INFORMATION BROCHURE

For Admission to
Ph.D. Programme: Full-Time & Part-Time
January 2024 Session

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1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Applications are invited for admission to the Ph.D. Programme in the following categories:

(a) Full-Time:
   (i) Half-time Teaching/Research Assistantship (HTRA)
   (ii) Externally Funded, and (iii) Non-Stipendiary and

(b) Part-Time: In-Service
   (i) Internal and (ii) External

for the session starting **January 2024** in all disciplines of Engineering, Architecture, Sciences (mathematics, physics, chemistry), Computer Applications, Management, and Humanities & Social Sciences.

Admission to the applicants in the reserved category will be done as per the notification of the Government of India.

Applicants must apply through online portal [https://admission.nitt.edu/phdjan24/](https://admission.nitt.edu/phdjan24/) only.

**Applicants are advised to read this Information Brochure carefully before applying online. Educational qualifications (basic eligibility criteria) and general instructions are as follows:**

1. **LATERAL (REGULAR) APPLICANTS:** Applicants with masters’ degrees (including those expecting degrees awarded in 2023) (i) in the OC/GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL category must possess 60% or above aggregate marks (equivalently, CGPA at least 6.5/10), and (ii) in the SC/ST/PwD category must possess 55% aggregate or above aggregate marks (equivalently, CGPA at least 6.0/10.0), in both UG and PG degrees for admission to the Ph.D. program. In addition, a qualified GATE or an equivalent National level test score obtained at some point of time in the past is mandatory for HTRA category of Architecture, Sciences (Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry), Computer Applications, Management, and Humanities & Social Sciences disciplines. However, GATE/ equivalent National level test score is not mandatory for non-stipendiary, project and Part-Time (Internal and External) category of all disciplines. However, such candidates have to appear for National Level Ph.D. entrance test to be conducted at NIT Tiruchirappalli.

2. **DIRECT APPLICANTS:** Applicants who studied B.E./B.Tech. (2019-2023 batch only) or B.Arch. (2018-2023 batch only) degree programme and awarded degrees in June/July 2023 (i) in the OC/GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL category must possess 80% or above aggregate marks (equivalently, CGPA at least 8.5/10), and (ii) in the SC/ST/PwD category must possess 75%
aggregate or above aggregate marks (equivalently, CGPA at least 8.0/10.0), in UG degrees for admission to the Ph.D. program (all exams cleared in first attempt without any arrears / backlogs). In addition, a valid GATE, or an equivalent National level test, score is mandatory. These applicants are eligible for Full-Time HTRA category in the Engineering and Architecture departments only. Selected candidates will be joining a two-degree M.Tech./M.Arch. + Ph.D. programme in Engineering / Architecture.

3. Selection of candidates will be based on initial screening of the applications, written test and the performance in the interview/counseling to be conducted offline/online for this session of admission for all categories. Only the shortlisted applicants shall be notified on the Institute’s website at every stage.

4. Mere fulfilling of eligibility requirements does not ensure shortlisting for the written test and interview/counseling. Institute reserves the right to restrict the number of candidates to be called for the written test/interview/counseling process. Depending on the number of applications received, the Institute/ Department(s) may set the criteria higher than the minimum eligibility requirements for shortlisting applicants for offline/online written test/interview/counseling process.

5. Mere appearing in the written test/interview/counseling process does not guarantee final selection. It is the candidate’s sole responsibility to be present in the written test /interview /counseling process on the scheduled date and time. Institute shall not entertain any request for waiver/change of schedule under any circumstances.

6. Admission shall be offered subject to the availability of seats with institute fellowships, fellowships from other funding sources and sponsored & consultancy projects, faculty members in the respective specializations, and other administrative procedures.

7. The admission shall be purely provisional subject to the confirmation that the prescribed eligibility conditions to be satisfied by the candidates, including verification of original qualifying degree certificates and other related documents.

