Ph.D. Programme (Full Time)

A. ELIGIBILITY AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

1. Faculty of Engineering

Bachelor’s and Master’s / M.S. (by Research) degree in Engineering / Technology in the appropriate branch of study with a qualified GATE score obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form and with a minimum of 60% (or above) aggregate marks (CGPA ≥ 6.5/10) in UG and PG for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category and 55% aggregate (or above) marks or equivalent CGPA of ≥ 6.0 for SC/ST/PwD candidates.

Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
Candidates with PG degree in Science (Physics/Chemistry/Material Science/Applied Science/Applied Physics/Applied Chemistry) followed by M.Tech. Degree/M.S (by Research) in Material Science and Engineering/equivalent PG degree in related discipline with a qualified GATE score obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form are also eligible to apply.

CECASE (Part time only)
Candidates with M.E. / M.Tech. in Metallurgical Engineering, Materials Science & Engineering, Welding Engineering, Industrial Metallurgy, Mechanical Engineering, Thermal Engineering, Manufacturing, Design, Automobile Engineering, Aeronautical Engineering, Nano Science & Nano Technology, Chemical Engineering, Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, Instrumentation and Control Engineering or any other equivalent degree with a qualified GATE score obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form are eligible to apply.

Department of Civil Engineering
Candidates with B.E. / B.Tech. or M.E. / M.Tech. with any specialization offered by Civil Engineering Department with a qualified GATE score obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form are also eligible to apply.

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Department of Mechanical Engineering
Candidates with B.E/B.Tech in Mechanical Engineering with Master’s in Design/Thermal/Industrial Safety streams along with a qualified GATE score obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form are eligible to apply.

2. Department of Architecture
Bachelor’s degree in Architecture/Planning and Master’s degree in Architecture/Design/Planning/Building Engineering and Management/Building technology or its equivalent with a qualified GATE score obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form and with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10 in UG and PG for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category or a minimum of 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 in UG and PG for admission under SC/ST/PwD category.

3. Department of Management Studies
2 years full time Master’s degree in Business Administration / 2 years Post Graduate Diploma in Management / Master’s Degree in Industrial Engineering / Management or Industrial Engineering / Management with Operations research / Systems / other relevant discipline with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10 in UG and PG for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category or a minimum of 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 in UG and PG for admission under SC/ST/PwD category with a CAT/XAT/MAT/GMAT/GATE qualified score obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form OR UGC-NET qualified score OR doctoral research fellowships like JRF/RGNF/other equivalent research fellowships for management may apply.

4. Department of Computer Applications
Master’s degree in Computer Applications or M.Sc.(Computer Science/OR&CA) with a qualified GATE score (obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form)/NET/UGC/CSIR/NBHM score and a minimum of 60% (or above) aggregate marks (CGPA ≥ 6.5/10) in UG and PG for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category and 55% aggregate (or above) marks or equivalent CGPA of ≥ 6.0 for SC/ST/PwD candidates.

Master’s degree (M.E./M.Tech.) in Computer Science and Engineering or Data Analytics with a qualified GATE score obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form with 60% (or above) aggregate marks (CGPA ≥ 6.5/10) in UG and PG for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category and 55% aggregate (or above) marks or equivalent CGPA of ≥ 6.0 for SC/ST/PwD candidates.

5. Department of Science

Department of Mathematics
Master’s degree in Mathematics with a qualified GATE score (obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form)/NET/UGC/CSIR/NBHM score and a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10 in B.Sc and M.Sc for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category or a minimum of 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 in B.Sc and M.Sc for admission under SC/ST/PwD category.
Department of Chemistry
Master’s degree in Chemistry/Applied Chemistry with a qualified GATE score (obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form)/NET/ UGC/ CSIR/ and a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10 in B.Sc and M.Sc for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category or a minimum of 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 in B.Sc and M.Sc for admission under SC/ST/PwD category.

Department of Humanities and Social Sciences
Master’s degree in the relevant discipline of Humanities/Social Science/Economics/Business Administration/Commerce/Statistics with a qualified UGC/NET/CAT/AIMA/XAT/MAT and a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10 in UG and PG for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category or a minimum of 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 in UG and PG for admission under SC/ST/PwD category.

