

Information Brochure

Admission to PhD Programme
Academic Session: 2020-21(Winter Semester)



National Institute of Technology Sikkim

Ravangla-737139, Sikkim, India

- Candidates are advised to read this information brochure carefully and visit our website <http://www.nitsikkim.ac.in> regularly for updates.

1. PhD Programmes

The Institute offers PhD programmes in the following Departments/Disciplines:

Engineering:

1. Computer Science and Engineering
2. Electrical and Electronics Engineering
3. Electronics and Communication Engineering
4. Mechanical Engineering

Basic Sciences and Humanities:

5. Chemistry
6. Mathematics
7. Physics
8. English

Interdisciplinary:

Programme Categories

Each of the above-mentioned departments offers Full-time and Part-time PhD Programmes under the following categories:

1.1. Full-time research fellows

Institute Research Fellow

In this category candidates are eligible for financial assistanship/fellowship from NIT Sikkim in the form of teaching or research assistantships. The fellowship shall be awarded to PhD candidates on a semester-to-semester basis for a period of upto four years. Such candidates are expected to devote at least eight hours per week towards duty including tutorial/laboratory class works, laboratory development etc. or any other job as assigned by the Department/Institute time to time. The renewal of fellowship is dependent on the satisfactory academic performance of the candidate and discharge of duties as assigned to him/her by the department or Institute.

Fellowship will be as per the Institute/MoE norms and may depend on the qualification of the candidate.

A research fellow awarded fellowship shall not be eligible to receive any other salary, stipend, emoluments, scholarship, fellowship etc. during the tenure of the award. See **Section 2** of this brochure for the complete list of general eligibility criteria for admission to PhD programmes at NIT Sikkim.

1.2. Part-time research scholars

Research Fellow registered under collaborative research programme between NIT Sikkim and other Universities / Institutes / R&D organisations in India or abroad.

Candidates working in Government Colleges / Institutions / R&D organisations in India or abroad, which are well-equipped with the necessary research and library facilities and interested in collaborative research work with NIT Sikkim, OR Faculty members working at NIT Sikkim, may be considered for admission to PhD programme at NIT Sikkim under this category. After admission, candidates must fulfill one semester of residential requirement at the Institute i.e. must stay six (06) months at NIT Sikkim to complete their necessary course works. The requirement of Institute supervisor is mandatory in this category, and the external supervisor from his/her Institute /R&D organization is optional and subject to the approval of the SPGB or equivalent committee.

Candidates, who wish to apply under this category, are required to route their applications through their organization clearly stating that:

- Their Organizations/Institutes are equipped with the necessary research and library facilities.
- The candidate is in employment with the sponsoring organization at the time of admission/ enrollment.
- The candidate must stay six (6) months at NIT Sikkim to complete his/her necessary courseworks.

All the candidates admitted under this category must fulfill one semester residential requirement at the Institute for course work and will not receive any financial support from the Institute in any form.

2. Eligibility for Admission

The general eligibility criterias for admission in all Departments/fields are given below. These eligibility criterias are the absolute minimum; Departments may prescribe any other requirements over and above the minimum criteria, subject to the approval of the Convener, SPGB/Dean (Academic)/Chairman Senate.

- i) **Engineering/ Technology:**
 - a) Bachelor and Master degree in relevant discipline of Engineering/Technology with minimum 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA in B.Tech/M.Tech;
- OR**
- b) Bachelor degree in relevant discipline of Engineering/ Technology from IITs / NITs / IIITs / other CFTIs with minimum 85% marks or 9.0 CGPA.
- ii) **Basic Science:** Master degree in relevant discipline of Science with minimum 55% marks or 6.0 CGPA.
- iii) **English:** Master degree in English with minimum 55% marks or 6.0 CGPA.

For SC/ST candidates, a relaxation of 5% marks or 0.5 CGPA will be considered.

In addition to the general criteria, the following category-wise **additional essential criteria** for PhD admission are compulsory:

- a. **For Full-Time** – A GATE/NET qualification certificate is preferable for candidates having ME/M.Tech.

OR

A **valid** GATE/NET qualification certificate is **must** for candidates having Bachelor degree in Engineering/Technology and M.Sc.

- b. **For Part-Time** – Minimum one year teaching/research/industry experience.

3. Duration of the Programme

The duration of the programme and the time for submission of the thesis are counted from the date of enrolment. The period to complete the PhD Programme is normally two to five years for full-time candidates from the time of enrolment. However the candidate may be given an additional time of one year at a time for submission of his/her thesis without fellowship. The request for such extension may be considered as per the institute PhD rules. If the scholar fails to submit the thesis by the deadline of the final extension, his/her registration stands cancelled. For part-time candidates, PhD thesis has to be submitted within Seven (07) years of enrollment with extensions, if any.

4. Fee Structure

The fees for each semester for different category of PhD scholars are as follows:

A. Institute Fee for Full-time PhD scholars

FeeCategory	1 st Semester (Rs.)	Subsequent Semesters (Rs.)
Tuition Fee	7500	7500
Tuition Fee for SC/ ST (Subjected to conditions*)	Exempted*	Exempted*
Caution Deposit (One time and refundable on condition)	3000	0
Examination Fee	500	500
AdmissionFee (One time)	500	0
Library Fee	1000	1000
Development Fee	750	750
Student Activities (Sports& Games, and Extra-curricular activities)	800	800
I Card (One time)	100	0
Students medical	800	800
Semester Registration Fee	150	150
Alumni Association (One time)	1000	0
Convocation Fee	1000	0
Miscellaneousfee	100	100
Total Institute fee (Rs) (per semester) for Gen / OBC / Others	17200	11600
Total Institute fee (Rs) for SC/ ST (Subjected to conditions*)	9700	4100

*1. For SC / ST scholars under FT01 and FT02, as such the Tuition fee is exempted on production of proof that the scholar's self or family income from all sources does not exceed Rs.4.5 Lakhs per year. Those scholars, whose self or family income is more than Rs.4.5 Lakh per year, has to deposit same fee as general category. This is implemented in accordance with the MHRD Letter F. No. 33 – 4 / 2004 – TS III dated 16th June 2015.