8. A limited hostel accommodation is available.

9. Applicants must upload the following scanned documents while submitting the Ph.D. Application.
   - 10th and 12th Marks Sheet.
   - Passport size photograph.
   - Signature of the applicant.
   - Mark-sheet of the last semester/ Consolidated mark-sheet of the qualifying degree. Applicants whose final result is awaited have to upload their latest/previous semester mark-sheet.
   - Category Certificate (OBC-NCL/SC/ST), if applicable. An affidavit can be uploaded for having applied in case the certificate is not yet received.
• Applicants from Economically Weaker Section (GEN-EWS) need to submit EWS certificate issued by the Competent Authority in the prescribed format, if applicable. An affidavit can be uploaded for having applied in case the certificate is not yet received.
• PwD Certificate, if applicable. An affidavit can be uploaded for having applied in case the certificate is not yet received.
• Sponsorship certificate, if applicable. Please upload Sponsorship Certificate, If not available then attach Self-declaration letter stating that the sponsorship certificate will be given at the time of Interview/ Admission).
• A statement of Purpose (SoP), and research proposal (if any), as a single file irrespective of the number of disciplines/specializations.
• At least 2 letters of recommendation (LoR) from the institutes/universities who are familiar with the applicant.

10. The Institute shall not be responsible for wrong entries and technical error(s) while making the online application/payment of the fees.

11. Reservation for GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST/PwD Categories: The Institute follows the reservation policies of the MoE, Govt. of India. Certificates for GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST/PwD will be as per Govt. of India Rules. For OBC (NCL) category, the format for certificates must be as per DoPTOM No.36036/2/2013-Estt (Res) dated 30.05.2014 and for EWS category, the format for certificates must be as per DoPTOM No.36039/1/2019-Estt (Res) dated 31.01.2019. OBC-NCL / GEN-EWS certificate must be issued on or after April 1, 2023.

12. If selected, all the original documents will be verified during physical reporting for admission. If anything found wrong, applicant’s admission shall stand canceled. Fellowships/Stipends to the full-time students shall be paid post physical verification of the documents.

13. Applicants are advised to visit regularly the Institute’s website (https://www.nitt.edu) for all updates about subsequent amendments in the advertisement and results. No correspondence in any form in this regard will be made by the Institute with an individual applicant.

While filling-in the online application, attention must be paid to the following:

14. Applicants are requested to apply online only. Hard copy of the application needs to be submitted by part-time internal applicants only. More details are provided in later pages.

15. Applicants must fill/enter their CGPA or percentage of marks as issued by their institute/university (do not enter equivalent CGPA or percentage of marks).

16. Online application submitted by the applicants shall be considered final and binding.

17. Requests for making corrections in the online application shall not be entertained once the final submission is made.
   a. Applicants with Dual Degrees are advised to fill up the ‘Academic
      Qualification’ option in the online application format as follows:
   b. Graduate degree: Fill up the CGPA / % Marks up to 8th Semester (year of
      passing: 8th Semester Examination year).
   c. Post Graduate degree: Fill up the CGPA / % Marks of the 7th to 10th
      Semester (year of passing: 10th Semester Examination year).

19. An applicant fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria can choose up to 3
    departments he/she is eligible.

20. Each application must accompany an application fee of Rs. 1000/- per
    department for OC/GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL applicants and Rs. 500/- per
    department for SC/ST/PwD applicants. Applications to more than one
    department shall be considered only upon payment of the requisite fees
    for each department. Application fee is non-refundable.

21. The fee payment (one or more departments) should be made through
    State Bank i-collect mode only, on or before the last date – 31st October,
    2023 (5 pm).
    https://www.onlinesbi.com/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm

2. IMPORTANT DATES

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<th>27th September 2023</th>
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<td>31st October 2023 (5:00 p.m.)</td>
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<td>Tentative Schedule for Written Test/Interview</td>
<td>4th to 9th December 2023</td>
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3. Ph. D. Admission Categories & Requirements

This call for admissions to the Ph.D. programme of the Institute is meant for
the following categories:

3.1 Full-time Research Scholar:
   a. Half-time Teaching/Research Assistantship (HTRA) Scholars 
      # Applicants selected for admission under this category in the
      engineering, architecture, management studies & science departments
      with valid GATE score are also eligible for the Prime Minister's Research
      Fellowship (PMRF). More details at https://pmrf.in

   b. Externally Funded Research Scholars
      i. Fellowships for UGC/CSIR/DST/DAE/NBHM etc.
      ii. Sponsored Research and Consultancy Projects with
          individual departments/faculty.

   c. Non-Stipendiary
3.2 Part-time Research Scholar:
   a. In-Service Internal Research Scholar
   b. In-Service External (Industry/organization with R&D facility) and External (On campus) Research Scholar

