



NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES UNIVERSITY

ADMISSION - PH.D. PROGRAM 2024-25 INFORMATION BROCHURE

INTRODUCTION

National Forensic Sciences University (NFSU), erstwhile Gujarat Forensic Sciences University (GFSU) is the world's first and only University dedicated to forensic science and its allied subjects. NFSU offers research programmes in various subjects and interdisciplinary 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, and offers Ph.D. programme in Forensic Sciences and all relevant fields.

The major objectives of the Ph.D. programme is 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 the innovation in indigenous research for strengthening the forensic capabilities of the nation.
4. Generate research minds empowered with entrepreneurship and contribute in nation building.

MODE OF Ph.D.

• Full Time/Regular Mode

Students under this category shall work full time for the Ph. D. programme and not permitted to work as a full-time employee elsewhere. Such candidates may apply for fellowship/assistantship available from different funding agencies like CSIR/ICMR/DST/DBT/ICCR/SERB/ICSSR 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.

• Ph.D. through Part Time Mode

(a) Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

(b) The NFSU shall obtain a “No Objection Certificate” through the candidate for a part-time Ph.D. programme 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. iv. In case of experimental work, the candidate will be permitted to use the facilities of the concerned organization to carry out the research work.



(c) For research involving experimental work and if at the concerned organization, appropriate facilities are not available, the candidate will be allowed to carry out research work at NFSU.

Professional Category Recognized R&D organizations, institutions, government organizations or industries may recommend students/candidates from India and abroad with atleast 10 years of work experience to enroll as professional category candidate. Such candidates will be admitted provided they satisfy the requisite minimum qualification and they shall not be entitled to any fellowship/assistantship from the University. However, such candidates may receive sponsorships from their parent organizations or they might continue on self-finance basis.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION

- 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. Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed.
 - ii) Candidates having 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.
 - iii) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 60% marks in aggregate or equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.
 - iv) Applicants having 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 qualification of Company Secretary will be eligible to apply for admission to the Ph.D. programme.

In above cases 5 % relaxation in the required percentage of marks will be given to those belonging to SC/ST/SEBC (non-creamy layer)/Economically Weaker Section (EWS), differently abled and other backward categories candidates as per rules.

In exceptional cases, applicants having passed Bachelor's degree with either of following conditions will be eligible to apply for admission to the Ph.D. programme:

i) Candidates who have completed 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme, having a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed, with minimum of 10 years of professional experience in relevant field may be considered eligible for admission.

ii) Candidates with B.E./B.Tech. degree (from Institutes of National Importance-INI) in respective discipline with a minimum 75% marks or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed may be considered eligible for admission.



In all above cases, 5% relaxation in the required percentage of marks will be given those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Economically Weaker Section (EWS), differently abled and other backward categories candidates as per rules.

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.



ADMISSION PROCESS

- In general, the Ph.D. programme entrance test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% domain specific questions. Students who secure 50% marks in the entrance test are eligible to be called for the interview. A relaxation of 5% marks will be allowed in the entrance examination for the candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories of candidates as per rule.
- University reserves the right to decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of Ph.D. seats available.
- The interview process shall be conducted through Ph.D. Evaluation & Admission Committee (PEAC). The Ph.D. Evaluation & Admission Committee (PEAC) shall conduct formal interview on domain 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 university entrance examination:

- i) Candidates who qualify GATE/GPAT/SET/NET/JRF or similar national level test within validity period.(As decided by University).
- ii) International Students: Students/candidates from any other country with a requisite qualifications and valid passport/visa or from Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) fellowship awardees.
- iii) Professional category applicants will be exempted.