

¹Regulations for Ph.D. Programme



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1. Applicability of Regulations: These Regulations will apply in their entirety to the Ph.D. programme. The integrated LL.M.-Ph.D. programme will be governed by these regulations to the extent that they do not conflict with those made under the Regulations for the integrated LL.M.-Ph.D. programme at NALSAR.

2. Constitution of Research Committee

The Vice-Chancellor shall constitute a Research Committee consisting of regular faculty members of the University and external experts to supervise the admission process and administration of the Ph.D. programme. The Vice-Chancellor may constitute Departmental Research Committees if required.

3. Eligibility for Admission:*

To be admitted to the candidature for a doctoral degree an applicant shall have:

- a. Obtained a Master's Degree or equivalent qualifications in Law, Management or other cognate disciplines from any recognized University or Autonomous Institution securing not less than 55% marks or its equivalent. This implies that candidates with qualifications in social sciences, humanities, sciences and commerce/management may be admitted to the programme. Similarly, applicants 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) shall be eligible for admission to the programme. Likewise, those who have passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India (ICAI), New Delhi and those who have passed the final examination of Institute of Cost Accountants of India shall also be eligible for admission.
- b. However, the requirement of 55% marks or equivalent at the Master's Degree level is relaxed to 50% marks or equivalent in case of candidates belonging to Scheduled Castes / Scheduled Tribes / Other Backward Classes (Non-creamy layer) / Persons with disabilities and other categories as decided by the University Grants Commission (UGC) from time to time.
- c. The Vice-Chancellor may permit a member of the NALSAR faculty to pursue the Ph.D. programme along with regular teaching responsibilities in the interest of career development and institutional growth.

4. Procedure for Admission*:

- a. The University will decide and notify on an annual basis a predetermined and manageable number of candidates to be admitted depending on the academic personnel and physical facilities available, keeping in mind the norms regarding the candidate-supervisor ratio. The University shall adhere to the National-level reservation policy, as applicable.
- b. Applicants are ordinarily required to appear for an entrance test as prescribed by the University. However, those who have cleared the UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF) in their respective disciplines will be exempted from writing the entrance test.
- c. The entrance test will have two components, with 50% of its weightage assessing the aptitude for research and writing skills and 50% devoted to disciplinary knowledge. The



first component will be mandatory for all applicants irrespective of their disciplinary background. It shall test the ability to write professionally and in accordance with established norms of scholarship. The second component would be based on the disciplinary background of the applicants.

- d. The applicants who clear the entrance test will be required to attend an interview before the Research Committee.
- e. The applicants who have cleared the entrance test will be required to submit a preliminary research proposal (between 1500-2000 words) with a statement of the research problem and a literature survey which demonstrates that the issue is unexplored and an original scholarly contribution can be made on the same.
- f. 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.
- g. The applicants who clear the entrance test and the interview will be provisionally admitted to the Ph.D. programme and will be required to attend the Research Methodology coursework conducted by the University. The Research Committee shall allocate a Principal Supervisor for each candidate before the commencement of the Research Methodology course.
- h. Within one month after successful completion of the Research Methodology coursework, the candidates should submit their revised research proposal to their respective Principal Supervisors.
- i. The candidates who have cleared the entrance test, but did not clear the interview shall be given one more opportunity to submit their proposal on the basis of the recommendation of the Research Committee without needing to reappear for the entrance exam.

²{5. Enrollment and Duration of the Programme

- 5.1 Candidates whose research proposals are accepted after interview shall be registered to the Ph.D. Programme of the University and in addition to the course work would need to enrol in the various study programs devised by the University to ensure continuous work on the doctoral thesis.
- 5.2 The Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work and a maximum of six years.
- 5.3 Extension beyond the above limits will be governed by the relevant provisions of NALSAR Ph.D. Regulations.
- 5.4 The women candidates and Persons with Disability (more than 40% disability) may be allowed a relaxation of two years for Ph.D. in the maximum duration. In addition, the women candidates may be provided Maternity Leave / Child Care Leave once in the entire duration of Ph.D. for up to 240 days.}

6. Supervisors for research:

- a) Apart from the Principal Supervisor, the Research Committee may appoint one or more faculty members as Co-Supervisors. The Research Committee shall ensure that Supervisors be competent to guide the candidate and also that they are available for supervision for the expected duration of the candidate's period of study.
- b) A candidate shall pursue the programme of study and research as approved by the Principal Supervisor. This shall include the presentation of a thesis embodying the results of the scholar's research work.