3.3. Admission Process
Selection of applicants for admission in all the categories mentioned in section 3.1 & 3.2 will be based on an initial screening followed by their performance in the written test and interview/counseling to be conducted offline/online for this session of admissions. More details about each category are as follows:

3.4. For the category 3.1.a, Full-Time HTRA
The number of seats under this category in various departments, is as per the following seat distribution matrix stipulated by the Ministry of Education (MoE). Candidates selected under this category will be called as either LATERAL (those already possessing masters’ degrees), or DIRECT (those who have just completed their B.E./B.Tech./B.Arch.) All LATERAL and DIRECT candidates are admitted through the same process-screening, written-test and interview, and they compete for the admission equally.

All the 17 departments of the institute admit candidates in this category, and selected candidates are eligible to receive the HTRA. It is mandatory that the recipients assist the department academic work assigned by the Head of the Department and/or Research guide for at least 8 hours per week as per guidelines issued by the MoE; this is in addition to satisfying other conditions for the award/renewal/enhancement of the fellowship. The award and renewal of the Assistantship is as per the guidelines prescribed by the ministry of education from time to time. At present, the fellowship is payable for a maximum duration of 5 years or up to the thesis submission, whichever is earlier. The monthly fellowship/assistantship is Rs. 37,000/- for the first 2 years and it will be enhanced to Rs. 42,000/- for the remaining 3 years’ period subject to the performance evaluation of the Doctoral Committee. Both LATERAL and DIRECT candidates with valid GATE score are eligible for the Prime Minister's Research Fellowship (PMRF). More details at https://pmrf.in.
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The list of available seats mentioned above is tentative. The number of seats may change at the time of admission without any further information or notification.

Reservation: Government of India reservation policy will be followed for GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST and the Persons with Disabilities (PwD) candidates.

All unfilled seats in July 2023 session are transferred to January 2024 session. However, unfilled PwD category seats will be de-reserved and treated as respective category seats for allocation.

In case, there are no applicants from PwD category in a Department, then the seat in PwD category may be filled in the same category. For example, PwD seat in ST category may be filled in ST category in case of non availability of PwD applicants in that category.
The category tags of candidates who are eligible for various Allotted Category are as shown in the table below:

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<td>OPEN (OC)</td>
<td>GEN, GEN-EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST, GEN-PwD, GEN-EWS-PwD, OBC-NCL-PwD, SC-PwD, ST-PwD</td>
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Further, there is a specific research stream, the DRDO (CAIR) - MHRD SCHEME, wherein the candidates selected in the departments of CSE, CA, EEE, ECE and ICE upon completion of the prescribed course work at NIT Tiruchirappalli have provision to pursue their research work, with the HTRA, in DRDO-Centre for Artificial Intelligence & Robotics (CAIR), Bangalore in the thrust areas of research listed below. Interested applicants may indicate this in their application.


3.5 For the category 3.1.b, Full-Time Externally - funded research scholars
Under this category, admission is offered to those applicants with masters’ degrees:

- Having their own fellowships from funding agencies such as DST, CSIR, UGC, NBHM, etc., relevant to the research fields of the concerned departments. The number of seats is limited and may vary from time to time based on selection and administrative procedures.
- Project Assistants/Associates/JRFs etc., working in sponsored research and consultancy projects under the faculty of NITT. The number of seats is limited and may vary from time to time based on availability of projects/grants with the departments/faculty.
- Five fellowships were allotted under phase II of the Visvesvaraya PhD Scheme for Electronics and IT: Phase II, MeitY, Govt. of India. This scheme has certain attractive features for producing high quality PhDs and Support will be for 60 months or PhD completion of the enrolled Candidates, whichever is earlier. Full Time fellowship @ Rs.38,750/- per
month in 1st and 2nd years, and Rs.43,750/- per month in 3rd, 4th and 5th years of PhD, Reimbursement of Rent (RoR) (Class Y @16%), Research Contingency grant @ Rs. 1.20 Lakh/Year/Full Time PhD, One Time International Conf. Support @ Rs. 1.5 Lakhs/Full Time PhD. The areas of research stipulated for this phase of the scheme are: a. Electronic System Design & Manufacturing (ESDM) b. Information Technology (IT) c. IT Enabled Services (ITES). Five seats will be filled by promoting inter-disciplinary research by identifying lead and partner departments.

