

ADMISSION NOTICE FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME: 2015-2016



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, ASSAM

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National Law University, Assam (Guwahati) an institution of eminence in the field of legal education and research, is a residential University established by the National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam Act, 2009 which is committed to innovation in legal education whilst expanding the frontiers of legal research.

ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION

a. To be eligible for admissions to Ph.D. Degree programme, an applicant shall have:

- i) Obtained a Master's Degree in Law from any recognized University securing not less than 55% marks or its equivalent;
or
- ii) Obtained a Master's Degree in any discipline from a recognized University with not less than 55% marks or its equivalent;

Provided that candidates with qualifications in social sciences, humanities and sciences may be admitted to the programme if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law with a special focus on Public Policy or Law.

- or
- iii) Judge of any High Court in India with three years' experience or Judge of the Supreme Court of India;
or
- iv) Passed the Company Secretary Examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and awarded the Associate Membership of the Institute (ACS). The candidates shall be eligible for admission to the programme if the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law with a special focus on Public Policy or Law;
or
- v) Passed the final examination of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, New Delhi.

Provided that the candidates whose final result of the qualifying examination is awaited for any reason shall be allowed to appear provisionally in the admission test. Such candidates shall have to produce final result of the qualifying examination at the time of the final presentation of their Ph.D. proposals.

Provided further that the requirement of 55% marks or its equivalent at Master's Degree is relaxed to 50% marks or its equivalent in case of candidates belonging to SC / ST/Differently Abled Persons (DAP).

- b.** The Vice-Chancellor may permit a member of the National Law University, Assam faculty to take up Ph.D. Degree programme along with his/her teaching assignment in the interest of faculty improvement on the condition that his/her teaching and other responsibilities are not hampered in any way provided such candidates fulfil the conditions prescribed in the Ph.D. Regulations.

FEE STRUCTURE

Application fee to be paid along with Application form	Rs. 1,000/- for Indian Nationals (Rs.750/- for SC/ST) Rs. 2,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Admission Fee/Registration Fee	Rs. 20,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 40,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Fee at the Time of submission of Thesis	Rs. 15, 000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 30,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Internet Fee (Per Annum)	Rs. 8,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 16,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Library Fee (Per Annum)	Rs. 5,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 10,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Examination Fee	Rs. 1,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 2,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Re-registration Fee (Continuation Fee after two/three year as the case may be.)	Rs. 15,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 30,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Hostel Fee (For six months)	Rs. 15,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 30,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Mess Fee	Actual Expenses to be borne by the Scholar
Campus Development Fee (Only for Full time scholars)	Rs. 5,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 10,000/- for Foreign Nationals
Re-submission of Thesis Fee	Rs. 10,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 20,000/- for Foreign Nationals

REFUNDABLE DEPOSITS

Caution Money	Rs. 10,000/- for Indian Nationals Rs. 20,000/- for Foreign Nationals
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Note: In case of part-time and full-time non-residential scholars, the additional fee on pro-rata monthly basis will be collected if they stay on campus for the Research Methodology Course which will be conducted for approximately three months.

PROCEDURE FOR ADMISSION

1. The admission shall be through a written test to be conducted on **Sunday, December 6, 2015 from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY, ASSAM, NEJOTI Building, Bholanath Mandir Path, B.K. Kakati Road, Near Police Head Quarter, Ulubari, Guwahati- 781007, Assam.**
2. All the candidates shall appear for admission test except those who have qualified UGC NET / JRF / SLET / M.Phil. and Judge (as referred in Regulation 1.3(a)(iii) of the National Law University, Assam Regulations Relating to Ph.D.).
3. All the candidates who have cleared the admission test as well as those candidates who were exempted from appearing for it are required to attend an interview before the Research Committee.
4. All the candidates who have cleared the admission test as well as those who were exempted from appearing for it are required to submit a preliminary proposal of 1000 words indicating the hypothesis, the statement of problem, research outlines, set of research questions, proposed research methodology and survey of literature. The short listed candidates shall be called for interview by the Research Committee.
5. All Research Proposals including the preliminary proposals will be screened through the anti-plagiarism software. If the percentage of plagiarism for preliminary proposal exceeds 15% or more of the total work, or 10% or more of total work from a single source then the candidates shall not be called for the interview.
6. All the candidates who have cleared the admission test and the interview shall be provisionally admitted for Ph.D. and are required to attend a course work programme conducted by the University.
7. After successful completion of the course work programme, the candidates shall submit their research proposal.
8. The research proposals shall be evaluated by all members of the Research Committee and based on their evaluation research proposals shall be short listed.
9. All candidates whose proposals are short listed for approval shall be required to present their research proposal to the Research Committee. Subsequent to this presentation, the Committee shall recommend either to register the proposal or seek its re-submission in accordance with suggested modifications.
10. Candidates who have cleared the admission test and the interview on pre-proposal and also completed the Research Methodology course shall be given two more opportunities to re-submit their proposal on the basis of the recommendations of the Research Committee.
11. Not later than six months after admission, the scholar shall submit the title of the thesis for approval through the Supervisor/ Supervisors to the Research Committee. The title approved by the Research Committee shall not be substantially altered except with the permission of the Research Committee.
12. Once a candidate clears the admission test, successfully gives the Interview, completes course work programme and makes final Presentation before the Research Committee, he/she shall be allowed to get admission into Ph.D. Degree Programme and period of his/her registration for Ph.D. shall be counted thereafter.