Department of Physics
Master’s degree in Physics/Applied Physics/Materials Science/Applied Electronics with a qualified GATE score (obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form)/UGC/NET/CAT/AIMA/XAT/MAT score and a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10 in UG and PG for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category or a minimum of 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 in UG and PG for admission under SC/ST/PwD category.

(Or)
M.Tech. in Non Destructive Testing with a qualified score in GATE obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form with 60% (or above) aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of ≥ 6.5/10 for admission under OC/OC-EWS/OBC-NCL category and 55% (or above) aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of ≥ 6.0/10 for SC/ST/PwD candidates. In case of AMIE/AMIIM candidates, a minimum of 55% is eligible for admission in all the branches.

B. ADMISSION CATEGORIES
1. There are three categories of admission under Ph.D. (Full Time).

1.1 Ph.D. (Full Time) - Stipendiary Category
Half Time Research Assistantship (HTRA) is available to full time scholars who are admitted to Ph.D. programmes in different departments subject to the availability as stipulated by Ministry of Human Resources Development. The award and renewal of the assistantship/scholarship is as per the guidelines reissued by MHRD, from time to time. The recipients of HTRA are required to assist the department in academic works to a minimum of 8 hours per week. The assistantship/scholarship will not be available for sponsored candidates or to scholars getting financial support from any private agency or other agencies under state or central governments. The areas of specialization for Ph.D. work in various departments are given in the Annexure-1

The fellowships are available in the following departments.
Candidates applying in the department of CSE, CA, EEE, ECE and ICE on completion of course work at NIT Tiruchirappalli have provision to pursue their research work with the institute fellowship in DRDO-Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), Bangalore in the thrust areas of research listed below. Interested candidates may indicate this in the application.

- Navigation and control of autonomous ground vehicles
- Machine Learning for Speech Processing
- Cyberspace Monitoring
- Algorithm for Web context (Text) Mining
- Design and Development of Post-Quantum Cryptographic Algorithm
- Multi-agent Semantic Task planning
- Bipedal jumping gaits with stable landing
- Localization for unmanned systems
- Recent Advances on Social Network Analysis (SNA) Techniques
- Finite field and its applications
- Cognitive Architectures for Human-Robot collaboration
- Unified deep learning framework for object and activity detection in videos
- Satellite image processing
- Data Analysis for Unified Threat Management
- Hardware Security
- To automatically register images obtained from different sensors and sources.

**Reservation:** Government of India reservation policy will be followed for OC-EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST and the Persons with Disabilities (PwD) Candidates. In the absence of application.

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from PwD candidates, the seat reserved for PwD category will be filled by the candidate(s) who belong to the same category (without PwD).

**Candidates having their own fellowships from funding agencies such as DST, CSIR, UGC, NBHM, etc. can apply for Ph.D. (Full time) in any department relevant to the research grant.**

1.2 Ph.D. - Internal category
Limited number of seats are allotted under Ph.D. Internal category approved by the competent authority. Faculty, staff members of institute and candidates working under sponsored project in NIT-Trichy with qualified GATE score (obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form) / UGC / CSIR / NBHM / NET / CAT / ATMA / XAT / MAT score will be considered for admission under Ph.D. (Internal) – category.

**Note:** Any faculty or staff members of the institute (NIT-Trichy) seeking admission to part time Ph.D. program should submit the hard copy of completed online application through Proper Channel. However, the selection procedure shall remain the same as cited above.

1.3 Ph.D. (Full Time) - Non-Stipendiary Category
Limited number of seats are allotted under non-stipendiary category in the Faculty of Science and Humanities. Candidates with qualified GATE score (obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form)/ UGC / CSIR / NBHM / NET / CAT / ATMA / XAT / MAT score will be considered for admission.

2. Ph.D. Programme (Part time – External / On campus categories)
Part-time Ph.D. programme is offered by all the departments and CECASE for working professionals from Govt. R&D Organizations / Public sector / Industries / National Research laboratories and for faculty members from Govt. / Govt. Aided /Private Engineering Colleges / Science and Arts Colleges / Universities. There shall be two broad categories for the candidates seeking to pursue part time Ph.D. at NIT-Trichy. The categories are:

2.1 Part-time (External): Candidates working in reputed industry / organizations having R&D facilities, Govt. R&D Departments / National Research Laboratories / Units of Government / Quasi Government / Public sector are considered under this category. **For Ph.D. Programme (Part time – External) GATE score is not mandatory.** The candidates must be officially sponsored by their employing organization. A candidate working in an establishment which is equipped with the necessary research and library facilities only shall be considered for admission under this category. A committee appointed by the Director (consisting of Dean Academic or his nominee, Dean-R&C or his nominee and Head of the Department) shall assess the adequacy of these facilities before recognizing the organization for the above purpose.