- A maximum of 14 fellowships (subject to the availability of funds) are available under Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence for students selected in the departments of Computer Science and Engineering (CSE), Computer Applications (CA), Electronics and Communication Engineering (ECE), Electrical and Electronics Engineering (EEE), and Instrumentation and Control Engineering (ICE). These students shall be working for their research tenure at NIT Tiruchirappalli. However, the fellowship to the selected candidates is available for 2 years only, from the date of registration; no financial assistance is available thereafter. For more details on additional eligibility criteria please refer to section 4.18 of this document. Interested applicants may indicate this in their application.

3.6 Non-Stipendiary: A very small number (decided from time to time) of seats on completely self-finance basis, for exceptionally good students possessing relevant masters’ degrees, may be available in the departments of Mathematics, Physics, Chemistry and Humanities & Social sciences. There is no financial assistance available for these candidates. GATE/ equivalent National level test score is preferred though it is not mandatory for these candidates.

3.7 For the category 3.2.a, Part-Time Internal (staff) In-Service research scholars

A limited number of seats are allotted for the employees of the Institute, subject to the approval by the competent authority. Applicants for this category must submit a hard copy of the completed online application through proper channel. However, the selection procedure remains the same, i.e., screening of the application as per the norms mentioned above, followed by performance in the written test and interview.

3.8 For the category 3.2.b, Part-Time External In-Service research scholars

A limited number of seats are available in all the 17 departments and the Center of Excellence in Corrosion & Surface Engineering (CECASE) for the working professionals, with masters’ degrees, from Govt. R&D Organizations / Public sector / Industries / National Research laboratories.

Part-Time External (Industry/organization with R&D facility): A limited number of seats are available in all the 17 departments and the Center of Excellence in Corrosion & Surface Engineering (CECASE) for the professionals working in India, with masters’ degrees, from Government and quasi-government R&D Organizations / Public sector having R & D facilities / National Research laboratories /Reputed industries/organizations (private sector/MNCs) having well-established R&D facilities. Applicants in this category must be working in establishments equipped with necessary research and library facilities only shall be considered for admission under this category.
A committee appointed by the Director (consisting of Dean Academic or his nominee, Dean-R&R or his nominee and Head of the Department) shall assess the adequacy of these facilities before recognizing the organization for the above purpose. However, the applicants must be officially sponsored by their employing organization. The candidate should have at least 3 years' experience in a regular/permanent position at the time of application. The industries/organization must have at least 5 years of its existence for patronizing candidates to part-time Ph.D. program.

The minimum residential requirement for candidates under Part-time (External-Industry/organization with R&D facility) category for undertaking course work is as follows, a) The residential requirements is waived, b) The scholar shall report to the research supervisor /DC at least on three different occasions in every semester for official discussions and c) The scholar’s visits to the department may be scheduled during summer / winter vacations, but only on institute working days.

Applicants to the external registration programme must provide detailed information about the research facilities available at his/her organization and a certificate from the employer that these would be available to him/her for carrying out research (Form-1). He/she should also provide the bio-data of the prospective External Co-Supervisor or Research Coordinator working in regular position who would coordinate the candidate’s work at his/her organization with the principal supervisor at NIT Tiruchirappalli (Form-2).

**Part-Time External (On Campus)** category 3.2.b is also available for faculty members and professionals working in India with masters’ degrees from Govt./Govt. Aided/Reputed Private Engineering Colleges/Science and Arts Colleges/Universities/Industry/Public Sector. Regular/Full-time teachers/ employees working in these institutions will be considered for admission under this category. At the time of admission, the candidate must submit a “no objection” certificate (Form-3) and also a “relieving certificate” from the Parent institute/organization to relieve him/her to complete his/her residential requirement of one semester [minimum period] to complete the mandatory course work. The candidate should have at least 3 years' experience in a regular/permanent position at the time of application. The college/organization must have 5 years of its existence for patronizing candidates to part-time Ph.D. program.

- **There is no stipend/fellowship for the candidates selected under categories 3.2 a & b, i.e., Part-Time Internal and Part-Time External. These programmes are completely self-financed.**

4. **Additional Eligibility Criteria**

In addition to the basic eligibility criteria described on page 3, following are considered by various departments. Applicants may apply to more than one department based on these additional criteria.

