



# Nava Nalanda Mahavihara, Nalanda

(Deemed University)

Ministry of Culture, Government of India

Nalanda-803111, Bihar

## **NOTIFICATION**

### **Application for PhD Admission 2025**

The University Grants Commission (UGC), vide its notification dated 27.03.2024 decided that from the Academic Session 2025, the National Eligibility Test (NET) score can be used for admission to PhD programmes in place of entrance tests conducted by the different Universities/HEIs.

Accordingly, from the academic session 2025, the Nava Nalanda Mahavihara will use the National Eligibility Test (NET) scores for admission to PhD Programme.

### **Guidelines for admissions to Ph.D. course for academic session 2024-2025:**

1. Based on the scores obtained in NET, the candidates will be eligible in three categories.

Qualified for	Eligible for		
	JRF	Assistant Professor	Ph.D. Admission
<b>Category-1:</b> Award of JRF and appointment as Assistant Professor	Yes	Yes	Yes
<b>Category-2:</b> Appointment as Assistant Professor and admission to PhD	No	Yes	Yes
<b>Category-3:</b> Admission to PhD only	No	No	Yes

2. Admission under JRF category will be taken as per UGC Notification dated 7<sup>th</sup> November, 2022 published in the Gazette of India: Extraordinary no. 544.
3. As per UGC Notification dated 27.03.2024, for students who qualify in Categories 2 and 3, 70% weightage will be given for test scores, 30% weightage for the interview for admission to PhD Programme. The PhD admission will be based on the combined merit of NET marks and the marks obtained in the Interview. For JRF (Category I) weightage of interview shall be 100 percent.
4. The marks obtained in the NET by the candidates in Category 2 and 3 given above will be valid for a period of one year for admission to PhD Programme.
5. The detail information for PhD admission for the academic session 2025 will be published on the website of the University ([www.nnm.ac.in](http://www.nnm.ac.in)). Candidates are advised to check the website of the University & NTA for regular updates and schedule.

This is issued with the approval of the Competent Authority.

- 6 Online Applications are invited by the Nava Nalanda Mahavihara Nalanda (NNM) from eligible candidates for admission to PhD Programme 2025.

**7. Schedule of Entrance Test**

- a) Last date of filling up online application form : 22/02/2025
  - b) Date of PhD Interview : 27/02/2025 to 28/02/2025
  - c) Publication of result on the University website : 04/03/2025
- Online admit card can be downloaded by the candidates ..... using the same login id and Password.
  - No separate certificate of result will be issued by the University.
  - Duration & Timing of Entrance Exam :
  - Minimum Qualifying Marks :

**8. Eligibility Criteria for Admission to the PhD Programme:**

The admission to the PhD course shall be based on the merit of the candidates subject to the conditions stipulated in these regulations, the following persons are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

- a. Candidates who have completed 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 55%marks in aggregate or its 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 the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

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 pointscale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for

those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

- b. From June 2024 onwards, the UGC-NET candidates shall be declared eligible under three categories as shown in Annexure (I) on the first page.
- c. Accordingly, NNM shall consider only such candidates eligible who have cleared JRF or NET in June-2024 along with JRF candidates who have qualified it in the year 2022 and 2023.

#### **9. Procedure for Admission to the PhD Programme**

1. The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the Nava Nalanda Mahavihara (Deemed to be University), keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central Government from time to time.
2. Admission to the PhD programme shall be made using the following methods:
  - 2.1 Nava Nalanda Mahavihara shall admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview.
  - 2.3 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 the decision of the Commission from time to time.
  - 2.4 Nava Nalanda Mahavihara shall decide the number of eligible students to be called for an interview based on the number of PhD seats available.

#### **10. Procedure for admission to the PhD Programme:**

10.1. An interview/viva-voce to be organized by Nava Nalanda Mahavihara as mentioned in clause 1.2 wherein the candidates will be required to discuss their research interest/area through a presentation before a duly constituted Departmental Research Committee.

- 10.2 The interview/viva voce shall also consider the following aspects, viz. whether:
- 10.3 The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;
- 10.4 The research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution/College;

10.5 The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge;

10.6 The Nava Nalanda Mahavihara shall maintain the list of all the PhD registered students on its website on a year-wise basis. The list includes the name of the registered candidate, the topic of his/her research, the name of his/her supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment/registration.

10.7 The Examination Department shall recommend to each department, the names of selected candidates, according to the merit list prepared by the admission department (depending on the number of total seats available in the departments).

10.8 After notification of the merit list, the admission section of the Mahavihara shall send a provisional letter of admission to each selected candidate and a copy of the same will be forwarded to the concerned Head of the Department.

