

SREENARAYANAGURU OPEN UNIVERSITY, KOLLAM

NOTIFICATION

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Applications are invited from qualified candidates for appointment to the post of Head of School in **School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies** on deputation basis at Sreenarayanaguru Open University, Kollam.

Name of Post	Head of School
School	School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies
Disciplines	All relevant areas
No. of Posts	[01]
Nature of Appointment	Deputation
Pay / Level	As per UGC Norms. The Pay and Allowance shall be regulated as per the Pay and Allowance drawn in their Parent Department, subject to the applicable rules governing deputation.

Purpose of the Position.

A School itself is an academic organisation to promote learning in an interdisciplinary and cross border format. In this milieu, the School of Interdisciplinary and Transdisciplinary Studies assumes a prominent place among the fraternity of Schools of studies. This School is envisioned as an intellectual crossroads — a space where the sciences, social sciences, humanities, technology and the arts meet to address questions no single discipline can answer by its own. The Head of School is the academic and administrative leader entrusted with realising this vision: shaping bold, boundary-crossing programmes and research, nurturing a diverse community of scholars and positioning the school as a model of integrative, future-ready education in keeping in tandem with the National Education Policy 2020 and the policy prescriptions enshrined in the documents of the Kerala State Higher Education Council. The University therefore seeks an accomplished scholar-leader of proven distinction, integrity and imagination to head the school.

A. Age

As prescribed in the University Statutes / Recruitment Rules for the post. For a deputation or fixed-tenure appointment, the age shall ordinarily not exceed 52 years as on 01/01/2026 with relaxation up to 56 years in the case of those in University Service. Those who have a minimum of four years of service remaining in their parent department are also eligible to apply for the post.

B. Essential Qualifications (Academic)

1. A Master's degree with at least 55% marks (or an equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed) preferably in an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary domain from an Indian University or an equivalent degree from an accredited foreign institution.

2. An eminent scholar holding a **Ph.D. degree** in an interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary domain, with a substantial record of high-quality published research and active, ongoing scholarship.
3. Fulfilment of the eligibility conditions prescribed for the post is deputation of teachers not below the rank of **Associate Professor in Govt. Colleges/Aided Colleges/ Universities/ Government Institutions** under the applicable UGC Regulations on Minimum Qualifications and the Sreenarayanaguru Open University Act 2021 & Statutes. Associate Professors shall be considered only in the absence of Professors.

Relaxation: A relaxation for reserved categories will be applicable as per Government rules in force.

C. Essential Experience (Desirable)

1. Demonstrated academic leadership and administrative experience — for example, heading a Department, Centre, School or equivalent academic unit; coordinating academic programmes; or serving on statutory academic bodies.
2. A proven research record, including publications in peer-reviewed / UGC-CARE listed journals, authored or edited books and book chapters and patents, meeting the research-contribution and academic-score requirements of the applicable UGC Regulations.
3. Experience in guiding doctoral and research scholars and in securing and managing sponsored or funded research and development projects.
4. Twelve years of Teaching experience in aided/govt colleges/university or other recognised higher education institutions.

D. Desirable Qualifications & Experience

Consistent with the School's interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary mandate, preference will be given to candidates who demonstrate:

- **A sustained record of interdisciplinary or transdisciplinary work** — research, teaching or programme development spanning two or more distinct fields.
- **Experience in designing, launching or coordinating interdisciplinary curricula**, multidisciplinary degree programmes or NEP-2020-aligned flexible / multiple-entry-and-exit programmes or in the academic endeavors of the Kerala State Higher Education Council
- **A track record of collaborative and team-based research** across departments, institutions or with industry and the ability to build cross-disciplinary partnerships.
- **Success in mobilising resources** through externally funded projects, research consortia or national and international collaborations.
- **Strong academic administration and people-management skills**, including strategic planning, faculty mentoring and governance of a diverse academic unit.
- **Familiarity with quality-assurance and accreditation frameworks** (NAAC / NBA / NIRF) academic audit and outcome-based education.

E. Competencies & Leadership Attributes (Desirable)

Beyond formal eligibility, the successful candidate is expected to embody the qualities that define an outstanding academic leader:

- **Visionary and integrative thinking** — the intellectual range to connect disciplines and translate a bold vision into workable programmes.
- **Collaborative leadership** — the ability to inspire, unite and mentor faculty and students from varied academic backgrounds.
- **Institutional stewardship** — sound judgment in governance, planning and the fair, transparent management of resources.
- **Innovation and adaptability** — openness to new pedagogies, technologies and models of research and learning.
- **Integrity and inclusivity** — an unwavering commitment to academic ethics, equity and a respectful, pluralistic environment.

F. Roles & Responsibilities (Indicative)

The Head of School shall provide overall academic and administrative leadership to the School, including:

- Providing strategic direction for the School's interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary programmes and research agenda.
- Identifying interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary programmes relevant to the emerging world and conducive to making learners future ready.
- Leading curriculum design, academic planning and the development of innovative, integrative programmes.
- Promoting inter-departmental, inter-institutional and industry collaboration and forging external partnerships.
- Mentoring faculty and research scholars and fostering a vibrant, inclusive scholarly community.
- Overseeing admissions, teaching, evaluation and student welfare within the School.
- Mobilising, allocating and accounting for resources, grants and projects with transparency.
- Representing the School in the University's statutory bodies and in external academic and public forums, in accordance with the University's Act and Statutes.
- Discharging other duties and responsibilities as prescribed by the Statutes of the University.

G. General Conditions

1. Applicant should be a citizen of India.
2. All qualifications and experience must be from institutions recognised by the UGC and the relevant statutory bodies, as applicable. Those who obtain degree from the institutions other than the State /Central Universities/National Institutes shall produce the equivalency certificates from any of the State Universities in Kerala
3. Prescribed percentages of marks shall be calculated as the aggregate of all years / semesters; grade to-percentage conversion shall be as certified by the awarding institution.
4. The University reserves the right to fill, not to fill or to vary the number of posts; to shortlist candidates by applying criteria higher than the prescribed minimum; and to constitute the Selection Committee as per the applicable UGC Regulations and University Act & Statutes.
5. Mere fulfilment of the minimum qualifications does not entitle a candidate to be called for interview or to be selected.

6. Canvassing in any form or bringing external influence, will render a candidate liable to disqualification.
7. Deadline for online submission of application is at 5 PM on 11/11/2026.
8. Those who have applied in response to our earlier notification need to submit the application in response to this notification.
9. Those who are in service need to obtain No Objection Certificate from the employer, a copy of which must be enclosed with the Hard copy of the application.

H. Registration Fee:

Candidates shall remit an amount of Rs. 1500/- (One Thousand Five hundred only) as registration fee for General Category. SC/ST DA candidates need to remit Rs. 750/- (Seven hundred and fifty only) . (Account No. 361401010035599, IFSC- UBIN0536148, Branch – Union Bank, Kollam -1) Fee should be remitted only through online as instructed in the submission portal. Copy of the fee receipt shall be submitted along with the hard copy of the online application to the University.

I. How to apply.

Eligible candidates shall submit online application in the official website of Sreenarayanaguru Open University, <https://sgou.ac.in/>

Hard copy of duly submitted online application along with true copies of all certificates / documents (self-attested) in proof of age, qualification, experience, research, community, reservation and other claims shall reach the office of the Registrar, Sreenarayanaguru Open University, Kureepuzha, Kollam. 691601, on or before 5 pm on 18/11/2026. Defective/late applications will be summarily rejected.


Registrar