



**(Accredited with 'A+' Grade by NAAC)**

## **FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**

**M.Sc. (Ag.) – Aided  
M.Sc.(Ag.) – Self Supporting  
DEGREE PROGRAMMES**

**PROSPECTUS : 2023 – 24**  
**(Information & Instructions to Candidates)**

**University website: [www.annamalaiuniversity.ac.in](http://www.annamalaiuniversity.ac.in)**

## **Annamalai University**

In the early 1920s, to serve the downtrodden and to promote Tamil Literature, Rajah Sir S.R.M. Annamalai Chettiar founded Sri Minakshi College and Sri Minakshi Tamil College at Chidambaram. In 1928, Rajah Sir S. R. M. Annamalai Chettiar agreed with the local Government to handover the above said institution for establishing a University. Thus, on 01.01.1929 Annamalai University was established as per Annamalai University Act 1928 (Tamil Nadu Act 1 of 1929) amidst a rural environment serving all the disadvantaged districts of Tamil Nadu.

Subsequently, Annamalai University Act, 2013 (Tamil Nadu Act 20 of 2013), came into force from September 25, 2013, after obtaining the assent of His Excellency, the President of India. The Act of 2013 has been amended by enactment of Act No. 32 of 2021 to render the University as an affiliating University. Consequently the Colleges situated in the districts of Villupuram, Cuddalore, Kallakurichi and Mayiladuthurai have been affiliated to Annamalai University.

### **Accolades**

Annamalai University, accredited with 'A+' Grade (3.38 CGPA) by **NAAC** in 2022, is one of India's largest public residential universities with 10 Faculties and 55 departments of study. Sprawling over 950 Acres of land, the University does yeoman service in taking education to the door steps of the people who are otherwise far from access to centres of higher learning. The University has initiated several innovative teaching programmes over the years that are progressive & human resource centric; Offering 'current-cum-next-gen' academic and research programmes that are global & national in character. A systematic introduction of Learning Outcome Based Curricula (LOBE) that bear remarkable relevance to the UNO's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) is the hall mark of Universities Curriculum design. Besides, Annamalai University has been a pioneer in distance education.

### **Research & Partnership**

Annamalai University has a commendable track record in projects and publications and has been awarded the PURSE Programme by the Department of Science and Technology. Ten departments are supported by UGC-SAP, Ten by DST-FIST and two departments have attained the status of Centre of Advanced Study. Annamalai University has joint research and innovation partnerships with 24 institutions across the USA, Europe, Australia, Japan, and the UK. The list of partners includes prestigious institutes like Karolinska Institute, John Hopkins University, and University of Michigan amongst others. Though located in a rural environment the university is bringing out high quality research and extension as reflected by higher citation related metrics and higher societal impact brought out by popular articles and news flashes.

There are several ongoing research projects in collaboration with international foundations and industrial players like Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation, United States Agency for International Development (USAID), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Department of Biotechnology (DBT), The Ministry of Environment and Forests (MoEF), Defense Research & Development Organization (DRDO) etc.,

**Institutional Social Responsibility Activities** of the University includes, Hospital on Wheels, Free Medical and Dental Camps in Villages, Lifestyle & Hygiene Awareness, Rural & Urban Health Centres through the Faculty of Medicine and Dentistry which is attached with a 1400 bedded hospital. The Faculty of Agriculture carries out extension activities like Agripreneurship Development Programme, Sustainable Livelihood Projects for Tsunami affected people and Training Farmers in Integrated Farming.

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## **I. FACULTY OF AGRICULTURE**

The Faculty of Agriculture was started in the year 1958. Presently there are Nine departments in this faculty namely, Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Microbiology, Soil Science and Agricultural Chemistry, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Horticulture, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension Education and Division of Animal Husbandry.

### **Quality and Excellence in Teaching**

- i. The Faculty offers facilities such as Hi-tech class room with LCD projectors and internet connectivity, well established Experimental farm, Sewage farm, Agro-Meteorological observatory, Automatic weather station, Orchard, Livestock farm and an air conditioned seminar hall.
- ii. Hands-on-training in scientific agricultural and horticultural techniques and analytical skills are taught to students.
- iii. State-of-art knowledge in wider disciplines of Agriculture are being imparted to the students to meet the global challenges.
- iv. Training programmes to take up commercial Agriculture is an integrated component of curriculum.
- v. Exposure to motivational events for students to make them job providers rather than job seekers.
- vi. Experiential Learning and Rural Agricultural Work Experience is introduced in the curriculum to offer scope for participatory and bottom up approaches of learning process.

