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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME (2025-26)
LAW and/or SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES

Online Entrance Examination Date: July 19, 2025
Last Date to Apply: July 12, 2025
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NALSAR University of Law, Hyderabad, an institution of eminence in the field of legal education and research, is a residential University established by the NALSAR University Act, 1998, (Act 34 of 1998) which is committed to innovation in legal education whilst expanding the frontiers of legal research. The University takes an inter-disciplinary approach towards legal research encouraging students to look closely at the social moorings of law and the relevance of social science methodologies for legal research.

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Eligibility for Admission

- Candidates who have obtained a Master's Degree or equivalent qualifications in Law or Humanities or Social Sciences or other cognate disciplines from any recognized University or Autonomous Institution securing not less than 55% marks or its equivalent.
- Candidates who have passed the Company Secretary Examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India (ICSI) and awarded the Associate Membership of the Institute (ACS) are also eligible for admission to the programme.
- Candidates who have passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), New Delhi.
- Candidates who have passed the final examination of Institute of Cost Accountants of India.

Note: In case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes/ Scheduled Tribes/ Other Backward Classes (Non-creamy layer) / Persons with disabilities / EWS the requirement of marks at Master's Degree is 50% or its equivalent. The University shall adhere to University Grants Commission's Guidelines as decided from time to time.

Number of Seats

The University has 15 vacancies across Law, Humanities, Social Sciences and other cognate disciplines. The University is especially seeking proposals in new and emerging areas which may have a cross-cutting focus on intersecting areas in Law. The area selected should be such that it enables the candidate to make an original contribution to knowledge.

Admissions against the aforesaid vacancies shall only be made if a research proposal is found to be satisfactory and suitable. The University reserves the right not to fill the advertised seats if the Research Board does not find requisite number of research worthy proposals. Similarly, University may admit more candidates if the Research Board finds proposals correlating with the University's research agenda.

NALSAR encourages, promotes and incubates new and exciting research in emerging and inter-disciplinary areas.

The University adheres to the national-level reservation policy in its admissions.

Fee and Examination Date

1. Submission of Online Application Form along with registration fee of Rs. 2000/- (Rs. 1000/- of SC & ST) and required documents. The last date of submission is July 12, 2025.
2. In order to obtain admission, candidates have to appear in a written entrance exam test. This year the three and a half hours **exam shall be conducted online on July 19, 2025** from **10:00 a.m.**

Exemption from the written Examination

Applicants who have been declared qualified in the UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF) in their respective disciplines are exempted from writing the entrance examination.

Procedure for Admission

1. The admission process has two stages: first, a written examination, which in turn has two parts, part one testing general writing skills and research aptitude, and part two testing the disciplinary knowledge, that is, in law or social sciences and humanities as applicable to the candidate's basic qualifications.

The written examination details are as given below:

TOTAL MARKS: 100

Component	Weightage	Time / Duration
1. Research Aptitude and Writing Skill	50 %	1.5 Hrs.
2. Disciplinary Knowledge	50 %	2 Hr.

In the first component the examination will test the research and writing aptitude of

the candidates through MCQs, essay, comprehension and précis writing.

In the second component, candidates will also be tested on their ability to write professionally and in accordance with established norms of scholarship through questions which test the candidate's domain knowledge as also the where, what and how of referencing. The candidate's domain knowledge will be tested in the field of:

- Law
- Social Sciences & Humanities

Model test paper can be downloaded here.

2. To be considered for the second stage of the admission process, the candidate must secure 50% of the marks in the written examination. However, the University may decide on a higher cut-off mark depending on the number of applicants and the number of seats available each year.
3. The applicants who are qualified in the written examination and also those who are exempted from writing the entrance test are required to submit a preliminary research proposal (between 1500-2000 words or approximately 8 typed double spaced pages, excluding references) with a statement of the research problem and a literature survey which demonstrates that the research topic is unexplored, and an original scholarly contribution can be made on the same.

Guidelines for writing the preliminary proposal are given here

4. The availability of internal expertise for research supervision would be one of the key factors for consideration during the admission process. Candidates are encouraged to visit the University Faculty profiles.
5. Applicants may contact faculty members whose area specializations conform with their research interests for consultations on their proposals.

The applicants are advised to visit the University website to ensure **that they are not submitting proposals on already registered topics. Since such duplication could result in their not being invited for interview. To access the Website link for registered topics, [click here](#).**

6. The preliminary research proposals will be scrutinized for plagiarism. If the similarity index for any proposal exceeds 15%, excluding appropriately cited sources, then the applicants will not be called for the interview. Similarly, applicants making proposals on topics already registered with the University may not be called for the interview.
7. The applicants whose preliminary proposals have passed the plagiarism test and have been found to be researchable areas by the University Research Board only will be invited for an interview. By no means, a candidate whose proposal is rejected due to plagiarism above 15% and / or whose preliminary proposal has been rejected by the University Research Board can claim a slot in the interview.
8. The applicants who are qualified in the interview will be provisionally admitted to the Ph.D. program.
9. Each candidate shall have a Research Advisory Committee (RAC), consisting of the principal Supervisor, allotted by the University Research Board and two experts

nominated by the Supervisor and the candidate respectively.

10. The candidates will compulsorily undergo a Foundational Research Methodology course and after successful completion of the Research Methodology coursework, and the additional coursework, candidates will be required to defend their modified proposal before the entire Faculty.
11. The candidates who are qualified in the entrance test, but failed in the interview shall be given a second opportunity to submit their proposal on the basis of the recommendation of the Research Board without needing to reappear for the entrance exam.
12. Candidates pursuing the Ph.D. program may assist in the teaching or research activities of the University.

Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2025-26

S. No.	HEADS	AMOUNT
1	Registration fee to be paid along with Application	Rs. 2,000/- (Rs. 1,000/- for SC/ST)
2	Admission Fee	Rs. 10,000/-
3	Tuition Fee	Rs. 20,000/- (one time to be paid at the time of admission)
4	Retention Fee for every completed six months	Rs. 1,000/-
5	Library Fee	Rs. 5,000/- p.a.
6	Internet Fee	Rs. 8,000/- p.a.
7	Thesis Fee	Rs. 12,000/-
8	Re-registration Fee	Rs. 2,500/- p.a.
CHARGES APPLICABLE FOR RESIDENT CANDIDATES ONLY		
9	Electricity Charges	Rs. 12,000/- p.a.
10	Generator Diesel Charges	Rs. 5,000/- p.a.
11	Water Charges	Rs. 12,000/- p.a.
12	Outsourced Services	Rs. 3,000/- p.a.
13	Room Rent	Rs. 24,000/- p.a.
14	Mess Advance	Rs. 40,000/- p.a.
REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS		
15	Library Deposit	Rs. 5,000/-
16	Mess Deposit	Rs. 5,000/-
17	Hostel Deposit	Rs. 10,000/- (Rs. 4,000/- for SC / ST)

Note:

All correspondence relating to admissions should be addressed to the Registrar – registrar@nalsar.ac.in and a copy marked to phdadmissions@nalsar.ac.in

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