Agricultural Economics	5	2	2	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	7
12	Fruit Science	3	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	4
13	Plantation Spices, Medicinal & Aromatic Crops	3	1	2	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	4
14	Vegetable Science	2	2	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
15	Postharvest Management	2	1	1	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	3
16	Floriculture and Landscaping	3	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
17	Agricultural Meteorology	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
18	Nematology	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
19	Silviculture and Agro forestry	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
21	Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
22	Forest Resource Management	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
23	Forest Products and Utilization	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
24	Wildlife Science	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2
25	Farm Machinery Power and Engineering	1	2	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3
26	Soil and Water Conservation Engineering	2	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
27	Processing and Food Engineering	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
28	Agricultural Statistics	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
29	Rural Marketing Management	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
TOTAL		104	52	57	10	8	2	8	7	7	3	1	1	156

NOTE:- “If there are no eligible suitable **SC/ST candidates available** in the earmarked **Ph.D discipline**, to fill up the mentioned number of seats, such unfilled seats shall be transferred to other disciplines, where eligible suitable SC/ST candidates are available for filling these seats. Under no circumstances, the SC and ST seats shall be transferred from M.Sc. to Ph.D. programme and vice- versa”.

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Annexure–III**Fees for P.G. and Ph.D Courses**

The Admission fee will be Rs.880/- for all courses. Details of fee to be remitted will be announced later.

- Note:** 1. The tuition fee, semester examination fee and special fee shall vary from the second semester on wards in accordance with the decision of the University.
2. A special caution deposit (refundable) of Rs.3000/- will be collected from outside state candidates admitted.

NOTES

- ❖ *Candidates can check the STATUS of their application online. Any decision taken by the University on admission, commencement of classes, number of seats, fee structure, hostel norms and related matters from time to time shall be final. All announcements, including eligible list, declaration of result, Rank List, Counseling Schedule, General Notices, etc., will be available at KAU websites www.admissions.kau.in and www.kau.in. Hence the candidates are advised to remain in touch with the website.*
- ❖ *Complaints, if any, regarding the eligible list/rank list of candidates published by KAU at various stages of admission, the candidate should report the matter to KAU within the stipulated time specified by KAU in the website. Further claims won't be entertained under any circumstances.*

ENQUIRIES:

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