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**ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME (2026-27)  
LAW and/or SOCIAL SCIENCE & HUMANITIES**

**Last Date to Apply: 10 July 2026**  
**Entrance Examination Date: 2 August 2026**

**[Click here to submit 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 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.**

### **Application 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 10, 2026**.
2. In order to obtain admission, candidates have to appear in a written entrance exam test. The written examination is of two hours duration and will be held on **2 August 2026** from **11:00 am to 1:00 pm** at **NALSAR University of Law campus, Shameerpet, Hyderabad 500101**.

### **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 has two parts, part one consists of multiple-choice questions (MCQs) testing general understanding in legal theory and research methods, and part two consists of descriptive questions that test the analytical skills. The MCQs carry negative marking.

The written examination details are as given below:

#### **TOTAL MARKS: 100**

<b>Component</b>	<b>Weightage</b>	<b>Time / Duration</b>
1. Multiple Choice Questions	40 %	30 minutes
2. Analytical Questions	60 %	90 Minutes

In the first part (MCQs) proficiency in basic legal and social theory and research and writing aptitude of the candidates will be tested.

In the second part, the questions will seek descriptive and analytical reflections from the candidates testing their ability to meaningfully demonstrate their theoretical and conceptual familiarity in law and social sciences and research methodology.

[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 2500-3000 words or approximately 12 to 15 typed double-spaced pages, excluding references) within the structure of the template provided below. Non-compliance with the suggested template may result in disqualification.

[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 an 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, footnotes and bibliography, 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 viable research 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 (PS), allotted by the University Research Board and two experts nominated by the PS and the candidate respectively.

10. The provisionally admitted candidates will compulsorily undergo a 12 credit coursework, which includes a Foundational Research Methodology course. After successful completion of the Ph.D. coursework, candidates will be required to defend their modified proposal before university faculty.
11. The candidates who are qualified in the entrance test, but failed in the interview shall be given a second opportunity in the subsequent year admissions 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. programme may assist in the teaching or research activities of the University.

### **Fee Structure for the Academic Year 2026-27**

<b>S. No.</b>	<b>HEADS</b>	<b>AMOUNT</b>
1	Registration fee to be paid along with Application	Rs. 2,000/- (Rs. 1,000/- for SC/ST)
2	Admission Fee	Rs. 10,000/- for Indian Nationals US \$ 1000 for Foreign Nationals
3	Tuition Fee	Rs. 20,000/- (one time to be paid at the time of admission) US \$ 5000 for Foreign Nationals
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/- for Indian Nationals US \$ 1000 for Foreign Nationals
8	Re-registration Fee	Rs. 2,500/- p.a. for Indian Nationals US \$ 500 p.a. for Foreign Nationals
<b>CHARGES APPLICABLE FOR RESIDENT CANDIDATES ONLY</b>		
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.
<b>REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS</b>		
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](mailto:registrar@nalsar.ac.in) and a copy marked to [phdadmissions@nalsar.ac.in](mailto:phdadmissions@nalsar.ac.in)

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