

Ph.D. Program– January 2026 Session

(Engineering Sciences)

SHORTLISTING CRITERIA:

An applicant must fulfill the criteria listed in the table below in order to be eligible to be called for the interview.

Method adopted out of 1, 2 or 3 as per General Guidelines for Admission in Academic Programs at AcSIR: Method 1

S.N.	Category (separate criteria for each category in case Method 3 is adopted)	Shortlisting Criteria (Category-wise)
1.	General/EWS	❖ Master's degree in Engineering or Technology (after a four-year engineering/technology degree or with an integrated 5-year B.Tech./M.Tech. degree or equivalent) with minimum 55% marks (without rounding off) or equivalent grade for General (UR)/General-EWS and minimum 50% marks (without rounding off) or equivalent grade for OBC (NCL)/SC/ST, Third gender and Persons with Disability (PwD). OR Bachelor's in Engineering or Technology (B.E./B.Tech.) with minimum 75% marks (without rounding off) or equivalent grade for General (UR)/General-EWS and minimum 70% marks (without rounding off) or equivalent grade for OBC (NCL)/SC/ST, third gender and Persons with Disability (PwD) from the recognized University. ❖ A valid confirmed fellowship such as CSIR/UGC NET JRF, SRF, ICMR SRF, DBT JRF, CSIR-Scientist and eligible Technical Staff, etc. Or Sponsorship from Industry, Academic or Research Institutes. ❖ Students having valid confirmed INSPIRE fellowship. Provisional INSPIRE fellowship is also considered. ❖ Project Assistants working in the Institute 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;
2.	SC, ST	
3.	OBC	

		❖ 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; ❖ 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; ❖ Self-sponsored candidates who are currently not engaged within the Institute (CSIR-NIIST). ❖ Based on the expertise / specialization available in the Institute.
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LIST OF SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR INTERVIEW

Engineering Sciences

S.N.	App. No.	Candidate's Name	Category	Date and time of Interview	Reporting Time
1.	75224	ELAVENIYA E	SC	Through MS-Teams On 11th December 2025 at 10:00 AM	9:30 AM
2.	75070	VIDYACHARAN J	OBC (Non-Creamy Layer Only)		9:30 AM
3.	74957	SHRADDHA GANESH KHANDARE	OBC (Non-Creamy Layer Only)		9:30 AM
4.	74619	HILAAS AHMAD PEERZADA	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
5.	74569	KEERTHI	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
6.	74518	JEEVA S	SC		9:30 AM
7.	74449	PRAVEENA UG	OBC (Non-Creamy Layer Only)		9:30 AM
8.	74399	SATINDER JEET KAUR	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
9.	74134	SAPNA SONI	OBC (Non-Creamy Layer Only)		9:30 AM
10.	73756	ABHISHEK M	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
11.	73537	PRIYESH KUMAR PANDEY	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
12.	73358	PENTALA MALLESHAM	OBC (Non-Creamy Layer Only)		9:30 AM
13.	73155	ANISH RAO	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
14.	73112	SAMARAN P	SC		9:30 AM

15.	73042	VIPASHA SHARMA	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
16.	73008	NAMMI ANUSHA	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
17.	72988	SEHALI SEN	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
18.	72983	SHANMUHAPPRIYA M	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM
19.	72921	ALEENA SUNNY	General (Un-reserved)		9:30 AM

Instructions/information for Short-listed Candidates:

1. Candidates shortlisted for interviews shall be required to appear for interview in online video mode only. Face to face interview in physical mode shall not be conducted.
2. Candidates who may attend the interview through online video mode will get the URL by mail before interview date. The candidates are advised to be connected and wait in the lobby (MS-Teams). They will be get- in as per their Interview time slot by the CSIR-NIIST against his/her name on the designated date & time.
3. Candidates shall ensure the Internet Connectivity, Web Cam & necessary software's at their level to attend the online interview. AcSIR shall not be responsible for any connectivity failure or communication faults in the Web-mode interview.
4. Candidates who have applied with JRF/SRF/INSPIRE fellowship must have a valid and tenable fellowship.
5. Candidates must confirm their attending the interview by sending a Statement of Purpose (SOP) by email to coordinator.niist@acsir.res.in immediately not later than **03/12/2025**.
6. For any query please contact coordinator.niist@acsir.res.in.
7. Since document verification process cannot be followed in the web-mode interviews, all shortlisting, selection etc. would be provisional subject to verification of all relevant documents. In case of any deficiency of any type in the documents, the candidature would automatically stand cancelled any time on finding such a deficiency