² Amended by the Executive Council on March 26, 2022



- c) For the award of the degree the thesis must form a distinct contribution to the knowledge in the subject and afford evidence of originality shown either by the discovery of new facts or by the exercise of independent critical analytical power.
- d) There shall be a Research Advisory Committee (RAC) constituted for the Ph.D. candidates. The Principal Supervisor shall be the Convenor of the RAC which will have the following responsibilities:
 - (i) To review the research proposal and finalize the topic of research
 - (ii) To guide the candidate to develop the study/design and methodology of research and identify the course(s) that the candidate may have to do
 - (iii) To periodically review and assist in the progress of the research work of the candidate.
 - (iv) To suggest re-framing of the research topic and changes in the allocations of supervisors, if deemed appropriate.

Provided that the RAC may be constituted on the basis of subject expertise while accounting for the resource constraints of the University.

- e) The candidates shall appear before the RAC once in six months to make a presentation of the progress of their work for evaluation and further guidance. The periodic progress reports shall be submitted by the RAC to the University with a copy to the candidate.
- f) In case the progress of the candidate is unsatisfactory, the RAC shall record the reasons for the same and suggest corrective measures. If the candidate fails to implement the same, the RAC may recommend termination of the candidature with specific reasons.
- g) Only regular faculty members who hold doctoral degrees or equivalent qualifications can be allocated as Principal Supervisors for Ph.D. candidates.
- h) At any given point of time, a Professor cannot guide more than eight (08) Ph.D. candidates as a Principal Supervisor. Similarly, an Associate Professor cannot guide more than six (06) candidates concurrently as a Principal Supervisor and an Assistant Professor cannot guide more than four (04) candidates concurrently as a Principal Supervisor.
- i) If the research theme requires the assistance of external experts in any field, the Research Committee may approve the list of such external experts from time to time. However, an external expert cannot be appointed as the Principal supervisor for any candidate.

³{7. Course Work, Credit requirements, number, duration, syllabus, minimum standards for completion, etc.

- i. The Credit requirement for the Ph.D. coursework is a minimum of 12 credits, including a "Research and Publication Ethics" course as notified by UGC vide D.O. No. F.1-1/2018(Journal/CARE) in 2019 and a research methodology course. The Research Advisory Committee can also recommend UGC recognized online courses as part of the credit requirements for the Ph.D. programme.

³ Amended by the Executive Council on 21-02-2023



- ii. A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the course work to be eligible to continue in the programme and submit his or her thesis.}

⁴{8. Timeline for progress in the doctoral programme

- (a) Subsequent to their enrolment the candidates will be required to do the requisite course work which would consist of basic grounding in research methodology, reading-writing seminars and suitable elective courses
- (b) The Ph.D. candidates shall be given a maximum of three months from the conclusion of their course work to finalize their research proposal under the guidance of their respective supervisors and Research Advisory Committee.
- (c) One year after submitting the finalized proposal every Ph.D. candidate will be required to present at least one progress seminar every year before the faculty members and other candidates. The schedule for the seminars will be notified by the University.
- (d) At least one week before a scheduled seminar, the Ph.D. candidate should circulate a research progress report, of up to 3,500-5,000 words, including references.
- (e) The candidate will take note of the feedback received at the progress seminar and discuss the same with their research advisory committee, making whatever changes deemed suitable.