### **Research Facilities**

The grants obtained from UGC, DST, DBT, ICAR, NMPB, Ministry of Coal, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Ministry of Water Resources etc. and budgetary provision from the University have added to an excellent infrastructural setup that facilitate cutting edge research in Agriculture and Horticulture.

Teaching, research and extension activities, are the three vital components for any agricultural institution, add significant value to the Faculty of Agriculture. The research and extension activities of the Faculty of Agriculture have clearly made significant strides in improving the life style of the farming community and enhancing the caliber and aptitudes of agricultural graduates.

### **Career Opportunities**

Students are offered the best of their career opportunities through rigorous training for soft skill development and placement with suitable employer by the Placement Cell that operates exclusively for the Faculty. Many of the alumni have occupied prestigious positions like Vice-Chancellors of State Agricultural University, Principal Secretaries in State Government Ministries, Scientists in CGIAR (Consultative Group of International Agricultural Research) Institutions, Plant Protection Advisor to Government of India, Continental and Global leaders in Multinational Companies, Executives in Nationalized Banks, Sugar, Fertilizer, Seed and Pesticide Industries, Executive Officers in Police, Administrative, Forest and Foreign Services of Government of India, etc.

## 1.1 Programmes Offered

The Faculty of Agriculture offers the following Post Graduate Programme.

### M.Sc.(Agriculture/) (Full-Time)

#### i) Aided

#### ii) Self-Supporting

Two Year Post-Graduate Programme leading to the degrees of M.Sc. (Ag.) Agronomy, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Microbiology, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Agricultural Economics, Agricultural Extension Education are offered.

#### Duration

- Two Academic Years – Full Time – Four Semesters

## II. FEE & SCHOLARSHIP

### 2.1 Tuition Fee

The details of Tuition Fee to be paid by the candidate are as follows:

#### AIDED:

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Total fee per Annum (₹)
1.	M.Sc.(Agriculture)	49,960/-

#### SELF-SUPPORTING:

S.No.	Name of the Programme	Total fee per Annum (₹)
1.	M.Sc.(Agriculture)	76,050/-

### 2.2 Hostel Fee

Annamalai University is a residential University. Adequate Hostel Accommodation is available. Candidates are advised to stay in the Hostel. The room rent and establishment charges are as given below:

S. No.	Hostel Name	Caution Deposit (₹)	Annual Hostel & Mess Charges (₹)	Total (₹)
1.	Thendral Illam (For Boys) - Sekizhar Block (Attached Bath Room)	5,000/-	60,000/-	65,000/-
2.	Thamarai Illam (For Girls)	5,000/-	50,000/-	55,000/-
3.	SC/ST Students (For Boys) - Sekizhar Block (Attached Bath Room)	5,000/-	26,500/- #	31,500/-
4.	SC/SCA/ST Students (any hostel)	5,000/-	19,000/- #	24,000/-

# This fee will cover room rent, Electricity & Water charges, Establishment and miscellaneous charges only. The Mess fees of Rs.27,000/- will be adjusted from their Scholarship amount received from SC/ST Post Metric Scholarship and Higher Education Special Scholarship. If the Scholarship amount received is less than Rs.27,000/- the balance amount should be paid by the students.

## 2.3 Scholarships

The students of Annamalai University can avail the Government Scholarships subject to eligibility.

