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### ADMISSION TO Ph.D PROGRAMME under AcSIR, August 2015 Session

CSIR-NIIST invites applications for Ph.D programme of the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) in Science and Engineering, for the August 2015 session. Interested candidates are requested to go through the eligibility criteria given below. Kindly visit the Institute's website to have an overview of the Institute's R&D programmes and related activities.

Interested candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria given below can apply online from **April 24, 2015** through <http://acsir.res.in>. Online application will close on **May 22, 2015**. For more details about application and admission procedures, and to know more about AcSIR, candidates are requested to visit the [AcSIR](http://acsir.res.in) website (<http://acsir.res.in>).

#### Eligibility Criteria:

##### Ph.D Programme in Science:

(i) Master's degree in **Biological sciences** (Biotechnology, Microbiology, Botany, Biochemistry, Food Science & Technology), **Chemical Sciences**, **Physical Sciences** (Physics, Material Science and related Sciences/Technology, Geological Sciences), **Mathematics**, having a valid research fellowship offer (JRF/SRF) from UGC/ CSIR/DBT/ ICMR//DST-INSPIRE etc or any other equivalent research fellowship programme.

##### Ph.D Programme in Engineering:

(i) Only for applicants with a Master's degree in Mechanical Engineering/Material Science & Technology, Metallurgy related disciplines having valid CSIR JRF or SRF only.

**Candidates without any valid research fellowship as mentioned above or those who have qualified only the CSIR/UGC lectureship (LS) category or GATE are not eligible to apply for PhD programme. Such applications will not be considered.**

Admission criteria for SC / ST / Physically Handicapped candidates is relaxable as per GOI rules.

#### Note:

a. Current Project Assistants working at NIIST are eligible to apply if they satisfy the requirements specified by CSIR-NIIST.