9. Termination of candidature:

- a) If in the opinion of the Research Advisory Committee a candidate's progress is not satisfactory even after three years of submitting the finalized research proposal, they may report the same to the Research Committee who on concurrence with the RAC could ask the candidate to show-cause why their registration should not be terminated.
- b) The response of the concerned candidate to the show cause notice shall be considered by the Research Committee which may thereafter recommend to the Vice-Chancellor that the candidate may be allowed to continue or the candidature stands terminated.
- c) After considering the recommendations of the Research Committee, the Vice-Chancellor may either permit the candidate to continue or terminate the candidature.
- d) If the candidate does not respond to the show cause notice, then on the recommendations of the Research Committee the Vice-Chancellor shall terminate the candidature of the concerned candidate and the Registrar shall officially inform the candidate of such termination.
- e) On the termination of registration, the candidate may appeal to the Academic Council questioning the same. Such an appeal should be submitted in writing within 60 days from the date of receipt of the order.

⁴ Amended by the Executive Council on 05-07-2022



The Academic Council on proper examination of the case may either uphold the order or may reverse it or may take any other appropriate decision as it deems fit.

- f) If in the opinion of the Research Advisory Committee, the Ph.D candidate's progress is satisfactory and the candidate has submitted annual reports for the first four years demonstrating satisfactory work but if the candidate is unlikely to submit his / her thesis within a year, then the Research Advisory Committee may recommend that such a candidate be counted as a supernumerary candidate for his / her Supervisor and the candidate shall be permitted to submit his / her thesis within the time allotted by the Research Advisory Committee which will ordinarily be before the maximum period specified in these Regulations.

Extension of time, in exceptional situations, beyond the maximum period as per the Regulations can be given by the Executive Council on the recommendation of the Academic Council. Provided that ordinarily extension will not be given beyond six years from the date that the finalised proposal was submitted.}

10. Pre-Submission Protocols:

- a) A Ph.D. candidate must publish at least two research papers related to the area of research in a refereed peer-reviewed journal and these publications should be recognized by the respective RAC. The same must be done before the submission of the draft thesis for adjudication and produce evidence for the same in the form of an acceptance letter or a printed copy.
- b) A Ph.D. candidate must make presentations based on their research at a minimum of two national or international conferences, and submit evidence of participation in the same.
- c) The candidate would be required to firstly submit a draft thesis to the Registrar through the Principal Supervisor. Before a candidate submits the draft thesis, the Principal Supervisor in consultation with the Research Advisory Committee must be satisfied that the candidate's work has obtained such level of completion that it can be subjected to a pre-submission review. The draft thesis will also be subjected to scrutiny to check for plagiarism.
- d) Upon submission of the draft thesis, the Vice-Chancellor, on the recommendation of the supervisor, shall appoint at least three external examiners, of whom two shall be from outside the State.
- e) The candidate shall on the strength of the draft thesis make a Pre-Ph.D. presentation which is open to all the faculty and research scholars for comments and the same may be suitably incorporated into the final thesis.
- f) The draft thesis may also be sent to the external examiners for their comments and suggestions, and such suggestions if received, may be communicated to the candidate who may with the advice of the supervisor suitably respond to them.

11. Examination of thesis:

- a) Before a candidate submits the thesis, the Principal Supervisor in consultation with the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) must be satisfied that the research output entails an



original scholarly contribution and a certificate to this effect from the supervisor shall accompany the thesis when it is submitted.

- b) The candidates shall be required to submit five copies of the final thesis as per the required format (all the five copies to be retained by the University) along with a soft copy to the Registrar's office. The thesis shall include an abstract of approximately 500 words. The length of the thesis shall conform to the requirements as prescribed by the Research Committee. The name of the Supervisors of the Ph.D. candidate shall not be mentioned anywhere in the copies of the Ph.D. Thesis which are sent to external examiners for evaluation.
- c) The thesis shall be in English and shall be the result of candidate's own work attaining a satisfactory standard of effective communication.
- d) The entire process of evaluation of the Ph.D. thesis shall be completed within a maximum period of six months from the date of submission of the thesis.
- e) The evaluation/examination of the thesis shall be to assess the candidate's contribution arising out of research on the topic of the thesis. The research output should not substantially overlap with the candidate's work for the award of any other degree at this University or elsewhere.
- f) The examiners shall report in writing in the approved form to the University giving their assessment of the thesis and their recommendations as to whether the degree shall or shall not be awarded to the candidate. In the examiners' assessment, if the thesis does not qualify for the award of the degree, the examiners shall indicate whether additional work should be undertaken by the candidate or whether the thesis should be rejected.
- g) If the External Examiners unanimously recommend the award of the degree, there shall be a viva-voce examination of the candidate conducted by one of the External Examiners who evaluated the thesis. If required, the viva-voce examination can be conducted with an External Examiner being at a different location through the use of information technology (e.g. video-conferencing). In case there is a lack of unanimity between the External Examiners, the University may facilitate the exchange of the reports between the External Examiners. If through such an exchange, unanimity is reached between the Examiners to award or not to award the degree then that decision shall be implemented.
- h) Where a thesis fails to obtain the unanimous recommendation of the External Examiners or where after the viva-voce examination, the viva-voce examiners do not recommend the award of degree, the Research Committee may decide:
 - i) to recommend that the degree be not awarded to the candidate ;
 - or
 - ii) to recommend that the candidate undertake additional work on the thesis and submit a revised thesis within a specified period. Only one re-submission can be permitted.

