ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMMES  
(July 2016 Session) 

Information Brochure

NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY  
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 015, TAMIL NADU
Ph.D. Programme (Full time)

A. ELIGIBILITY AND ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

I. Faculty of Engineering

Bachelor’s and Master’s Degree/M.S. (by Research) in Engineering / Technology in the appropriate branch of study with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks (CGPA 6.5/10) in UG or PG for admission under OC / OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 for SC/ST/PWD candidates.

For Metallurgical and Materials Engineering Department

Candidates with 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 Engineering/ equivalent PG degree in related discipline are also eligible to apply.

For Civil Engineering department

Candidates with Geomatics, Remote sensing, Ocean Engg. and Agricultural Engineering in undergraduate or post graduate are also eligible to apply for GIS and Remote sensing specializations.

For CECASE (Part time only)


II. Faculty of Architecture

Bachelors degree in Architecture / Planning and Master’s degree in Architecture / Design / Planning / Building Engineering and Management / Building Technology or its equivalent with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks (CGPA 6.5/10) in UG or PG for admission under OC / OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 for SC/ST/PWD candidates.

III. Management Studies

Master’s degree in Business Administration with NET / UGC / CAT / ATMA / XAT / MAT or Master’s degree in Industrial Engineering / Industrial Management with minimum of 60% aggregate marks (CGPA 6.5/10) in UG or PG for admission under OC/OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 is the eligibility for SC/ST/PWD candidates.

Candidates with the above eligibility requirements and JRF or equivalent fellowships may also apply.

IV. Computer Applications

Master’s degree in Computer Applications or M.Sc. (Computer Science/ OR&CA) with valid GATE / NET / UGC / CSIR / NBHM score with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks (CGPA 6.5/10) in UG or PG for admission for OC / OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 for SC/ST/PWD candidates with GATE / UGC / CSIR / NBHM score.

Master’s degree (M.E. /M.Tech.) in Computer Science and Engineering with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks (CGPA 6.5/10) in UG or PG for admission under OC / OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 for SC/ST/PWD candidates.

V. Faculty of Science & Humanities (Maths/ Chemistry/Economics and English)
Master’s degree in the relevant discipline of Science / Humanities / Social Science / Economics / Business Administration with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks (CGPA 6.5/10) and a valid GATE / UGC / CSIR / NBHM / NET score for OC / OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 for SC/ST/PWD candidates and a valid GATE / UGC / CSIR / NBHM / NET score.

For Physics Department

Master’s degree in Physics/Applied Physics/ Material Science/Applied Electronics with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10 with a valid GATE/UGC/CSIR /NET score for OC/OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 for SC/ST/PH candidates with a valid GATE/UGC/CSIR/NET score.

M.Tech. in Non Destructive Testing with a minimum of 60% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.5/10 for OC/OBC category and 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0/10 for SC/ST/PH candidates.

In case of AMIE/AMIIM candidates, minimum of 55% is eligible for admission in all the branches.

B. ADMISSION CATEGORIES
1. There are three categories of admission under Ph.D. (Full Time).

1.1 Ph.D. (Full time) - Stipendiary Category

Half Time Research Assistantship (HTRA) is available to full time scholars who are admitted to Ph.D programmes in different departments subject to the availability as stipulated by Ministry of Human Resources Development. The award and renewal of the assistantship / scholarship is as per the guidelines issued by MHRD, from time to time. Those who would receive the assistantship are required to assist the department in academic works to a minimum of 8 hours per week. As per rules in force, candidates interested in getting the assistantship / scholarship, have to give an undertaking on stamped paper to the effect that they will not discontinue the course before completion. Those who discontinue the Ph.D. Programme are required to refund the entire scholarship amount drawn by them. The assistantship / scholarship will not be available for sponsored candidates or to scholars getting financial support from any private agency, state and central governments.

The fellowships are available in the following departments. The area of specialization for Ph.D work in various departments are given in the Annexure-I.

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In addition to the above, fellowships are available under IDRBT Ph.D. scheme in the Department of Computer Applications (3 Nos.).

