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NATIONAL FORENSIC SCIENCES UNIVERSITY



INFORMATION BROCHURE

ADMISSION TO
Ph.D. PROGRAM
2025-26



1. 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 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.

2. MODE OF Ph.D.

1. 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/assistantships 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/SET/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.

2. 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.

- 3. 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 cumulative work experience to enroll as professional category candidate. Such candidates will be admitted, provided, they satisfy the requisite minimum eligibility criteria and they 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 on self-finance basis.
In case a greater number of applications are received in this category, the selection will be based on marks obtained during formal interview conducted by Ph.D. Evaluation and Admission Committee (PEAC).
- 4. 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). Part time Ph.D. candidate has to maintain at least 90 days attendance during the entire Ph.D. tenure.
- 5. 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.
- 6. 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.

3. 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 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 rules.
2. 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.
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.

4. The reservations of seats for the Ph.D programmes will be as per GOI norms.

4. 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 candidates as per UGC and MoE guidelines.

2. Verification of Category Certificates

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

3. Unfilled Reserved Seats and Special Drives

A. Interchangeability

If seats reserved for SC or ST remain vacant after exhausting eligible candidates, the seats may be interchanged between SC and ST categories.

B. Special Admission Drive for Reserved Categories

If a significant number of seats in reserved categories remain unfilled after regular admission cycles, the University may conduct a Special Admission Drive specifically for: SC, ST, OBC-NCL, EWS, and PwBD candidates.

4. 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 Government of India, UGC and NFSU.

5. ADMISSION PROCESS

1. Entrance Test:

The admission to Ph.D. Programme will be through an entrance test for all the candidates except those mentioned in Section 7. the Ph.D. programme entrance test syllabus shall consist of 50% 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 candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC/differently abled category, Economically Weaker Section (EWS), and other categories as per rules.

2. The Interview:

The candidates who have qualified in the entrance test will be called for an interview. The 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 the Ph.D. Evaluation & Admission Committee (PEAC). The Ph.D. Evaluation and Admission Committee (PEAC) shall conduct formal interviews on domain-specific areas, evaluating each candidate's subject knowledge and motivation for research.

6. EXEMPTION FROM ENTRANCE TEST

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

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

7. 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

8. CONTACT US

For any query related to Ph.D Admissions

Please mail us on: admission_phd@nfsu.ac.in

9. TENTATIVE PH.D. ADMISSION CALENDER FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025-26

Particulars	Date
Opening Of Online Application Forms	05th June 2025
Last Date For Submission Of Application Forms	31st July 2025
Ph.D. Entrance Examination	12th August 2025
Declaration Of Entrance Exam Result	12th August 2025
Interviews (NET & Professional)	12th & 13th August 2025
Interviews (Non-NET Candidates)	13th & 14th August 2025
Final Result Declaration	26th August 2025
Fee Payment & Confirmation Of Admission	26th to 31st August 2025
Joining Date	1st to 4th September 2025



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