or



- iii) to take such action as deemed appropriate before making a recommendation, provided that in making its recommendations the Research Committee shall be guided by the opinion of the majority of examiners.
- iv) If a scholar fails to defend his dissertation at the viva-voce examination, the scholar may be given one additional opportunity to defend the dissertation which shall be final.
- i) The re-submitted thesis shall go through the evaluation process described above. If the re-submitted thesis also fails at the evaluation process, there shall be no provision for a further resubmission.
- j) After the successful completion of the viva-voce examination, the award of the degree is recommended by the Research Committee to the Academic Council. Once the Research Committee recommends the award of the degree to the candidate to the Academic Council, a notification will be released and the candidate may be given a Provisional Certificate specifying that the degree has been awarded with the applicable UGC Regulations.
- k) The award of the degree will be made at the annual convocation of the University following the approval of the Academic Council and the Executive Council. The Ph.D. certificate should have only 'Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.)' along with the title of Ph.D. thesis.
- l) A copy of the thesis shall be deposited in the library which shall be available for consultation by others either on loan or photocopying forthwith; provided that, in exceptional cases, the Research Committee, on the application of the candidate and on the recommendations of the Principal Supervisor, determine that it shall not be available for consultation by others until after the expiry of a period, which shall not ordinarily exceed one year.
- m) Following the successful completion of the examination process and before the announcement of the Ph.D. degree, the University shall submit an electronic copy of the thesis to the INFLIBNET for hosting the same so as to make it accessible to the broader academic community.

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**EXTRACT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE 75th MEETING OF THE
EXECUTIVE COUNCIL HELD ON JULY 05, 2022**

ITEM NO.19

RESTRUCTURING AND REVISION OF FEE FOR Ph.D PROGRAMME

The Executive Council considering the recommendations of the Finance Committee accorded its approval for restructuring the fee structure for Indian Nationals and also the revision of the fee for the Foreign Nationals for the Ph.D. programme as indicated below which shall be applicable from the Academic Year 2022-2023:

Restructured Fee Structure for Indian Nationals:

Particulars	Amount (in Rs.)
1. Application Fee (one time)	2,000 (Rs.1,000/- for SC/ST)
2.Admission Fee (one time)	10,000
3.Tuition Fee (one time)	20,000
Re-registration Fee (beyond minimum duration)	2,500 p.a.
4.Other Academic Charges	
- Library Fee	5,000 p.a.
- Retention Fee	1,000 for every completed six months
- Thesis Submission Fee	12,000
5.User Charges	67,000
- Room Rent *	24,000 p.a.
- Internet Fee	8,000 p.a.
- Electricity Charges *	12,000 p.a.
- Generator Diesel Charges *	5,000 p.a.
- Water Charges *	12,000 p.a.
- Outsourced Services *	3,000 p.a.
6. Mess Advance *	35,000
6.Refundable Deposits	20,000 (Rs.14,000/- for SC/ST candidates)
- Hostel Deposit	10,000 (Rs.4,000/- for SC/ST candidates)
- Mess Deposit	5,000
- Library Deposit	5,000

***The amount for the said heads should be paid by the candidate on pro-rata basis depending upon the period or periods for which these resources are used by the scholars.**