At the time of application, the employer must expressly undertake to pay full salary to the candidate and relieve him / her to complete his / her residential requirement. A candidate applying for admission to the external registration programme must provide detailed information about the research facilities available at his / her organization and a certificate from the employer / Supervisor that these would be available to him / her for carrying out research (Form-1). He/she should also provide the bio-data of the prospective supervisor.
(External Research Supervisor) or Research Coordinator who would supervise/co-ordinate the candidate's work at his/her organization (Form-2).

In particular, this provision shall be extended to regular faculty members of graduate engineering programme from NITT mentee institute, Dr. B.R.Ambedkar Institute of Technology, Port Blair, Andaman and Nickobar Islands, to enroll and pursue Ph.D. programme as part-time (External) research scholars in NITT. At the time of admission, the candidate must submit a “no objection” certificate from the Parent institute.

2.2 Part-time (on Campus): Regular/Full-time teachers/employees working in Govt./Govt.aided/private Engineering/Technical institutions or Science and Arts Colleges/Universities/industry/public sector with qualified GATE score (obtained in the last five years from the closing date of application form)/ UGC / CSIR / NBHM / NET / CAT / ATMA / XAT / MAT score will be considered for admission under this category. At the time of admission, the candidate must submit a “no objection” certificate (Form-3) and also a “relieving certificate” from the Parent institute/organization to relieve him/her to complete his/her residential requirement. The candidate should have at least three years’ experience in a regular/permanent position at the time of application. The college/organization must have 5 years of its existence for patronizing candidates to part-time Ph.D. program. The departments concerned would decide the candidature of the selected candidates.

2.3 Selection Procedure

For both categories, the mode and norms for selection shall be on par with those in force for full-time Ph.D. candidates. Following the scrutiny and short-listing of the applications, eligible candidates will be called to appear for a technical and personal interview by the Departmental Research Committee comprising of HoD, all eligible Research Supervisors and the Dean’s nominee (observer).

2.4 Duration of the Programme

The duration of the programme and the time for submission of the thesis are counted from the date of provisional registration. The minimum duration of the Part-time Ph.D. Programme shall be three years for both categories (External and On campus). This implies that a candidate can submit the synopsis (duly satisfying other academic requirements) only after a minimum period of study of 36 months from the date of registration. The maximum period to complete the part-time Ph.D. Programme is 7 years.

Hostel accommodation may be provided subject to availability.

2.5 Place of research work

The candidates admitted under external category will normally carry out part or all of his / her research work in their respective industry / organization / national laboratories, employing the scholar. For these scholars, there will be two Research Supervisors, one internal Research Supervisor from NIT Trichy and one external Research Supervisor / Co-supervisor from his / her place of work.

For the candidates admitted under “on campus” category, the place of work is NITT even though he/she may be carrying out a part of research work in his/her College / Institution. For
these scholars, NITT faculty shall be the internal (principal) Research Supervisor. External Research Supervisor, if any shall be from the industry only.

2.6 Course work / Residential requirement

The candidates admitted under external category shall report to the research supervisor / DC at least on three different occasions (visits) in every semester for official discussions. The course work requirement can be considered to be fulfilled either by undertaking to study the courses at NIT Tiruchirappalli or by taking online courses under reputed agencies which are approved by the Doctoral Committee. After completion of online courses (after certification), the evaluation will be facilitated / carried out by the research supervisor / DC at NIT Tiruchirappalli. The course work shall be completed within one and half years of provisional registration in the programme. Subsequent to the completion of course work, they can continue their research work in their respective industry/ institution.

For the candidates admitted under on campus category, the minimum residential requirement is one semester. Four relevant theory courses at Master’s degree level (as recommended by the DC) shall be taken by the scholar. Normally, the course work shall be undertaken during the residential period of one semester itself. The requirements relating to course work will be as per norms of fulltime scholars. Subsequently, the scholars shall continue their research work on a part-time basis, through regular interaction with the Research Supervisor. The scholar (both external and on campus categories) shall spend at least one week per semester in the NIT-T campus until the submission of synopsis.

