

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION IN AUGUST 2026 SESSION

1. PhD Sciences (Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematical & Information Sciences, Agricultural Sciences):

Qualifying degree:

A 2-year/4-semester Master's degree in Science after a 3-year/6-semester Bachelor's degree in Science, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale.

OR

A 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree in Science with a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point -scale.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Eligible categories:

National-level fellowship (*Tenable at all AcSIR Associated Research Institutes except ICMR Institutes*): Applicant should have a valid National-level Fellowship of any funding agency (e.g. CSIR, ICMR, UGC, DBT, INSPIRE, RGNF, etc).

OR

Institutional fellowship (*Tenable only at DST-CeNS, DST-IASST, DST-IIA, DST-ARIES, MoEFCC-WII, TIGS*): Applicants without any National-level Fellowship may apply for the Institutional fellowship at the select AcSIR Associated Research Institutes. *For more details, please visit the websites of the concerned AcSIR Associated Research Institutes.*

OR

Temporary project staff of AcSIR Associated Research Institutes (*Tenable at all AcSIR Associated Research Institutes except ICMR Institutes*): Project Assistants, Senior Research Fellows, and other temporary project staff. NOC from the current employer is mandatory.

OR

Industry/Institute Sponsored candidates (*Tenable at all AcSIR Associated Research Institutes except ICMR Institutes*): Permanent Employees working in an Industry; Permanent Scientific/Technical employees of Associated Research Institutes of AcSIR. NOC from the current employer (Industry/Institute) is mandatory.

2. PhD (Medical Research) (tenable only at ICMR Institutes, MAX and TIGS):

Qualifying degree:

Doctor of Medicine (D.M.) or Master of Chirurgiae (M.Ch.) or Doctor of Medicine (M.D.) or Master of Surgery (M.S.) from the National Medical Commission (NMC) (erstwhile Medical Council of India) recognized Medical College.

OR

Master's degree in Science/Public Health with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale.

OR

Master's in Population Studies, Social Medicine, Community Health, Anthropology, Sociology, Social Work, Mathematical Sciences, Economics, Biostatistics and Demography with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale.

OR

MCA/M.Sc in Computer Science or equivalent with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale.

OR

Bachelor of Medicine and Bachelor of Surgery (MBBS), or Bachelor of Dental Surgery (BDS)/ Master of Dental Surgery (MDS), from the National Medical Commission (NMC) (erstwhile Medical Council of India) recognized Medical College, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale.

OR

4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme in relevant field with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Eligible categories:

National-level fellowship (*Tenable at all ICMR Institutes, MAX-SMAIR and TIGS*): Applicant should have a valid National-level Fellowship of any funding agency (e.g. CSIR, ICMR, UGC, DBT, RGNF, etc).

OR

Temporary project staff of AcSIR Associated research institutes (*Tenable only at MAX-SMAIR and TIGS*): Project Assistants, Senior Research Fellows, and other temporary project staff. NOC from the current employer is mandatory.

OR

Industry/Institute Sponsored candidates (*Tenable at all ICMR Institutes, MAX-SMAIR and TIGS*): Permanent Employees working in an Industry; Permanent Scientific/Technical employees of Associated Research Institutes of AcSIR. NOC from the current employer (Industry/Institute) is mandatory.

3. PhD (Engineering):

Qualifying degree:

A 2-year/4-semester Master's degree in Engineering/Technology after a 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale

OR

A 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology with a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point -scale.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Eligible categories:

National-level fellowship (*Tenable at all AcSIR Associated Research Institutes except ICMR Institutes*): Applicant should have a valid National-level Fellowship of any funding agency (e.g. CSIR, ICMR, UGC, DBT, INSPIRE, RGNF, etc).