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Revised Fee Structure for Foreign Nationals**

Particulars	Existing Fee	Revised Fee approved
Application Fee (one time)	Rs.2,000/-	USD 75 or equivalent Indian Rupees
Admission Fee (one time)	USD 1000	USD 350 or equivalent Indian Rupees
Tuition Fee (one time)	USD 500	USD 700 or equivalent Indian Rupees
Re-registration Fee (beyond minimum duration)	USD 500 p.a.	USD 100 p.a or equivalent Indian Rupees
Retention Fee	Rs.1,000/- for every completed six months	USD 100 or equivalent Indian Rupees for every completed six months
Thesis submission Fee	USD 1000	USD 400 or equivalent Indian Rupees

****Note: The fee under the other heads will be as applicable to Indian Nationals.**



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REGULATIONS FOR THE POST-DOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP PROGRAMME

ELIGIBILITY

The applicant for a Postdoctoral Fellow position must hold:

1. A Doctoral Degree in Law / Social Sciences / Humanities / Management or an allied discipline; and
2. Should have at least three publications in peer reviewed journals. All things being equal, preference will be accorded to candidates with publications in Scopus/Web of Science indexed journals.

DURATION

The positions are fulltime in nature and will be filled for a fixed-term period of two years with pay extendable for a period of one more year without pay.

JOB DESCRIPTION

The duties of the Postdoctoral Researcher include the following:

- Doing research work at the university in the area of specialization that the Fellow is registered in.
- In addition, the Fellow may propose to offer an elective or seminar course in their area of specialization. However, such a proposal may be made only if such teaching can be done without compromising on the research and writing obligations.

REQUIREMENT FOR AWARD

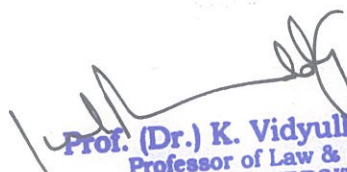
- Publication of at least two research papers annually in Web of Science or Scopus listed journals or a book published by a reputed international publishing house.
- Contributing diligently to the research ethos of the University constructively.

FELLOWSHIP

For such positions, the university shall pay a monthly fellowship of Rs. 60,000/- per month in the first year and Rs. 70,000/- per month in the second year.

Upon acceptance, the fellow cannot accept or hold any other fellowship or any appointment, paid or otherwise, or receive any emoluments, salary, stipend, etc. from any other source during the tenure of the award.




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HOW TO APPLY

Applications from diverse academic backgrounds are encouraged; yet understanding a social science based conceptual design is essential. Selection will primarily be based on the basis of quality of publications. Application should include the following documents:

- Research proposal on area of research to be undertaken
- Curriculum vitae
- List of publications

PROCEDURE FOR MONITORING THE PROGRESS OF THE SCHEME

The program shall be coordinated and administered by the Research Advisory Committee (RAC) of the University in coordination with the centre to which the Fellow is attached.

- Progress report:** On the progress of research work, the research fellow shall submit quarterly progress report duly signed and forwarded by the Supervisor to the Internal Quality Assurance Cell (IQAC) of the University and make a Research Review Seminar (RRS) to the faculty.
- Research Committee Report:** After the completion of one year, progress of the research work conducted by the Fellow shall be examined by the RAC through a presentation of the work done.
- In case the progress of the work is found unsatisfactory,** the award may be terminated by the University at any time during the tenure of the award. The decision of the University in this regard will be final.





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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME (2022-23)

Online Entrance Examination Date: August 6, 2022

Last Date to Apply: July 9, 2022

[Click here to download Application form](#)


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.

Eligibility for Admission

- Candidates who have obtained a Master's Degree or equivalent qualifications in Law, Management or Humanities 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** 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.




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Number of Seats

The University has 15 vacancies across Law, Social Sciences and Management. The University is especially seeking proposals in new and emerging areas which may have a cross cutting focus in inter and intra disciplinary areas. The area selected should be such that it enables the candidate to make an original contribution to knowledge.