C. SELECTION PROCEDURE

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The detailed Ph.D. Regulations are available at: [https://www.nitt.edu/home/academics/rules/PhD-regulations-2019.pdf](https://www.nitt.edu/home/academics/rules/PhD-regulations-2019.pdf)

D. HOW TO APPLY?

Candidates applying for Ph.D. programme must apply online through the web site www.nitt.edu or admission.nitt.edu. The information brochure is available in the website. The application fee per department is Rs. 500/- for OC/OBC-NCL and Rs. 200/- for SC/ST/PwD candidates. The fee payment should be made only through State Bank icollect mode ([https://www.onlinesbi.com/prelogin/icollecthome.htm?corpID=88587](https://www.onlinesbi.com/prelogin/icollecthome.htm?corpID=88587)). The last date for submission of application is 20-02-2021.
E. INTERVIEW (Tentative Date)

Candidate applying for more than one department, must appear for interview in all the departments.

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For further queries, contact:
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Academic Office
National Institute of Technology
Tiruchirappalli – 620015, Tamil Nadu.

Phone: +91 431 2503011, 2503309
E-mail: phdsection@nitt.edu

LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE APPLICATION IS 20-02-2021
Form - 1

Sponsorship Certificate
(To be submitted in the Official Letter Head by the Ph.D. External Registration Candidates)

The application from Mr./Ms………………………………………………………………………………………………………
working as……………………………………….. in ……………………………since ………….is herewith recommended and forwarded for admission under External Registration
Scheme for part time Ph.D. Program in the Department of……………………………………,…
National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli

Certified that:

1. Our organization has adequate facilities for carrying out the research as indicated by the applicant and if he/she is selected, these will be made available to him/her till the completion of the programme.
2. The applicant will be deputed/given leave for duration of his/her residence period at NIT, Tiruchirappalli.
3. Facilities will be made available to the Supervisor (External Research Supervisor) to supervise the work of the applicant and to attend the DC meetings at NIT, Tiruchirappalli, when necessary.
4. Till the completion of his/her research programme, the applicant will not ordinarily be transferred to another unit or place which may impede his/her work under the scheme. If such a transfer is necessary, NIT, Tiruchirappalli will be informed atleast before one month of such transfer order.
5. No part of the work carried out in fulfillment of the Research programme will be utilized commercially or for applying for a Patent without the approval of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli

Date: .................................. Signature of the Sponsoring Authority

Name and Designation

Seal of the organization/ Institution
Postal address of the Organization/ Institution:
This is to state that in the event of Mr./ Ms. ………………………………. of this organization being selected for part time Ph.D. programme in the Department of ………………………………………………… under the External Registration Scheme of NIT, Tiruchirappalli, I agree to be his/her External Research Supervisor / Research coordinator and shall extend all possible guidance and access to the following facilities to enable him/her to carry out his/her research programme towards the submission of thesis.

**Particulars of Prospective External Research Supervisor/Research Coordinator:**

(1) Name of proposed External Research Supervisor / Research coordinator (In Block letters):

(2) Designation:

(3) Academic qualifications of External Research Supervisor /Research coordinator:

(4) Experience (No. of Years):

(5) No. of Publications with details:

(6) Membership in Professional Societies:

Research Facilities (relevant to area of research only) Available: (To be listed here)

Date: ________________________

Signature of the External Research Supervisor/Research Coordinator

Name and Designation

Seal of the organization

*The external Research Supervisor should have a Ph.D. degree and a minimum of 2 papers in refereed journals. The research coordinator should have a PG degree with atleast ten years of experience.
No Objection Certificate from the Employing Organization
(To be submitted in the Official Letter Head by Ph.D. Part time - On campus candidates)

The applicant ................................................................................................................................................
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1. We note that facilities of the NIT, Tiruchirappalli will be made available to him/ her for carrying out the research work under the supervision of a Research Supervisor and he/ she has to pay full fees every semester for the use of laboratory, library and other facilities of the Institute.

2. The research facilities available in our organisation will also be accessible to him/ her in the case of selection.

3. The applicant will be deputed/given leave for duration of his/her residence period at NIT, Tiruchirappalli.

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