Notes: 1. At the time of Registration, a onetime Registration Fee of Rs.3000/- has to be deposited. 2. At the time of Thesis submission a onetime fee of Rs.5000/- has to be deposited.

B. Institute Fee for part-time PhD scholars

FeeCategory	1 st Semester (Rs.)	Subsequent Semesters (Rs.)
TuitionFee	7500	7500
CautionDeposit (One time and refundable on condition)	3000	0
ExaminationFee	500	500
AdmissionFee (One time)	500	0
DevelopmentFee	750	750
Semester RegistrationFee	150	150
Alumni Association (One time)	1000	0
Convocation Fee(One time)	1000	0
Miscellaneous fee	100	100
Total Institute fee	14500	9000
Total Institute fee (Rs) for SC/ ST (Subjected to conditions*)	7000	1500

Notes: 1. At the time of Registration, a onetime Registration Fee of Rs.3000/- has to be deposited. 2. At the time of Thesis submission a onetime fee of Rs.5000/- has to be deposited.

2. Hostel may not be provided for the part time scholars.

C. Hostel Fee, if available, for all category

FeeCategory	1 st Semester (Rs.)	Subsequent Semesters (Rs.)
Mess Caution Deposit (One time & refundable on condition)	5000	0
Hostel Caution Deposit (One time& refundable on condition)	3000	0
Hostel Admission (One time)	500	0
Hostel Fee (Hostel Rent, Electricity charges and cleaning) **	7500	7500
Mess Maintainance Fee	750	750
Total Hostel Fee (Rs.)	16750	8250

**for full-time scholars, it is exempted

5. Application Procedure

Eligible candidates are required to fill up the application form ONLINE using the link provided in the Institute website www.nitsikkim.ac.in. The last date for the submission of the online application form is 25th January, 2021. Application fee of **Rs. 500/-** (Rs.100/- for SC/ST) for each programme is to be submitted through **Online Payment Gateway**.

Note:

- Application fee has to be deposited online only. Applicant has to pay through **Online Payment Gateway**. Visit the following link:
https://nitsikkim.ac.in/admission/fee_structure.php
- The applicant has to take a receipt of the online payment and note the transaction id.
- Candidates applying for more than one programme in different departments have to apply on separate application forms, with **application fee of Rs. 500/-** (Rs.100/- for

SC/ST) for each programme.

- iv. Incomplete applications or applications not in specified format or applications not received in time will not be considered.

6. Selection Procedure

Selection procedure will be notified to the shortlisted candidates by email. Moreover, the names of shortlisted candidates will be displayed on the Institute website along with the details schedule and venue of examination and/or interview.

8. Documents Required

The candidates are required to furnish the following documents at the time of **written examination and/or interview in original** for verification:

- i) Valid Photo-ID proof
- ii) Marksheets and Degree Certificates of all qualifications/degrees starting from class 10th or equivalent.
- iii) Character Certificate issued by the Head of the Institution/Department last attended.
- iv) OBC/SC/ST/PD certificate, if applicable.
- v) Proof of Date of Birth.
- vi) Statement of Purpose indicating the area and type of research work proposed to be carried out.
- vii) GATE/NET qualification certificate
- viii) Appearing Certificate from the Head of the Department/Institute for candidates appearing for final examination of the qualifying degree.
- ix) Re-print of research publications (1st page only), if any
- x) Any other information related to eligibility
- xi) Fellowship/Scholarship award certificate (for funded by other agencies, NET/CSIR/UGC, etc)
- xii) No Objection Certificate from employer for one semester residential stay at NIT Sikkim, otherwise application may be rejected (for part-time).
- xiii) Experience Certificate (for part-time only)

9. General Information

- i) The number of seats will be decided by the Institute.
- ii) Reservations are applicable as per Govt. of India norms.
- iii) Mere eligibility will not vest any right on any candidate for being called for interview. In all matters, the decision of the institute will be final.
- iv) The institute reserves the right to set higher selection criteria for admission to PhD program and may adopt adequate admission procedure as decided by the institute at any time before the admission. Such information will be displayed in institutes website time to time in advance.
- v) Canvassing in any manner would entail disqualification of the candidature.
- vi) Shortlisted candidates for written test and/or interview will be intimated through e-mail/mobile. No separate call letter for written test and/or interview will be issued.
- vii) No request for change of interview schedule shall be entertained.
- viii) No TA/DA shall be payable and the candidates are required to make necessary boarding and lodging arrangements on their own.

- ix) Selected candidates will be informed by e-mail/mobile and they are expected to join immediately.
- x) Candidates appearing for documents verification without complete information/ original supporting documents during written test and/or interview, his/hers candidature will be cancelled.
- xi) The PhD program including admission procedure shall be governed by the rules/regulations of the institute and further amendments/orders approved by the senate of the institute time to time.
- xii) The Institute reserves the right to refuse admission to any candidate without assigning any reason. All disputes are subject to Gangtok High Court only.