4.1. **Department of Architecture**

Applicants with Bachelor’s degree in Architecture/Planning and Master’s degree in Architecture/Design/Planning/Building Engineering and Management/Building technology or its equivalent.
4.2. Department of Chemical Engineering
Applicants with B.E/ B.Tech. in Engineering/Technology followed by
M.E./M.Tech./MS (by research)/other appropriate relevant degrees in Chemical
Biochemical, Biotechnology, Petroleum, Petrochemical, Electrochemical, Polymer,
Nano Technology, CFD, Bio-pharmaceutical, Industrial Safety Engineering, Thermal
Power Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Energy and Environmental
Engineering, Process Control, Electronics and Instrumentation, Industrial
Biotechnology, Instrumentation Engineering, Process Control and Instrumentation,
Control and Instrumentation, Applied Instrumentation, Control Systems and
Instrumentation, Instrumentation and Control Engineering, Process
Instrumentation or any other appropriate/relevant specialization.

M.Sc. degree with specializations including Industrial Chemistry, Advanced
Biochemistry, Environmental Management, Instrumentation Technology,
Instrumentation and Applied Physics, Environmental Science, Biotechnology, Nano
Technology, Material Science, Applied Chemistry, Applied Physics, Industrial
Biotechnology, Polymer Science, Applied Electronics.

4.3. Department of Civil Engineering
Applicants with B.E. /B. Tech. in Civil Engineering and M.E./M. Tech. specialization
in Structural Engineering/Transportation Engineering/ Geotechnical Engineering /
Hydraulics and water resources engineering / GIS and Remote sensing under Full
Time (HTRA category)
For applications under part-time category specialization includes Structural
Engineering/Transportation Engineering/ Environmental Engineering / Geotechnical Engineering / Hydraulics and water resources engineering / GIS and
Remote sensing

4.4. Department of Computer Applications
Applicants with masters’ degrees in Computer Applications or M.Sc. (Computer
Science/OR&CA) with a qualified GATE score / UGC/ CSIR/ NBHM/ NET score.
M.E./M. Tech. in Computer Science & Engg. or Data Analytics with a qualified GATE
score

4.5. Department of Computer Science & Engineering
Bachelor’s and Master’s / M.S. (by Research) degree in Engineering / Technology in
the relevant branch of study.

4.6 Department of Energy and Environment Engineering
Applicants with B.E/ B.Tech. in Engg/Tech. (Energy and Environment/Energy/
Chemical/Biotechnology/Mechanical) followed by M.E/M. Tech./MS (by-research)
in Energy and Environment/ Chemical/Biotechnology/Mechanical /Energy Engg./
Environmental Engg./Energy conservation and mgmt/Renewable Energy and
equivalent in appropriate branch of study related to energy and environment.

4.7 Department of Electronics & Communication Engineering
Bachelor’s and Master’s / M.S. (by Research) degree in Engineering / Technology in
the appropriate branch of study.

4.8 Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering
B. E or B. Tech in (Electrical Engineering, Electrical and Electronics Engineering) and Masters in any relevant filed.

4.9 Department of Humanities & Social Sciences
Masters’ degrees in the relevant discipline of Humanities/Social Science/Economics/Business Administration/Commerce/Statistics with a qualified UGC/ NET/ CAT/ AIMA/ XAT/ MAT score.
Master’s degree (M.E. / M.Tech.) in Engineering with a qualified GATE score

4.10. Department of Instrumentation and Control Engineering
Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering/ Technology in the appropriate branch of study and Master’s Degree /M.E./M. Tech. in Instrumentation/Sensor System Design, Biomedical Instrumentation, Biomedical Signal/Image processing, Process Control, Cyber-physical systems, Cyber/networked control system, Industrial Automation, and any emerging area of specialization related to Instrumentation and Control Engineering.

4.11. Department of Management Studies
Applicants with Two-year Full-time Master’s degree in Business Administration/ Two-year Post Graduate Diploma in Management/Masters’ Degree in Industrial Engineering/Management with a CAT/ UGC-NET/ XAT/ MAT/ GMAT/ GATE score. Candidates with the above eligibility requirements and qualified doctoral research fellowships like UGC-JRF/RGNF/other equivalent research fellowships in Management may also apply.

4.12 Department of Mechanical Engineering
Applicants with B.E./B.Tech. in Mechanical Engineering and relevant branches with Master’s in any specialization relevant to Mechanical Engineering.