- i. **Application Fee Concession to SC/ST and Converted Christian Students:** Entrance/ Course Application fees concession is granted to students belonging to SC/ST Community and Converted Christian by the Government Tamil Nadu (G.O. No. 111. 22.09.1998).
- ii. **Tuition Fee Concession to SC/ST and Converted Christian Students:** Full Tuition fee concession is granted to students belonging to SC/ST community and converted Christian under the rule 92 of Tamil Nadu Education Rules by the Government of Tamil Nadu [92-TNER].
- iii. **SC/ST Community students** whose Parent's/Guardian's income from all sources should **not exceed ` 2,50,000/- per annum, and Converted Christian (converted from SC/ST) ` 2,00,000/- per annum.**
- iv. **Other State Scholarship:**
  - a. **Other State Scholarships** for SC/ST/BC/OBC/MBC students.
  - b. **Puducherry State Scholarships only for Puducherry SC/ST Students.**
  - c. **"ISHAN UDAY" Scholarship for Northern Eastern Region Students.**
- v. **Minority Scholarship:** Minority Scholarship award on the basis of merit cum means for minority community students.
- vi. **Higher Education Special Scholarship:** In addition to the Post Metric Scholarship, Higher Education Special Scholarship is awarded to the hostel students belonging to SC/ST and Converted Christian community and the number of scholarships is limited by the Government. The Annual income from all sources **should not exceed ` 2,50,000/- per annum.**
- vii. **BC/MBC/DNC Scholarship:** The Scholarship will be awarded to the Students belonging to **BC/MBC/DNC** communities whose Parent's/ Guardian's income from **all sources should not exceed ` 2,00,000/- per annum.**
- viii. **Fee Concession to Blind Students:** Under rule 92 (TNER), Full Tuition fees concession is granted to blind Students belonging to all communities whose parents/Guardians annual Income **from all sources should not exceed ` 2,50,000/-.**  
**Note:** For all Scholarships Income Certificate taken after April 2022 should be produced.
- ix. UGC scheme for award of Post Graduate Scholarship for Professional Courses for SC/ST Candidates.
- x. **Post Graduate Indira Gandhi Scholarship for single girl child:** This is only for the Candidate who happens to be single girl child of the family (having no brother or sister) and who has taken admission in regular full time Master Degree course in recognised University or a Post Graduate College in conventional basic subject.  
**Note:** This advertisement of the above schemes will be published in all leading news papers and also the Guidelines available on the respective Website of the funding agencies.

### III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

#### 3.1. Qualifying Examinations and Eligibility

##### a) M.Sc.(Ag.) Full Time

Candidates with the following four year degree programmes from Universities recognised by Annamalai University and accredited by **ICAR** are eligible to apply for M.Sc.(Ag.), M.Sc.(Hort.) and M.B.A.(Agri-Business Management) Programmes of the University.

##### i. **M.Sc.(Ag.) – Agricultural Economics**

B.Sc.(Agri.) / B.Sc.(Hons.) / B.Sc.(Hort.) / B.Sc.(Hons.) Horticulture / B.F.Sc. Programmes.

##### ii. **M.Sc.(Ag.) Agricultural Extension Education**

B.Sc.(Agri.) / B.Sc.(Hons.) Agriculture / B.Sc.(Hort.) / B.Sc.(Hons.) Horticulture / B.F.Sc. Programmes.

##### iii. **M.Sc.(Ag.) Microbiology**

B.Sc.(Agri.) / B.Sc.(Hons.) Agriculture / B.Sc.(Hort.) / B.Sc.(Hons.) Horticulture Programmes.

##### iv. **M.Sc.(Ag.) [Agronomy, Entomology, Genetics and Plant Breeding, Plant Pathology].**

B.Sc.(Agri.) / B.Sc.(Hons.) Agriculture / B.Sc.(Hort.) / B.Sc.(Hons.) Horticulture Programmes.

Candidates who have undergone the programme under conventional system should possess not less than a second class Bachelors Degree. The candidates under 4 point grade systems should possess a minimum OGPA of 2.50 out of 4.00 and 2.75 out of 4.00 in the concerned subject. For those in the 10 point grade system, a minimum OGPA of 6.50 out of 10.00 and 7.00 out of 10.00 in the concerned subject is required. However, SC/SCA/ST candidates, OGPA of 6.75 out of 10.00 in the subject concerned is sufficient.

**Note:** Candidates should submit attested copies of all the grade sheets pertaining to all the eight semesters; otherwise the application is liable to be rejected.

### IV. ALLOCATION OF SEATS

#### Reservation of Seats

Reservation of seats for candidates belonging to ST/SC/SCA/MBC/DNC//BC/ BCM/OC communities will be made as per rules and regulations of the Government of Tamil Nadu.

Among the above reservations, **5%** seats have been included for differently abled persons as per norms laid down by the Government of Tamil Nadu.

### V. MODE OF SELECTION

A candidate should apply separately for aided and self supporting programmes in which he/she can indicate three choices of courses in his/her order of preference. The selection will be based on an entrance test and subsequent counseling process.

