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(Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India)

NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



**Ph.D.
PROGRAMME**

ADMISSION 2026-27

INFORMATION BROCHURE

INTRODUCTION

National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU) is the world's first and only University dedicated to forensic science and its allied subjects. NFSU offers research programmes in various subjects and inter-disciplinary areas of forensic and allied fields, leading to the award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.). NFSU harbors an esteemed research culture with well-established state-of-the-art infrastructure.

The major objectives of the Ph.D. programme are to:

1. Conduct high-impact research to acquire new fundamental knowledge as well as to develop cutting-edge technologies for detection and prevention of new-age crimes.
2. Bridge the gap between industry and academia.
3. Inculcate innovation in indigenous research for strengthening the forensic capabilities of the nation.
4. Generate research minds empowered with entrepreneurship and contribute to nation building.

MODE OF
Ph.D.

➤ Full Time/Regular

Students under this category shall work full time for the Ph. D. programme and not permitted to work as a full-time/part-time employee elsewhere. Such candidates may apply for fellowship/assistantship available from different funding agencies like CSIR / ICMR / DST / DBT / ICCR / SERB / ICSSR / SII / NBHM etc. University may also provide scholarship to the full-time students who are not availing any other fellowship as per the criteria decided by the university from time to time. Following are considered under full time:

- A. Full-time candidate on Self-financing basis.
- B. Full-time project fellows appointed in R&D projects being carried out in NFSU.
- C. Full-time candidate sponsored by Academic Institutes/Industries/R&D organizations.
- D. Full-time candidate with Government/Semi-Government Fellowship awardees:
GATE / GPAT / NET / JRF qualified candidates and similar national/state level tests.
- E. International Students: Students/candidates from any other country with requisite qualifications and valid passport/visa or candidates nominated from Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR)/study in India (SII) fellowship awardees.

MODE OF Ph.D.

➤➤ Part-Time

A. Students granted admission in Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted to work, provided all the conditions stipulated in the Ordinances applicable for respective batch are fulfilled.

B. The candidate shall submit "No Objection Certificate" from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:

- i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
- ii. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
- iii. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work and other necessary requirements of NFSU.
- iv. The employer will allow the candidate to use the research infrastructure for the research work, if available.

MODE OF Ph.D.

➤➤ Professional Category

(10% of total intake of respective academic year)

Recognized R&D organizations, institutions, government organizations or industries may recommend students/candidates from India and abroad with at least 10 years of cumulative work experience to enroll as professional category candidate. The selection of such candidates will be based on the marks obtained during formal interview conducted by Ph.D. Evaluation and Admission Committee (PEAC). Such candidate shall not be entitled to any fellowship/assistantship from the NFSU. However, such candidates may receive sponsorships from their parent organizations, or they might continue self-finance basis.

- In case of full time Ph.D., it will be mandatory for the scholar to maintain their daily attendance which will be marked and signed by respective research Guide/Co-guide (in case of deputation of Guide/Co-guide, attendance will be maintained at the Dean's Office of the respective School/campus). Part time Ph.D. candidate has to maintain at least 90 days attendance during the entire Ph.D. tenure.
- Full time Ph.D. scholar may be engaged in academic activities of the university (lectures, tutorials including practical/laboratory demonstrations) for 8 hours per week.
- The fee structure of professional category and international students will be different than all other categories as decided by the NFSU from time to time.

Eligibility Criteria for Admission >>

1. For admission to the Ph. D. programme, applicants fulfilling any of the following criteria shall be considered as eligible:
 - I). A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 60% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.
 - II). Provided that, a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme, preferably from INIs/Institutions of Eminence, should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
 - III). 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree (B.Tech./B.E./B.Pharm./B.Arch.) from any recognized university/institute with a minimum 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
 - IV). In above cases 3.1 (i), (ii) and (iii), 5 % relaxation in the required percentage of marks will be given to those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Economically Weaker Section (EWS), differently abled and other backward categories candidates as per the reservation rules of Govt.
2. Applicants who have passed bachelor's degree and are fellow members of the Institute of Chartered Accountants and/or Institute of Cost and Works Accountants and/or having qualifications of Company Secretary, will be eligible to apply for admission to the Ph. D. programme.
3. Candidates who have passed Post Graduate Degree (Master Degree) Examination with at least 60% marks in aggregate or equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph. D. programme. The candidate shall have sufficient proficiency in English language.

Reservation Guidelines for Ph.D. Admissions ➤➤

Reservation in Ph.D. admissions shall be provided as per the prevailing Government of India policy:

Category	Percentage of Seats Reserved
Scheduled Castes (SC)	15%
Scheduled Tribes (ST)	7.5%
Other Backward Classes (OBC-NCL)	27%
Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)	10%
Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)*	5% (Horizontal)

*Reservation for PwBD will be provided horizontally across all categories, as per the Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 and Rules, 2017. Candidates must hold a valid disability certificate issued by a competent authority.

1 Relaxation in Eligibility

Relaxations in qualifying marks, entrance cut-offs, and age limits (where applicable) shall be provided for SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PwBD/EWS candidates as per UGC and Ministry of Education guidelines.