Reservation: Government of India reservation policy will be followed for OBC / SC / ST and the Persons with Disabilities (PWD) Candidates.

1.2 Ph.D. (Full time) - Project category
The applicants working under sponsored project at NIT-T should submit their application online, irrespective of the vacancy position. However, the selection procedure shall remain the same.

1.3 Ph.D. (Full time) - Non-Stipendiary Category
In the departments of Science and Humanities, non GATE / UGC / CSIR / NBHM / NET candidates will also be considered for admission on non stipendiary basis.

2. Ph.D. Programme (Part time – External / On campus categories)

Part-time Ph.D. programme is offered for all the departments and CECASE for working professionals from Govt. R&D Organizations / Public sector/ Industries/National Research laboratories and for faculty members from Govt./ Govt. Aided/ private Engineering/ Science and Arts Colleges/ Universities. There shall be two broad categories for the candidates seeking to pursue part time Ph.D. at NITT. The categories are:

2.1 Part-time (External): Candidates working in industries of repute /organization having R&D facilities, Govt. R&D Departments / National Research Laboratories / Units of Government / Quasi Government/ Public sector are considered under this category. The candidates must be officially sponsored by their employing organization. A candidate working in an establishment which is equipped with the necessary research and library facilities only shall be considered for admission under this category. A committee appointed by the Director (consisting of Dean-Academic, Dean-R&C and Head of the Department) in addition to members of Departmental Administrative Council (DAC) shall assess the adequacy of these facilities before recognizing the organization for the above purpose.

At the time of admission, the employer must expressly undertake to pay full salary to the candidate and relieve him/her to complete his/her residential requirement. A candidate applying for admission to the external registration programme must provide detailed information about the research facilities available at his/her organization and a certificate from the employer/Supervisor that these would be available to him/her for carrying out research. He/she should also provide the bio-data of the prospective supervisor (External guide) or Research Coordinator who would supervise/ co-ordinate the candidate’s work at his/her organization.

2.2 Part-time (on Campus) Regular/ Full-time teachers/employees working in Govt./Govt. aided/ private Engineering/Technical institutions or Science and Arts Colleges/ Universities/ industry/ public sector are considered under this category. At the time of admission, the candidate must submit a “no objection” certificate from the Parent institute / organization to relieve him/her to complete his/her residential requirement. The candidate should have at least three years experience in a regular/permanent position at the time of application. The Departments concerned would decide the candidature of the selected candidates after thorough discussion and analysis in Departmental Administrative Council (DAC).

2.3 Selection Procedure
For both categories, the mode and norms for selection shall be on par with those in force for full-time Ph.D. candidates. Following the scrutiny and short-listing of the applications, eligible candidates will be called to attend a written test. The candidates, short listed based on the written test performance need to appear for a technical and personal interview by the Departmental Research Committee comprising HOD, all eligible Supervisors and the Dean's nominee (observer).

2.4 Duration of the Programme

The duration of the programme and the time for submission of the thesis are counted from the date of provisional registration. The minimum duration of the Part-time Ph.D. Programme shall be three years for both categories (External and On campus). This implies that a candidate can submit the synopsis (duly satisfying other academic requirements) only after a minimum period of study of 36 months from the date of registration. The maximum period to complete the part-time Ph.D. Programme is 7 years.

Hostel accommodation is subjected to availability for girl students.

2.5 Place of research work

The candidates admitted under external category will normally carry out part or all of his/ her research work in their respective industry/ organization/ national laboratories, employing the scholar. For these scholars, there will be two guides, one internal guide from NIT Trichy and one external guide from his/her place of work.

For the candidates admitted under “on campus” category, the place of work is NITT even though he/she may be carrying out a part of research work in his/her College/Institution. For these scholars, NITT faculty shall be the internal (principal) guide. External guide, if any shall be from the industry only.