The entrance test will be conducted for 50 marks comprising,

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| 1. General questions in Agriculture | --- 10 marks  |
| 2. Aptitude questions               | --- 10 marks  |
| 3. Questions in specific subject    | --- 30 marks. |

Candidate should write the entrance exam for all the courses of his/her choice continuously on the same day. Candidate shall be required to be present on the specified date for **a written test and interview at their own expenses..**

**Date of the entrance test and counseling will be informed later.**

## VI. CODE OF CONDUCT

**The following code of conduct shall be observed by the students who are admitted.**

- i. The students should conduct themselves in an exemplary manner so as to be model for other students.
- ii. All students will have to strictly adhere to the rules and regulations of the University.
- iii. RAGGING: The candidates should not indulge or participate in any kind of ragging. If they are found to have indulged in ragging in the past, or noticed later, the candidates will be removed from the roll of the institution at whatever stage of study and criminal action will be taken against the candidates.
- iv. **If any student is involved in ragging or any other anti- social activities, he/she will be expelled and criminal proceedings will be initiated against him/her.**
- v. The students should be present during all working days and sincerely to studies.
- vi. The students should attend the classes regularly, punctually and fulfill the minimum of 75% attendance requirement as prescribed by the University, to be eligible for appearance in the University Examinations.
- vii. The campus is "Tobacco Free" and "Liquor Free". Any violation of this will result in dismissal from the program.
- viii. Use of mobile phones and other electronic gadgets are not permitted in the class rooms, examination halls, faculty premises, university organized functions / programs/ extracurricular and co-curricular activities.
- ix. The students are forbidden from using motorized vehicles, including powered two wheelers inside the campus.
- x. Dress Code: Students need to wear formal dress largely covering them like Sarees/ Churidhar with dupatta for ladies and Trousers, Pant & Shirt for men.

## VII. GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS

### 7.1. Application

**Separate Online Application should be submitted for Aided and Self-Supporting programmes in which candidate can indicate three courses of his/her choice in the order of his/her preference,** Procedure for registration of application is Online from the University website: [www.annamalaiuniversity.ac.in/adm](http://www.annamalaiuniversity.ac.in/adm)



## PROCEDURE FOR REGISTRATION OF ONLINE APPLICATION

### 7.2 General Instructions for Applicants

- i. Online Application Number is the Registration Number of the Annamalai University M.Sc.(Ag.) Admissions 2023.
- ii. The Candidates seeking admission should Register and apply only through Online by logging on to **www.annamalaiuniversity.ac.in/adm**
- iii. The guidelines for registration are available on the Annamalai University Website Portal.
- iv. The Online application Number should be quoted in all future correspondence.
- v. The filled in online application should be downloaded and sent with all the enclosure with Online Payment Details / Demand Draft, either by Speed/Registered post or in person to

**THE REGISTRAR  
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY  
ANNAMALAINAGAR  
CHIDAMBARAM  
CUDDALORE DISTRICT  
TAMIL NADU - 608 002**

**and should reach on or before 15.06.2023 - 5.30 p.m.**

- vi. Demand draft for **M.Sc.(Agri.) ₹ 500/-** for SC/SCA/ST and **₹ 1000/-** for Others, **M.Sc.(Agri.) - Self Supporting for Online application cost of ₹ 2000** for all categories which is drawn in favour of **The Registrar, Annamalai University, Payable at Annamalainagar / Chennai.**
- vii. The candidates shall ensure that the completed online application form with all particulars and enclosures reaches the Annamalai University within the date and time specified. Applications received by Speed post/courier or any other means, after the last date & time will not be accepted irrespective of the date of booking.
- viii. The University shall not be responsible for any delay in the receipt or for the loss in transit of application form etc.,
- ix. Request for extension of time for submission of documents called for, after the specified date and time will not be entertained.
- x. Any supporting documents received after the due date or application without required documents/particulars will not be entertained.
- xi. Photocopy/ Fax copy of the application will not be accepted.
- xii. Both upper limbs, vision and hearing should be normal for all candidates (including for candidates applying under orthopaedically physically disabled category).
- xiii. The candidates are directed to enclose the following certificates along with the Online application:

#### **Photocopy of**

1. B.Sc.(Hons.) in Agriculture / B.Sc.(Hons.) in Horticulture / B.Tech(Ag. Biotech) / Equivalent

Mark Sheet

2. Transfer Certificate
  3. Permanent Community Certificate Card for ST, SC, SCA, MBC & DNC, BC and BCM (permanent card / electronic form / digitally e-Certificate).
  4. Nativity Certificate – if applicable
- xiv. Candidates are advised to post the completed online application well-in advance before the due date and time. If it is sent by post it is advisable to send by Registered post / Speed post to ensure proper delivery.