2 Verification of Category Certificates

- Applicants seeking admission under reserved categories must produce valid certificates issued by the competent authority.
- OBC candidates must provide a Non-Creamy Layer (NCL) certificate issued within the one year before the closing date of application.
- EWS candidates must submit a valid Income Certificate issued by the designated authority.

3 Treatment of Unfilled Seats

Vertical Reservation Categories

- (i) GEN-EWS. Seats reserved for the General-Economically Weaker Section category remaining unfilled for want of an eligible candidate shall be de-reserved and merged with the OPEN category seats of the programme concerned.
- (ii) OBC-NCL. Seats reserved for Other Backward Classes (Non-Creamy Layer) remaining unfilled shall, in like manner, be de-reserved and merged with the OPEN category seats of the programme concerned.

(iii) Scheduled Caste (SC) and Scheduled Tribe (ST). Seats reserved for the SC and ST categories remaining unfilled for want of an eligible candidate shall NOT be converted to the OPEN category or to any other category, including each other. Such seats shall continue to be treated as reserved for the respective category and may be offered, within the same admission cycle, to eligible candidates of that category through additional/spot rounds of counselling. Failing availability of an eligible candidate, the seat(s) shall lapse for that Academic Year and shall neither enhance the sanctioned intake of the OPEN or any other category nor be carried forward as a backlog vacancy to a subsequent Academic Year.

(iv) Inter-se Interchange between SC and ST. Consistent with the distinct constitutional status of Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes under Articles 341 and 342 of the Constitution of India, and the consistent position taken by the Government of India disallowing de-reservation or cross-category adjustment of SC and ST seats in Central Educational Institutions, there shall be no inter-se interchange between SC and ST reserved seats. A seat reserved for an SC candidate, if unfilled, shall not be allotted to an ST candidate; and a seat reserved for an ST candidate, if unfilled, shall not be allotted to an SC candidate, under any circumstances.

4 Treatment of Unfilled Seats

Horizontal Reservation (Persons with Disability)

(i) The reservation of 5% of seats for Persons with Disability (PwD) operates horizontally across the OPEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, and ST categories.

(ii) A PwD seat remaining unfilled for want of an eligible PwD candidate shall revert to the parent vertical category from which it was carved out — for instance, an unfilled SC-PwD seat shall revert to and be filled as a general SC category seat, and an unfilled OPEN-PwD seat shall revert to the OPEN category — and shall not, in any circumstance, be transferred across vertical categories.

5 Review and Amendments

The reservation guidelines shall be subject to periodic review and may be modified in accordance with changes in the law or directions issued by the NFSU, UGC and Government of India.

ADMISSION PROCESS ➤➤

1. Admission Based on NET/JRF/GATE/GPAT/INSPIRE Fellow and any other equivalent National Level Test by UGC/CSIR/DBT or any other agency of Government of India:

Admission to the Ph.D. Programme for Academic Year 2026–27 shall be based on valid scores obtained in recognized All India Level / National Level Entrance Tests such as UGC-NET, CSIR-NET, GPAT, GATE, DBT-JRF, SET, INSPIRE Fellowship, or other equivalent examinations, wherever applicable to the concerned subject/domain.

In subjects where no recognized All India Level / National Level Entrance Test is available; the University shall conduct its own Ph.D. Entrance Test.

Further, in subjects having recognized national-level entrance tests, if seats remain vacant after completion of admissions through such All India Level Tests, the University may conduct its own Ph.D. Entrance Test to fill in the remaining vacant seats, subject to the applicable ordinance and guidelines of the NFSU.

The syllabus for the University-conducted Ph.D. Entrance Test shall be notified along with the Admission Advertisement, wherever such Entrance Test is conducted by the University.

2. The Interview:

Candidates found eligible as per the prescribed admission procedure shall be called for an Interview. The Interview process shall be conducted through the Ph.D. Evaluation and Admission Committee (PEAC). The Committee shall conduct formal interviews on subject-specific areas, evaluating each candidate's subject knowledge and motivation for research.

EXEMPTION FROM ENTRANCE TEST ➤➤

The candidates fulfilling any one of the following conditions will be exempted from the entrance examination:

International Students: Students/candidates from any other country with the requisite qualifications and valid passport/visa or Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) and study in India (SII) fellowship awardees.

Professional category applicants will be exempted.

APPLICATION FEES >>

Category	Application Fees (INR)
Unreserved (UR)	2000
Other Backward Classes (OBC-NCL)	1800
Economically Weaker Sections (EWS)	1800
Scheduled Castes (SC)	1600
Scheduled Tribes (ST)	1600
Persons with Benchmark Disabilities (PwBD)	1600
CW	2000
J&K Migrant	2000
International	USD \$50

TENTATIVE Ph.D. ADMISSION CALENDER ACADEMIC YEAR 2026-27 >>

Particulars	Date
Opening of Online Application Forms	5 July 2026
Last Date For Submission of Application Forms	25 July 2026
Interviews (NET & Professional)	31 July 2026
Declaration of Interview Result	2 August 2026
Ph.D. Entrance Examination (In case of seat vacancy)	11 August 2026
Interviews (Entrance Qualified Candidates)	12 August 2026
Final Result Declaration	14 August 2026
Fee Payment & Confirmation of Admission	17 August 2026
Provisional Eligibility Certificate	17 August 2026
Joining Date	18 August 2026