SYLLABUS AND DURATION OF ADMISSION TEST

The duration of Admission Test shall be of **Two hours (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.)**

The following are the detail of syllabus:

- (a) The admission test shall comprise of 25 (Twenty Five) questions of one mark each (Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) and 5 (Five) short descriptive questions to be attempted out of 10 (Ten) questions of 5 (Five) marks each. There shall be two compulsory questions of 25 (Twenty Five) marks each wherein the candidates shall write an Essay on any topic of his/ her area of interest in about maximum 1000 (one

thousand) words. The Examination shall be of two hours' duration. The qualifying marks of the admission test shall be of 55 % for the General Category and 50% for other category i.e., SC/ST and Differently Abled Persons.

- (b) The question paper shall consist of legal and logical reasoning for multiple choice questions whereas the short descriptive questions and essay type questions shall be from Contract Law, Jurisprudence, Personal Laws, Constitutional Law, International Law, Criminal Law, Human Rights Law, Environmental Law, Corporate Law and Intellectual Property Law.
- (c) Special care shall be taken for the candidates of Social Sciences and Humanities. If the research they wish to pursue interfaces with the discipline of law with a special focus on public policy or law, the question paper shall be prepared accordingly.

CATEGORIES OF ENROLMENT

(a) Full-time Enrolment

- (i) Enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree Programme shall ordinarily be full-time. The candidate shall put in a minimum of two-years residence of which at least 18 months shall be in the University. There shall thus be provision for the candidate to earn credits for research work done outside the University.
- (ii) Three years shall be the maximum period in which a full time candidate shall complete the work and submit it for evaluation.

(b) Part-time Enrolment

There shall be provision for part-time enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree Programme.

- (i) A part-time candidate shall put in a minimum of three years of part-time study in the University including time spent for research at any other place with the permission of the Supervisor.
Provided that the part-time candidate shall put in residence in the University for at least a total period of six months spread over the three year period.
- (ii) Five years shall be the maximum period in which the part-time candidate shall complete the research work and submit it for evaluation.
- (iii) Conversion either from part-time to full-time or from full-time to part-time may be permitted only with the approval of the Research Committee.
- (iv) In cases of both part-time and full-time enrolment the Supervisor of the candidate shall ensure monitoring of the research work done by the scholars outside the University campus by insisting on production of adequate proof of work done.

EXPIRY / LAPSE OF ENROLMENT

Enrolment for the Ph.D. Degree Programme shall be deemed to have lapsed after three years from the date of enrolment in the case of full-time scholars and five years in the case of part-time scholars.

CORRESPONDENCE

All correspondence relating to admissions should be made to the Registrar. The Application Form can be downloaded from the University website and the filled-in form should be sent along with a Demand Draft for Rs.1,000/- for Indian Nationals (Rs.750/- for SC/ST) along with Caste Certificate and Rs.2,000/- for Foreign Nationals in favour of “**Registrar, National Law University, Assam**” payable at Guwahati. The duly filled-in form must reach the **Registrar** on or before **November 30, 2015**. Applications received after the last date shall not be accepted.

The University reserves the right to revise the pattern of the admission test, procedure for admission and fee structure.

IMPORTANT DATES:

Last date of submission of filled-in Application form	: November 30, 2015
Issue of Hall Tickets to the eligible candidates	: December 2, 2015
Submission of filled-in Application form with late fee of Rs. 500/-	: December 4, 2015
Date of Admission Test	: December 6, 2015
Date of publication of result of Admission Test	: December 21, 2015

Sd/-
REGISTRAR