OR

Self-sponsored

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Institutional fellowship (*Tenable only at DST-ARIES*): Applicants without any National-level Fellowship may apply for the Institutional fellowship at the select AcSIR Associated Research Institutes. *For more details, please visit the website of the concerned AcSIR Associated Research Institute.*

OR

Temporary project staff of AcSIR Associated research institutes (*Tenable at all AcSIR Associated Research Institutes except ICMR Institutes*): Project Assistants, Senior Research Fellows, and other temporary project staff. NOC from the current employer is mandatory.

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Industry/Institute Sponsored candidates (*Tenable at all AcSIR Associated Research Institutes*): Permanent Employees working in an Industry; Permanent Scientific/Technical employees of Associated Research Institutes of AcSIR. NOC from the current employer (Industry/Institute) is mandatory.

4. Integrated Dual-Degree PhD (IDDP) Program:

Qualifying degree:

A 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Eligible categories:

National-level fellowship: Applicant selected with valid GATE score and joining in IDDP may apply for CSIR-GATE-JRF Fellowship (<https://www.csirhrdg.res.in/Home/Index/1/Default/3464/58>).

OR

Self-sponsored

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Industry/Institute Sponsored candidates: Permanent Employees working in an Industry; Permanent Scientific/Technical employees of Associated Research Institutes of AcSIR. NOC from the current employer (Industry/Institute) is mandatory with grant of leave for the first two semesters.

5. M.Tech.

Qualifying degree: A 4-year/8-semester Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point-scale.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS).

Eligible categories:

Self-sponsored

OR

Industry/Institute Sponsored candidates: Permanent Employees working in an Industry; Permanent Scientific/Technical employees of Associated Research Institutes of AcSIR. NOC from the current employer (Industry/Institute) is mandatory with grant of leave for the first two semesters.

Eligibility for Project Assistants

- i. For the sake of determining the eligibility for PhD admission, the “Project Assistants” will be considered equivalent to all such temporary employment in on-going research projects at the institute including nomenclatures such as project JRF/SRF, project fellow/senior project fellow, project associates, research intern, etc.
- ii. Only those Project Assistants working in the Institutes may be considered for admission to AcSIR Ph.D. program who have been in temporary employment as a Project Assistant in a sanctioned R&D project in the same Institute for at least one year (one year will be determined as on the last date of admission confirmation by payment of fees, as notified by AcSIR for each Academic Session in which the Project Assistant intends to seek admission for Ph.D.), and can only apply with the prior permission of the PI of the project and concurrence of the Director of the Institute;
- iii. Project Assistants who have not qualified any National level Examination, will need to have at least one patent (Filed) or one publication in a SCI journal with substantial research contribution as a coauthor by the day of application;
- iv. Project Assistants who have qualified any PhD qualifying National level Examination [NET (Category 2 and 3) as per public notice no.F.-1(UGC-NET Review Committee)/2024(NET)/140648 dated March 27, 2024, GATE, BET, JEST, etc.], even without eligible fellowship, will be exempted from the eligibility criteria of having one publication;
- v. The selection shall be made on the basis of an interview by the Selection Committee constituted at the Institute;
- vi. On completion of their tenure of the R&D project from which the student was drawing his/her fellowship, the student may be given an option to continue in the Ph.D program without a fellowship, with approval of the Director of the concerned Institute, failing which their admission in the Ph.D program will stand cancelled.

Additional Information

1. Applicants whose final results are awaited, but are otherwise eligible as per the criteria, can also apply. If selected, they will be provisionally admitted to the program. Their continuation in the program will be subject to securing required percentage/ equivalent grade (depending on the cut-off marks for screening for the specific program), submission of marks-sheet of their final result, and meeting the other eligibility criteria, at the time of joining the program.
2. The tuition fee once paid by the student selected for PhD admission to any AcSIR Research Institute, is transferable to any other AcSIR-associated institute, where the student has been also selected for admission in the PhD program (including being selected from the waiting list), subject to the availability of seats. The tuition fee would only be transferable till the commencement of the academic session, as notified by AcSIR-HQs. for admission to that particular semester.