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NOTIFICATION

ADMISSIONS TO THE RESEARCH DEGREE PROGRAMMES (2024-25)

Applications are invited for admission to the following Research Degree Programmes at National Law School of India University (NLSIU) for Academic Year 2024-25:

1. **Ph.D. (Law)**
2. **Ph.D. (Inter-disciplinary)**

ELIGIBILITY

Ph.D. (Law)

The following candidates shall be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. (Law) programme:

- a) Candidates having a 5-year/ 10-semester/ 15-trimester bachelor's degree programme in Law through regular mode from a recognized University having secured a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed (70% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC- NCL/Persons with Disability.)
- b) Candidates having a 3-year/ 6-semester/ 9-trimester bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B.) through regular mode from a recognized University having secured a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed (70% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC-NCL Persons with Disability); and
- c) Candidates having a Masters in Law degree (LL.M.) through regular mode from a recognized University having secured an aggregate of at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade (50% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC-NCL)/ Persons with Disability);
- d) Candidates having passed the Solicitors Examination conducted by the Bombay Incorporated Law Society and having a completed a bachelor's in Law (LL.B./LL.B. (Hons.)) degree from a recognized University through regular mode; or

- (e) Candidates having a Master of Business Laws (MBL) degree from the National Law School of India University with minimum CGPA (Cumulative Grade Point Average) of 4.00 and having completed a bachelor's degree from a recognized University through regular mode.

Provided that candidates in their final year of study in the respective degrees in (a), (b) and (c) shall be eligible to apply, subject to the candidate securing the minimum marks or equivalent grade prior to July 2024.

Ph.D. (Inter-disciplinary):

The PhD (Inter-disciplinary) encourages students with any degree in the social sciences, humanities, engineering, medicine or any other inter- or multi-disciplinary field to apply. Candidates are encouraged to review the ongoing research projects and research of the faculty on the University website.

The following candidates shall be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. (Inter-disciplinary) programme:

- a) Candidates having a Master's degree in any discipline through regular mode with a minimum of 55% or equivalent grade (50% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC-NCL/Persons with Disability) and a Bachelor's degree from a recognized University through regular mode; or
- b) Candidates having passed the Company Secretaryship examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and been awarded Associate Membership of the Institute (ACS) and having completed a bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B.) from a recognized University through regular mode; or
- c) Candidates having passed the Chartered Accountants examination conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and been awarded Membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, and having completed a bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B.) degree from a recognized University through regular mode;

Provided that candidates in their final year of study in the respective degrees in (a), (b) and (c) shall be eligible to apply, subject to the candidate securing the minimum marks or equivalent grade prior to the date of commencement of the Ph.D.

ADMISSION PROCESS

Application

Candidates shall submit the application form duly filled up along with a research proposal of about 6-8 pages. The application form shall be available on the University website. The research proposal should contain:

- i. Tentative Title
- ii. Statement of the problem and the background information on the subject.
- iii. A brief outline of the research design including a set of research questions, a brief review of the relevant literature on the issue identified for research, a research hypothesis (where applicable) and the proposed methodology. Students who demonstrate a firm grasp of these foundational issues will be awarded higher marks.

Application Fee

An application fee of Rs. 3000/- (Rupees Three Thousand Only) shall be payable at the time of submission of the application.

Last Date for Submitting Applications:

Applications shall be accepted till 11:59 pm, IST on **February 24, 2024**.

Admission Test (NLSAT-PhD):

The National Law School Admissions Test-PhD (NLSAT-PhD) will be held on **March 17, 2024 between 10.00 am to 12.30 pm** in specified centres across the country. The duration of the test shall be 150 minutes.

The NLSAT-PhD shall have the following scheme:

- a) Research Aptitude: 50 marks
- b) Essays/Answers on relevant topics pertaining to law/ other disciplines: 50 marks

Candidates securing not less than 50% marks on the aggregate in the written test will qualify for evaluation of their Research Proposal and making an oral presentation before a Panel of Experts on the date specified by the University.

TOTAL NUMBER OF SEATS

The maximum number of Ph. D seats for the Academic Year 2024-25 are **8 (Eight)**. This includes 4 in Ph.D (Law) and 4 in Ph.D (Interdisciplinary). The University reserves the right not to fill all the seats where sufficient candidates do not satisfy the admission requirements.

SELECTION PROCESS

Candidates will be selected based on the marks obtained by the candidate in the NLSAT-PhD, the research proposal, and the oral presentation. The weightage of each score component shall be as follows:

- a) NLSAT-PhD: 50%
- b) Research Proposal: 35%
- c) Oral Presentation: 15%

The dates for the oral presentation shall be announced after the completion of the NLSAT-PhD. They are likely to be held in April - May 2024. Classes for coursework component of the Ph.D. programme shall commence in the University in July 2024.

REGULATIONS

Regulations governing the PhD programme are available on the University's website (<https://www.nls.ac.in/wp-content/uploads/2023/09/Amended-PhD-Regulations-2023.pdf>). Candidates should familiarize themselves with the requirements of the programme, before applying.

Date: 28.12.2023


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