4.13 Department of Metallurgical and Materials Engineering
Bachelor’s degree in Engineering/Technology in the appropriate branch of study, PG degree in Science (Physics/Chemistry/Material Science/Applied Science/Applied Physics/Applied Chemistry) followed by M.Tech. Degree/M.S (by Research) in Material Science and Engg./equivalent PG degree in related discipline.

4.13.1 Centre of Excellence in Corrosion and Surface Engineering (CECASE)

4.14 Department of Production Engineering
Bachelor’s and Master’s / M.S. (by Research) degree in Engineering / Technology in the relevant branch of study.

4.15 Department of Mathematics
M.A./M.Sc. in Mathematics/ Applied Mathematics, M. Math /M. Stat. Applicants having their own fellowships from funding agencies such as CSIR/ UGC – JRF/DST/DAE/NET/NBHM/INSPIRE, etc., can apply for Ph.D. in the department relevant to the research grant. Candidates having Qualified GATE Score in Science
streams only will be considered for HTRA.

4.16 Department of Physics
Masters’ degrees in Physics/Applied Physics/Materials Science/Applied Electronics with a qualified GATE score/ UGC/ CSIR/ NET/INSPIRE fellowship or other valid fellowships. M. Tech. in Non-Destructive Testing/Materials Science, with a qualified GATE score.

4.17 Department of Chemistry
Masters’ degrees in Chemistry/Applied Chemistry. Applicants having their own fellowships from funding agencies such as CSIR/ UGC – JRF /DST /DAE/NET /NBHM /INSPIRE, etc., can apply for Ph.D. in the department relevant to the research grant. Qualified GATE Score in Science streams should have been obtained.

4.18. Centre of Excellence in Artificial Intelligence
Kindly refer the eligibility conditions of the departments of CSE, CA, ECE, EEE, and ICE.
It is desirable to have working experience in Machine Learning, Deep Learning, Bioinformatics, Computer Vision, Video Analytics, Edge Computing, Biomedicine and Health, Intelligent Transportation Systems, IoT and Precision Agriculture, Intelligent Systems, Education and any emerging area of specialization related to Artificial Intelligence.

5. SELECTION PROCEDURE

✓ For all the categories (full- and part-time), the mode and norms for selection shall be uniform. Following the scrutiny and short-listing of the applications, eligible candidates will be called to attend a written test. National Level Ph.D. entrance test will be conducted at NIT Trichy.

✓ Candidates, short listed based on the performance in written test need to appear for a technical and personal interview conducted by the Departmental Research Committee comprising of HoD, all eligible research guides/supervisors and the Director’s nominee (Senate observer).

✓ The tentative schedule of this process is around December 4-9, 2023, but information on shortlisted applicants and the dates of written test and interviews shall be put up on the institute's website in due course of time. No correspondence from the applicants is entertained, unless otherwise the institute officials write an email.

6. Miscellaneous Information

Apart from the aforementioned information, the following may be useful to the applicants.

6.1. Duration of the Programme

The duration of the programme and the timeline for submission of the thesis are counted from the date of provisional registration. However, it must be noted that the HTRA is available for 5 years only, and for the externally funded students fellowship is available
till the project is completed, which is usually 2-3 years; no financial assistance is available thereafter.

The minimum duration of the Ph.D. Programme prescribed is **three years** for all categories. For full-time students with HTRA/external funding the permitted duration is up to a maximum of 6 years, and for part-time students it is up to a maximum of 7 years. Under extraordinary circumstances, based on the recommendations of the doctoral committees, extension of duration may be considered. Nevertheless, at the end of 8 years from the date of provisional registration, no further extension will be given and the registration to the Ph.D. programme stands cancelled.

### 6.2 Place of research work

The candidates admitted under full-time category shall work at NIT Tiruchirappalli till the submission of thesis. Their work is supervised by the guide (and co-guide, if any) allotted at the time of admission.

Those admitted under part-time external (External-Industry/organization with R&D facility) category from industry/organization/national laboratories, will normally carry out part or all of his/ her research work in their place of employment. For these students, there will be two Research Supervisors, one principal research supervisor from NIT Trichy and one External co-supervisor/coordinator from his/her place of work.

For those candidates admitted under part-time external (On-Campus) category from academic institutions, industries, and public sectors the place of work shall be NITT even though he/she may be carrying out a part of research work in his/her institution of employment. For these students, their work is supervised only by the guide (and co-guide, if any) allotted at the time of admission.