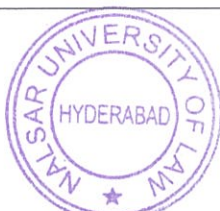
Admissions against the aforesaid vacancies shall only be made if a research proposal is found to be satisfactory and suitable. The University reserves the right not to fill the advertised seats if the Research Board does not find requisite number of research worthy proposals. Similarly University may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

The University encourages, promotes and incubates new and exciting research in emerging and inter-disciplinary areas. Therefore, the University conducts **online Research Exploratory Workshops** where new ideas for Research are discussed. **The 1st in this series, called as the 'Flying Kites Workshop 2021' can be accessed here.** The University plans to organize the **'Flying Kites Workshop-2022' between May and August 2022.** Candidates are encouraged to look up the website for the announcement for 'Flying Kites Workshop-2022' and apply.

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

Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2022-23

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. 35,000/- 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)



Procedure for Admission

1. 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 August 6, 2022 from 10:00 a.m.**
2. Applicants who have cleared the UGC-NET/ UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF) in their respective disciplines are exempted from writing the entrance exam.
3. The entrance test will have two parts. The first, for 50 marks is devoted to assess aptitude for research and writing skills and the second also for 50 marks evaluates disciplinary background and domain knowledge. The first part is mandatory for all applicants irrespective of their disciplinary background. The candidates can do the second part by attempting questions under Law, Social Science and Humanities or Management. The applicable relaxation as per UGC will be taken note of. **Model test paper can be downloaded here.**
4. To be considered for the next leg of the admission process, the candidate must obtain 50% of the marks in the entrance. However, the University can decide upon a higher cut-off depending on the number of applicants and the number of seats available each year.
5. The applicants who have cleared the entrance test and also those who are exempted from writing the entrance test are required to submit a preliminary research proposal (between 1500-2000 words) 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.
6. **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.**
7. Applicants may contact the Research Advisory Board whose contact details shall be provided on the University Website for consultations on their proposals. Assistance may also be obtained from the Research Exploratory Workshops the University intends to conduct from May to August. The applicants are advised to visit the University website to ensure **that proposals on already registered topics** are not submitted. (<http://www.nalsar.ac.in/data-regarding-registered-phd-scholars>)
8. 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.
9. 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 clears the plagiarism test can claim a slot in the interview.



10. The applicants who clear the interview will be provisionally admitted to the Ph.D. program.
11. The Principal Supervisor for each candidate shall be allotted by the Research Committee. In addition, every candidate will have a two-member Advisory Board to aid the research. The Advisory Board shall consist of two experts nominated by the Supervisor and the Candidate respectively.
12. The candidates will compulsorily undergo a Foundational Research Methodology course and after successful completion of the Research Methodology coursework, and the additional course work, candidates will be required to defend their modified proposal before the entire Faculty.
13. The candidates who have cleared the entrance test, but did not clear the interview shall be given one more opportunity to submit their proposal on the basis of the recommendation of the Research Committee without needing to reappear for the entrance exam.
14. Candidates pursuing the Ph.D. program may assist in the teaching or research activities of the University.

Pattern of the Test Paper

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 knowledge of the where, what and how of referencing. In the second component, you are required to choose your areas. The following areas will be covered:

1. Law
2. Humanities / Social Sciences
3. Business Administration

Instructions for submitting the Application Form

1. All correspondence relating to admissions should be made to the Registrar – registrar@nalsar.ac.in marking a copy to phdadmissions@nalsar.ac.in
2. The **scanned copy of the duly filled-in application form along with all the enclosures must be emailed to phdadmissions@nalsar.ac.in only on or**



before July 9, 2022. Applications received after the last date shall not be accepted. **Please click the following link to download the Application Form.**

3. Registration fee of Rs.2,000/- (Rs. 1,000/- in case of SC and ST candidates) has to be paid along with Application Form. **Please click the following link to pay the Registration Fee.** <https://formbuilder.ccavenue.com/live/indian-bank/nalsar-university/phd-application-form>
4. After sending the Application Form by email, the candidates are mandatorily required to submit the below Google Form for confirmation of submission of the Application Form.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScEdpOnDPWaM7-4YbWVe49IhDZvaeoIn7L1H9EOwwTiGx6s8g/viewform>



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