2.6 Course work / Residential requirement

The minimum residential requirement for candidates under external category for undertaking course work is eight weeks. Four relevant theory courses at Master's degree level (as recommended by the DC) shall be taken by the scholar. The candidates may complete the course work during their mandatory stay of at least eight weeks which may be undertaken in maximum of four instances of two weeks each. The research scholars are permitted to undertake the course work under ‘directed study’ mode. The course work shall be completed within one and half years of provisional registration in the programme. Subsequent to the completion of course work, they can continue their research work in their respective industry/ institution. However, the scholar shall spend at least one week per semester in the NIT-T campus until the submission of synopsis.

For the candidates under on campus category, the minimum residential requirement is one semester. Four relevant theory courses at Master's degree level (as recommended by the DC) shall be taken by the scholar. Normally, the course work shall be undertaken during the residential period of one semester itself. The requirements relating to course work will be as per norms of full-time scholars. Subsequently, the scholars shall continue their research work on a part-time basis, through regular interaction with the guide. The scholar (both external and on campus categories) shall spend at least one week per semester in the NIT-T campus until the submission of synopsis.

Note: The faculty and staff of NIT-T should submit the hard copy of submitted application through Proper Channel irrespective of the vacancy position. However, the selection procedure shall remain the same.
C. SELECTION PROCEDURE

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The detailed Ph.D. Regulations are available at:
http://www.nitt.edu/home/academics/rules/PhD-regulations.pdf

D. HOW TO APPLY?

Candidates applying for Ph.D. programme must apply online through the web site www.nitt.edu or admission.edu. The information brochure is available in the website. The application fee is Rs.500/- for OC/OBC and Rs.200/- for SC/ST/PWD candidates. The fee payment should be made only through State Bank collect mode (https://www.onlinesbi.com/prelogin/collecthome.htm?corpID=88587). The last date for submission of application is 14-06-2016.

E. NIT-T ENTRANCE TEST and INTERVIEW (Tentative Date)

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For further queries, contact:

The Chairperson (MS and PhD Admissions)
Office of the Dean (Academic)
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Tiruchirappalli – 620015, Tamil Nadu.

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E-mail: phdsection@nitt.edu

LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING THE ONLINE APPLICATION IS 14-06-2016
Certificate from the Sponsoring Organization
(To be submitted in the Official Letter Head by the Ph.D External Registration Candidates)

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

Certified that:
1. This organization has adequate facilities for carrying out the research indicated by the applicant and
if he/she is selected, these will be made available to him/her during regular working hours till the
completion of the programme.
2. The applicant will be deputed/given leave for duration of his/her residence period at NIT,
Tiruchirappalli.
3. Facilities will be made available to the Supervisor (External Guide) to supervise the work of the
applicant and to attend the 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 within a month of such transfer.
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
-15.

Date: 

Signature of the Sponsoring Authority
Name and Designation

Seal of the organization/ Institution

Postal address of the Organization/ Institution:
Certificate of External guide/ Research coordinator
(To be submitted by the Ph.D External Registration 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 Guide / Research coordinator and shall extend all possible guidance and following facilities to enable him/her to carry out his/her research programme towards the submission of thesis.

*Particulars of Prospective External Guide/Research Coordinator:
(1) Name of proposed External Guide / Research coordinator (In Block letters):

(2) Designation of External Guide / Research coordinator:

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

(4) Experience (No. of Years):

(5) No. of Publications:

(6) Membership of Professional Societies of External Guide /Research coordinator:

Research Facilities Available: (To be filled here)

Date: ........................................ Signature of the External Guide/Research Coordinator
Name and Designation

Seal of the organization

*The external guide should have a Ph.D. degree and a minimum of 2 papers in refereed journals or the research coordinator should have a PG degree and ten years of experience.
No Objection Certificate from the Employing Organization
(To be submitted in the Official Letter Head by Ph.D. Part time - On campus candidates)

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

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 guide and he/ she has to pay full fees every semester for the use of laboratory, library and other facilities of the Institute.

2. This organization facility will also be made available 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.

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<td>Electronics and Communication</td>
<td>Digital VLSI Embedded Systems, Electronic packaging, Microwave Engineering / Microwave Integrated Circuits, Networking, Optical communication, RFMEMS, Signal and Image processing, VLSI, Photonics, Pattern Recognition, Any emerging area of specialization related to Electrical Engineering.</td>
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NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
TIRUCHIRAPPALLI – 620 015, TAMIL NADU
All branches of Engineering.