**All originals are to be produced at the time of interview/admission.**

**Online Application filled for one programme cannot be transferred to another programme.**

**Original Certificates submitted at the time of admission will be returned before the end of second semester. In case a candidate requires the original certificates for valid reasons, he/she may apply for the same with valid proof. The candidates are advised to have with them attested copies of mark lists or other certificates that may be required for applying scholarships/ bank loan etc.**

### **7.3 Important Conditions for Applicants**

- i. Tuition fee for each academic year should be paid well before the due date, failing which a fine as prescribed by the University will be charged. The Candidate shall not be permitted to appear for the University Examination without clearing the Tuition fee arrears.
- ii. Tuition fee for the entire programme together with arrears, if any, shall be payable by the student before Transfer Certificate is issued
- iii. Special fee for the remaining period of programme shall be waived.
- iv. No certificate will be issued, unless the candidate has cleared all the arrears of fees etc., due to the University.
- v. Caution deposit shall be refunded on application after adjustment towards any dues from the student. Application for refund of caution deposit should be submitted within one year of completing the course.
- vi. With regard to any dispute arising in relation to admission, examinations, remittance of fees, etc., the place of jurisdiction for the purpose of filing a suit or preferring a complaint or taking any legal proceedings against the University, will be Chidambaram Town only.
- vii. Students discontinuing the programme before commencement of classes are eligible to get full refund (except service charges ` 1,000/-).
- viii. Those who discontinue after commencement of classes are eligible to get refund of caution money deposit only.
- ix. The candidates who have joined a programme and wish to discontinue, should pay the tuition fee in full up to the year of study.

#### 7.4. General Information

The following procedures should be followed for applying/getting certificates viz. Bonafide / Course completion/Mark lists etc. with the fee prescribed by the University.

- i. **General:** Mark list for each Semester/Year during the period of study will be issued by the University and distributed through the respective departments of study. On completion of the program, Provisional Certificate and Transfer Certificate will also be distributed through the department concerned.
- ii. **Migration Certificate:** This certificate will be issued by the University Office ('K' Section) only on demand to those who have planned to undergo higher studies in any Educational Institution in India.
- iii. **Duplicate Certificate** - Mark List / Degree / Transfer Certificate: A certificate from the police department is required to be produced for the loss of certificates indicating that the certificates were actually lost beyond recovery.
- iv. **Degree Certificate:** Notification will be issued in the leading dailies as well as in the University website during the month of September/October every year inviting application forms for obtaining Degree Certificate at the Convocation. Students shall apply for the same in the prescribed form which can be obtained from the University.
- v. **Personal File:** Students are advised to maintain a personal file containing all academic records such as challan for remittance of tuition fee, exam fee, instrument fee, condonation fee etc. till completion of his/her studies.
- vi. **Re-admission:** If any attendance deficiency during the tenure of his/her studies, candidates shall apply for re-admission through the Heads concerned along with the photocopy of his/her previous semester/year mark list(s) as proof for having appeared for the University Examinations.
- vii. **Change of Name/Date of Birth:** Candidate who wishes to change the Name, Date of Birth, of his/her name should be made only during the period of study by producing a copy of "Gazette Notification" from the respective Government No. such change shall be entertained after completion for his/her studies in the University.
- viii. **How to get Certificate:**
  - a) Students may apply for any certificates in this University viz., Duplicate mark list, Degree Certificate and Transfer Certificate etc, either during the tenure of his/her studies on completion of the program and may obtain the same from the office or by post within a fortnight period from the date of filing application in the office. He/she should possess compulsorily **1)** a copy of letter where he/she has applied for **2)** a copy of remittance challan and **3)** any other documents, whenever any lapse of the original submitted to University (or) loss in transaction.
  - b) If candidates do not receive the certificate/s within the stipulated period, then he/she can immediately seek the assistance of the Section Head/Deputy Registrar of the 'K' Section with relevant copy of records that has been already submitted for claiming the

certificates, so as to enable them to get the certificate from the office (or) necessary guidance will be provided for the same.

- c) Students admitted to various programs of the University, should get back his/her original certificates produced at the time of admission within three months either on completion of program (or) discontinuing the same in the middle of the program. The University is not responsible for any lapse or damage of the certificates, beyond this period.

**REGISTRAR (i/c)**  
ANNAMALAI UNIVERSITY