Candidates admitted under part-time External (Industry/organization with R&D facility) category shall visit and physically report to the research supervisor/Doctoral Committee at least on three different occasions during every semester for official discussions, until the submission of the thesis.

### 7. Course work

The course work requirement will be considered to be fulfilled upon the student’s successful completion of the courses at NIT Tiruchirappalli only. However, for the convenience of Part-Time External (Industry/organization with R&D facility) students (from Government and quasi-government R&D Organizations / Public sector having R & D facilities / National Research laboratories /Reputed industries/organizations (private sector/MNCs) having well-established R&D facilities) alone the course work requirement can be considered to be fulfilled either by undertaking to study the courses at NIT Tiruchirappalli or by taking online courses (PG Level) offered under reputed agencies such as NPTEL which are approved by the Doctoral Committee. For the online courses after certification from the agency, an evaluation will be carried out by the research supervisor/Doctoral Committee at NIT Tiruchirappalli.

### HOW TO APPLY?

Applicants must apply through online portal [https://admission.nitt.edu/phdjan24/](https://admission.nitt.edu/phdjan24/) only.

**While filling-in the online application, attention must be paid to the following:**
1. Applicants are requested to apply online only. Hard copy of the application is needed through proper channel from the part-time internal applicants only.

2. Applicants must fill/enter their CGPA or percentage of marks as issued by their institute/university (do not enter equivalent CGPA or percentage of marks).

3. Online application once submitted by the applicants shall be considered final and binding. Requests for making corrections in the online application shall not be entertained once the final submission is made.

   a. Dual Degree applicants are advised to fill up the 'Academic Qualification' option in the online application format as follows:
      b. Graduate degree: Fill up the CGPA / % Marks up to 8th Semester (year of passing: 8th Semester Examination year).
      c. Post Graduate degree: Fill up the CGPA / % Marks of the 7th to 10th Semester (year of passing: 10th Semester Examination year).

5. An applicant fulfilling minimum eligibility criteria (cf. page 3) can choose up to 3 departments he/she is eligible.

6. Each application must accompany an application fee is Rs. 1000/- per department for OC/GEN-EWS/OBC-NCL applicants and Rs. 500/- per department for SC/ST/PwD applicants. Applications to more than one department shall be considered only upon payment of the requisite fees for each department. Application fee is non-refundable.

7. The fee payment (one or more departments) should be made through State Bank i-collect mode only, on or before the last date – 31st October, 2023 (5:00 pm).

https://www.onlinesbi.com/sbicollect/icollecthome.htm

### IMPORTANT DATES

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Applications/Candidates are advised to visit the Institute’s website:

https://www.nitt.edu and https://admission.nitt.edu/phdjan24/

regularly for all updates about subsequent amendments in the advertisement, shortlists, important dates for written test, interviews, and results. No correspondence in any form in this regard will be made by the Institute with an individual applicant/candidate.
For further queries, contact:
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E-mail: phdadmission@nitt.edu
## ANNEXURE – I
### AREAS OF RESEARCH AVAILABLE FOR ADMISSION
(January 2024 session)

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<td>Chemistry</td>
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| 4    | Civil Engineering           | **Transportation Engineering:** Traffic engineering, Road Safety, Transportation Planning, Human factors, Psychometrics, Attitudes, and Perceptions on traffic, Pavement Engineering, Coir Geotextile  
**Structural Engineering:** Applied mechanics, Structural dynamics, Computational mechanics, Structural health monitoring  
Structural Dynamics and Vibration control.  
Structural performance of prestressed concrete systems, Mechanical characteristics of construction materials, and Condition assessment of structures, Repair and strengthening of conventionally reinforced and prestressed concrete structures. |
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<td>Electronics and Communication Engineering</td>
<td>Signal and image Processing, Wireless communication, Wireless networks, Microwave engineering, Microwave integrated circuits, Antennas, Metamaterials, RFMEMS, Optical communication, Photonics, Computer Vision and Deep Learning, Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning, Pattern recognition and Computational intelligence, VLSI Design / Systems / Technology, Embedded Systems, Bio-Medical Signal Processing, Internet of Things and any emerging areas of specialization related to ECE.</td>
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<td>Humanities and Social Sciences</td>
<td><strong>English:</strong> English Language Teaching, Second Language Acquisition, Biolinguistics, Indian Writing in English, Somaesthetics, Life Writing, Culture Studies, Digital Humanities, American Literature, Health Humanities, Visual Culture, Comics Studies, English Language Education, Anglo-American Modernism, Autobiography Studies, Postcritical Literary Studies, Author Studies, Literary Theory and the Philosophy of Literature, Intersectional Feminism, Transgender and Genderqueer Identities</td>
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Sponsorship Certificate
(To be submitted in the Official Letter Head by the Ph.D. External (Industry/organization with R&D facility) Registration Candidates)

