

National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

Admission Notification for Ph.D Programme

2025

National Law University and Judicial Academy (NLUJA), Assam, established in 2009, is a premier institution of legal education and research in India. With a commitment to excellence, NLUJA Assam aims to advance legal knowledge and contribute meaningfully to the development of law and justice through interdisciplinary research and academic rigor.

NLUJA, Assam hereby invites applications from eligible candidates for admission to its Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme for the academic year 2025.

Eligibility and other relevant details are provided below:

1. Eligibility for Admission

(a) The following candidates shall be eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. Programme:

(I) Candidates who have completed:

- A **1-year/2-semester Master's degree** programme after a **4-year/8-semester Bachelor's Degree** programme (for subjects other than Law/Legal Studies) and after a **5-year/10-semester Bachelor's Degree** programme (for Law/Legal Studies), or
- A **2-year/4-semester Master's Degree** programme after a **3-year Bachelor's degree** programme, or
- Qualifications declared equivalent to the Master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body,

with **at least 55% marks in aggregate** or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

OR

- An **equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution** accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority established or incorporated under a law in its home country or by any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions.

(II) Candidates who have completed an **M.Phil. programme** with at least **55% marks in aggregate** or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed.

(III) A **relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade** shall be given to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled Persons (DAP)/Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) and such other categories as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

(IV) Candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme after a **4-year/8-semester Bachelor's Degree** programme (for subjects other than Law/Law Studies) and after a

5-year/10-semester Bachelor's Degree programme (for Law/Legal Studies) with **at least 75% marks in aggregate** or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever grading system is followed shall also be eligible. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade shall be given to candidates belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled Persons (DAP)/EWS and other categories as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

- (b) Candidates whose results of the qualifying degree examination are awaited may be allowed to appear provisionally in the admission test. However, such candidates must submit the final result of the qualifying examination at the time of the final presentation of their Ph.D. research proposal.

2. Procedure for Admission

- (a) Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be conducted through an **Admission Test administered by the University**.
- i. However, candidates who meet any of the following criteria shall be **exempted from the Admission Test**:
 - ii. Those who have qualified **UGC-NET with JRF**
 - iii. Those who have qualified **UGC-NET (Ph.D. Admission only)**
 - iv. Those who have qualified **UGC-NET for Assistant Professor (without JRF)**
 - v. Those who hold an **M.Phil. degree** (in accordance with UGC regulations)
 - vi. Those who have qualified **State Level Eligibility Test (SLET) conducted by the State of Assam**.

Note: Candidates under the aforesaid categories shall be admitted based on the combined merit of the UGC-NET marks (70% weightage) and interview/viva-voce (30% weightage).

- (b) All candidates, including those exempted from the Admission Test, shall be required to appear for an **interview/viva voce**, which will be conducted by the Research Committee in accordance with University guidelines.
- (c) All the candidates shall 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.
- (d) All research proposals including the preliminary proposals shall be screened through the anti-plagiarism software. If the percentage of plagiarism for any 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.
- (e) 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.
- (f) After successful completion of the course work programme, the candidates shall submit their research proposal.

- (g) The research proposals shall be evaluated by all members of the Research Committee and based on the evaluation, research proposals shall be short-listed.
- (h) Candidates whose proposals are short-listed for approval shall be required to present their research proposals to the Research Committee. Subsequent to this presentation, the Committee shall recommend to either register the proposal or seek its re-submission in accordance with suggested modifications.
- (i) Candidates who have cleared the admission test and the interview *on pre-proposal* and also completed the research methodology course shall be given two opportunities to re-submit their proposal on the basis of the recommendation of the Research Committee.
- (j) Research Scholars shall submit the title of the thesis along with the research proposals 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.
- (k) 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 register into the Ph.D. Degree Programme.

3. Syllabus for Admission Test

- (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 candidate 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 the other categories, 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.

4. Enrolment of Candidates

(a) Tenure

1. The Ph.D. Programme shall be for a **minimum duration of three (3) years**, including coursework, and a **maximum duration of six (6) years** from the date of provisional admission.

2. Research scholars shall be required to be physically present at the University for a reasonable period every semester, spread across the research period, for interactions with the Supervisor.
3. There shall be provision for crediting research work done outside the University with the prior approval of the Supervisor and Research Committee.
4. Full-time female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (PwD), with not less than 40% disability, may be allowed a relaxation of **up to two (2) additional years** in the maximum duration, **subject to a ceiling of ten (10) years** from the date of admission.
5. **Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave** for up to **240 days** may be granted to female Ph.D. scholars during the course of the programme, in accordance with University norms.

(b) Re-registration and Extension of Time

1. If a candidate fails to submit the thesis within the prescribed six-year period, he/she may apply for **re-registration**, as per University regulations, for a maximum period of **two (2) additional years**.
2. The **total duration** of the Ph.D. programme, including re-registration, shall **not exceed eight (8) years** from the date of initial admission.
3. For female candidates and PwD scholars (with $\geq 40\%$ disability), the maximum duration, inclusive of any extension or re-registration, shall **not exceed ten (10) years**.
4. A candidate failing to submit the thesis within the maximum permissible period (including extensions) shall have their **registration cancelled**. Such candidates may re-apply for admission as fresh candidates.
5. However, if permitted to re-enroll, the maximum period for submission of the thesis shall be **four (4) semesters**, subject to approval of the Research Committee.

6. Test Centre

Admission test for Ph.D Programme, 2025 will be conducted at National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam

7. Fee Structure

Fee Structure of the Ph.D Programme is appended herewith as Annexure I

Note: Fee Structure is subject to revision by Statutory Authorities from time to time

8. Correspondence

All admission related correspondences shall be made to ' **The Registrar, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam** '

9. Application Procedure

Applications shall be submitted in the prescribed format appended as **Annexure II**, along with:

- A **Demand Draft of ₹1500** drawn in favour of “**Registrar, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam**”, payable at Guwahati. (*₹1000 for applicants belonging to SC/ST/OBC(NCL)/PWD categories*)
- **Self-attested copies** of all relevant testimonials.

The **duly filled-in application form**, along with the above enclosures, must reach **The Registrar, National Law University and Judicial Academy, Assam, Hajo Road, Amingaon, Guwahati – 781031** on or before **18th July 2025**.

Note: Incomplete applications or those received after the due date shall be summarily rejected.

10. Admission Test Pattern, Procedure, and Fee Structure

- Details regarding the **pattern of the Admission Test, procedure for selection, fee structure** etc. are provided above.
- The University reserves the right to revise the admission process, schedule, or fee structure with prior notice.

11. Tentative time Line of Activities

1.	Admission Test	August 4, 2025
2.	Result of Admission Test	August 12, 2025
3.	Submission of Research proposal	August 18, 2025
4.	Personal Interview/Interaction	August 26, 2025
5.	Announcement of Result	August 28, 2025
6.	Provisional Admission	September 1 & 2, 2025
7.	Commencement of Course Work	September 4, 2025

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Registrar