A. ELIGIBILITY FOR ADMISSION TO M.S. (by Research)

Candidates for admission to M.S. (by Research) degree programme shall be required to have 60 percentage of aggregate marks or 6.5 CGPA (for OC / OBC) in the B.E. / B.Tech. degree and a valid GATE SCORE in the appropriate subject. In case of SC/ST/PWD candidates the eligibility requirement is 55% aggregate marks or equivalent CGPA of 6.0 and a valid GATE SCORE in the appropriate subject.

In case of AMIE/AMIIM candidates, minimum mark of 55% is eligible for admission in all branches.

B. FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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M.S. (by Research) Programme (Part time)

All branches of Engineering and Centre of Excellence in Corrosion & Surface Engineering.
Hostel accommodation is subjected to availability for girl students.

C. Norms for Part-Time (Sponsored)
The candidates from organizations with R & D Labs of National repute and public sector undertakings such as DRDO, ISRO, IGCAR, BHEL, BEL, NLC etc., are eligible to apply. Such candidates may have an External guide from their parent organization in addition to the Internal Guide. External guide should have a minimum PG degree with research contribution.

D. SELECTION

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*GATE Examination paper should be in their UG discipline

The detailed M.S. (By Research) Regulations are available at: http://www.nitt.edu/home/academics/rules/MS.pdf

E. How to apply?
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F. NIT-T COUNSELING and INTERVIEW (Tentative Dates)

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Phone: +91 431 2503011, 2503636
E-mail: phdsection@nitt.edu

LAST DATE FOR SUBMITTING ONLINE APPLICATION IS 14-06-2016

Sponsorship Certificate
(In official letter head)
The applicant Mr. / Ms. ________________________________ is employed as ____________________ in our Institute / organization since ________________.

He/She is sponsored to pursue M.S. (by research) in the department of ____________________ ________________, National Institute of Technology, Tiruchirappalli – 620 015. He/She will be relieved from his/her duty during the programme, if selected.

Name and address of the Sponsoring authority:

Signature of the Head of the Organization

Seal Sponsoring Institution / Organization
APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO POSTS / ADMISSION TO CENTRAL 
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (CEIs), UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

This is to certify that Shri / Smt. ____________________________________________________________ Son / Daughter of Shri / Smt. ____________________________________________________________ of Village/Town ______________________________________________________ District/Division ______________________________________ in the ____________________________ State belongs to the ____________________________ Community which is recognized as a backward class under:

(i) Resolution No. 12011/68/93-BCC(C) dated 10/09/93 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 186 dated 13/09/93.  
(ii) Resolution No. 12011/9/94-BCC dated 19/10/94 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 163 dated 20/10/94.  
(iii) Resolution No. 12011/7/95-BCC dated 24/05/95 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 88 dated 25/05/95.  
(iv) Resolution No. 12011/96/94-BCC dated 9/03/96.  
(vi) Resolution No. 12011/13/97-BCC dated 03/12/97.  

Shri / Smt. ____________________________________________________________ and / or his family ordinarily reside(s) in the ____________________________ District / Division of ____________________________ State. This is also to certify that he/she does not belong to the persons/sections (Creamy Layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of India, Department of Personnel & Training O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt.(SCT) dated 08/09/93 which is modified vide OM No. 36033/3/2004 Estt.(Res.) dated 09/03/2004.

Dated: ____________________________

District Magistrate / Deputy Commissioner / Competent Authority

Seal

NOTE:

a The term ‘Ordinarily’ used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.

b The authorities competent to issue Caste Certificates are indicated below:

i District Magistrate / Additional Magistrate / Collector / Deputy Commissioner / Additional Deputy Commissioner / Deputy Collector / Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate / Sub-Divisional magistrate / Taluka Magistrate / Executive Magistrate / Extra Assistant Commissioner (not below the rank of Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate).

ii Chief Presidency Magistrate / Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate / Presidency Magistrate.

iii Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar’ and

iv Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and / or his family resides.