The application from Mr./Ms.……………………………………………………………………………… working as………………………………………………………………………………since …………. is herewith recommended and forwarded for admission under External Registration Scheme for part time Ph.D. Program in the Department of………………………………………, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli

Certified that:

1. Our organization has adequate facilities for carrying out the research as indicated by the applicant and if he/she is selected, these will be made available to him/her till the completion of the programme.
2. The applicant will be deputed/given leave for duration of his/her residence period at NIT, Tiruchirappalli (if required).
3. Facilities will be made available to the Supervisor (External Research Co-Supervisor) to supervise the work of the applicant and to attend the DC meetings at NIT, Tiruchirappalli, when necessary.
4. Till the completion of his/her research programme, the applicant will not ordinarily be transferred to another unit or place which may impede his/her work under the scheme. If such a transfer is necessary, NIT, Tiruchirappalli will be informed at least before one month of such transfer order.
5. No part of the work carried out in fulfillment of the Research programme will be utilized commercially or for applying for a Patent without the approval of National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli

Date:………………………………………Signature of the Sponsoring Authority

Name and Designation

Seal of the organization/ Institution
Postal address of the Organization/ Institution:
Certificate from the External Research Co-Supervisor/ Research coordinator
(To be submitted by the Ph.D. External (Industry/organization with R&D facility) Candidates)

This is to state that in the event of Mr./Ms. ………………………………. of this organization being selected for part time Ph.D. programme in the Department of …………………………………………. under the External Registration Scheme of NIT, Tiruchirappalli, I agree to be his/her External Research Co-Supervisor / Research coordinator and shall extend all possible guidance till the submission of synopsis and access to the following facilities to enable him/her to carry out his/her research programme towards the submission of thesis.

*Particulars of Prospective External Research Co-Supervisor/Research Coordinator:

(1) Name of proposed External Research Co-Supervisor / Research coordinator (In Block letters):

(2) Designation:

(3) Academic qualifications of External Research Supervisor /Research coordinator:

(4) Experience (No. of Years):

(5) No. of Publications with details:

(6) Membership in Professional Societies:

Research Facilities (relevant to area of research only) Available: (To be listed here)

Date:  
Signature of the External Research Co-Supervisor/Research Coordinator
Name and Designation

Seal of the organization

*The external Research Co-Supervisor should have a Ph.D. degree and a minimum of 2 papers in refereed journals. The research coordinator should have a PG degree with atleast ten years of experience with regular position in the organization.
Form - 3

No Objection Certificate from the Employing Organization

(To be submitted in the Official Letter Head by Ph.D. Part time – External (On campus) candidates)

The applicant …………………………………………………………………………………………… working as
…………………………….….since …………… is herewith recommended and forwarded
for admission under Part time - External - On campus scheme for Ph.D. programme in the Department
of …………………………………… National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli.

1. We note that facilities of the NIT, Tiruchirappalli will be made available to him/ her for carrying
out the research work under the supervision of a Research Supervisor and he/ she has to pay
full fees every semester for the use of laboratory, library and other facilities of the Institute.

2. The research facilities available in our organization will also be accessible to him/ her in the case
of selection.

3. The applicant will be deputed/given leave for duration of his/her residence period at NIT,
Tiruchirappalli.

4. Till the completion of his/her research programme, the applicant will not ordinarily be transferred
to another unit or place which may impede his/her work under the scheme. If such a transfer is
necessary, NIT, Tiruchirappalli will be informed atleast before one month of such transfer order.

5. No part of the work carried out in fulfillment of the Research programme will be utilized
commercially or for applying for a Patent without the approval of National Institute of
Technology, Tiruchirappalli.

Date: ......................................................... Signature of the Sponsoring Authority
Name and Designation

Seal of the organization/ Institution

Postal address of the Organization/ Institution