10.9 Within 30 days of receipt of the provisional letter of admission each candidate shall complete the official formalities related to the registration such as submission of the duly filled prescribed application form for registration to the PhD course work along with the fees as prescribed.

10.9 After the payment of fees, the candidate shall submit a written request to the Head of the Department indicating the name(s) of the proposed Supervisor/Co-Supervisor, external Supervisor/Co-Supervisor as the case may be.

10.10 Keeping the candidate's choice in view, the DRC shall assign a Supervisor/Co-Supervisor (if any) and allot a topic of research to the candidate.

10.11 The Head of the Department shall send a complete list of such candidates along with the necessary details, such as names of the Supervisor/Co-Supervisors (if any) along with the topic of research, to the admission department of the Mahavihara with a copy to the Dean of the faculty within fifteen days of the receipt of the written requests of the applicants.

10.12 Upon the receipt of the complete list of such candidates along with the necessary details from the concerned Department, admission department of the Mahavihara will issue the registration letter to each candidate.

10.13 The records of the merit list of the qualified candidates and those eligible for direct admission along with their application forms shall be maintained in the Examination and admission department of the Mahavihara.

10.14 No full-time PhD scholar shall accept, during the period of research, any paid assignment apart from Research/ Project Fellowship, Research/ Project Assistantships, etc. However, he/she may be permitted to join part-time Diploma or Certificate Course(s) on the recommendation of the DRC provided it is not detrimental to his/her research programme.

### **11.PhD through Part-time Mode**

- 11.1 PhD programmes through part-time mode will be permitted, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.
- 11.2 The NNM shall obtain a “No Objection Certificate” through the candidate for a part-time PhD programme from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:
- 11.3 The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
- 11.4 His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time to research.
- 11.5 If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the coursework.
- 11.6 Notwithstanding anything contained in these Regulations or any other law, for the time being in force, NNM shall not conduct PhD programmes through distance and/or online mode.

### **12. Admission of International students to the PhD programme**

- 12.1 Each supervisor can guide up to two international research scholars on a supernumerary basis over and above the permitted number of PhD scholars as specified in clause 6.3 above.
- 12.2 The Nava Nalanda Mahavihara shall decide its selection procedure for PhD admission of international students keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by statutory/regulatory bodies concerned from time to time.
- 12.3 At any point, the total number of PhD scholars under a faculty member, either as a supervisor or a co-supervisor, shall not exceed the number prescribed in clause. 8.3 and 8.1.
- 12.4 Foreign or International scholars shall be considered against the supernumerary seats only.

### **13. Ph.D. Fee Structure**

Sl No	Descriptions	Fee Structures(in INR) For Regular	Par-Time
1	PhD Entrance Test Fee	1,000.00	1,000.00
2	PhD Registration Fee	4,000.00	50,000.00
3	Late Fee	500.00	1,000.00
4	Library Caution Money(PhD)	1,000.00	1,000.00
5	PhD Evaluation/Examination Fee	8,000.00	20,000.00
6	Foreigner Students will pay \$500 one time as supervisor fee		
7	The Course work fee	10,000.00	10,000.00

**Note:** - Mode of payment shall be Online through Debit/Credit card/Net Banking.

#### 14. Instruction for filling online Application:

Application is available online on the Mahavihara Website  
<https://online.nnm.ac.in/student/login>

**Required Document:** Candidate shall upload the following Documents along with Online Application:

- Scanned copy of Date of Birth Certificate
- Scanned copy of all relevant certificates indicated under the column educational qualification.
- Scanned copy of the Caste Certificate in case of Reserved Category Candidates( If applicable)
- Scanned copy of the Non-Creamy layer Certificate in case of OBC and EWS Candidates.
- Scanned Copy of the Medical Certificate Issued by Civil Surgeon in case of Persons with Disabilities (P.H) Candidates (If applicable).
- Scanned copy of Certificates in case of candidates exempted as per University Notification clause-3 (i)
- Scanned copy of a note on your area of research Interests (Max.200 words).

#### 15. Important Instructions:

##### Nava Nalanda Mahavihara Roster for Ph.D.- 2025

Department	U R	S C	S T	OB C	EWS	TOT AL
1. Pali	03	01	01	01	01	07
2. Philosophy	05	01	01	02	00	09
3. Ancient History, Culture and Archeology	02	01	00	02	01	06
4. Hindi	02	01	00	01	01	05
5. Sanskrit	06	01	00	02	00	09
6. Buddhist Studies	02	01	01	02	00	06
7. English	02	01	00	01	01	05
<b>Total</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>07</b>	<b>03</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>04</b>	<b>47</b>

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05/02/2025  
(Admission-in-Charge)