



Admission to Ph.D. Programme – 2024-25

The ICMR- National Institute of Translational Virology and AIDS Research (ICMR-NITVAR formerly known as ICMR-NARI) invites applications from highly motivated students having consistently good academic record for enrolment in Ph.D. programme. Presently, ICMR-NITVAR is a recognized institute under Savitribai Phule Pune University (SPPU), Maharashtra University of Health Sciences (MUHS) and for undertaking Ph.D. degree in Health Sciences, Biotechnology and Microbiology. Students with post graduate degree in basic and social science or in professional course selected through a process of National Eligibility Test (CSIR-UGC NET) or any of the national level examinations conducted by Central Government Departments and their Agencies such as DST, DBT, ICMR, etc.

Please note that mere fulfilment of eligibility conditions will not entitle a candidate to be shortlisted for the interview. Shortlisted candidates fulfilling ICMR-NITVAR criteria will have to appear for an online/personal interview to be held at ICMR-NITVAR, Pune. The date of interview will be declared in due course. Detailed eligibility conditions are given hereunder.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA for ICMR-NITVAR Ph.D. PROGRAMME:

Essential Qualification - Indian citizen having Post graduate degree in any branch of Life Sciences (Biochemistry/Biotechnology/Microbiology/Zoology/Bioinformatics /Biophysics etc.) or M.Tech/B.Tech/ B.Pharm/B.E./MBBS/MD degree from India with at least 60% or equivalent CGPA or Grade Point Average (GPA) can apply for general and OBC category. For SC/ST/Differently-abled (PwDs) candidates, the aggregate of at least 55% will be required.

Additionally, the candidate **should have cleared at least one of the following exams:**

- National Eligibility Test conducted by CSIR-UGC or ICMR JRF examination or any equivalent examinations conducted by National Agencies offering fellowship for doctoral studies.
- Biotechnology Eligibility Test (BET) conducted by DBT with valid fellowship.
- DHR-Young Scientist/Women Scientist Scheme with Ph.D. Entrance Test (PET) conducted by SPPU in the subjects of Biotechnology/Microbiology/Health Science.
- Valid DST-Inspire fellowship for doctoral studies.

HOW to APPLY: Application form or PhD program is available at the ICMR-NITVAR website or candidate can [click here \(https://shorturl.at/MN1Bp\)](https://shorturl.at/MN1Bp) for the same. The application form duly filled along with required documents should be submitted online on or before (31st August 2024).

VACANCIES TO BE FILLED: Total of 4 vacancies (1 SC, 1 OBC, 2 Open) to be filled for the life sciences and basic medical sciences respectively.

DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED:

- M.Sc. Degree Certificate/Passing Certificate/Marksheet
- Valid Fellowship Award Letter
- Caste Certificate (If applicable)
- Proof of Date of Birth
- Proof of OBC Category - Non creamy layer certificate (If applicable)
- Physically handicapped Certificate (If applicable)
- No Objection Certificate from Employer Organisation (If employed)

SELECTION PROCEDURE: The names of the short-listed candidates along with date and time for the interview will be displayed on the ICMR-NITVAR website. The list of Ph.D. guides (who have vacancy for Ph.D. scholar in their laboratory) and tentative title of research project to be initiated under them would be given to the shortlisted candidates. Final selection would be based on the performance in the interview.

Director, ICMR-NITVAR reserves the right to shortlist the candidates to be interviewed. The appointing authority has the right to accept/reject any application without assigning any reason(s) and no correspondence in this matter will be entertained.



GENERAL INSTRUCTIONS:

- ICMR-NITVAR Ph.D. program is a full time program. The selected candidates have to follow the rules and regulations governed by the host institute and their respective fellowship awarding agency.
- Fellowship will be activated as per the respective fellowship awarding agencies guidelines. ICMR-NITVAR will not be responsible for providing any fellowships or delay in the process of fellowship release.
- Reservation will be as per the rules followed by UGC and Government of India guidelines.
Please Note: EWS (Economically Weaker Section) vacancies are tentative and subject to further direction/clarification of GOI and are subject to outcome of any litigation pending in the court of law. The candidates seeking reservation under EWS should fulfill the criteria as prescribed by Government of India. The benefit of reservation under EWS can be availed upon production of an Income and Asset Certificate issued by a Competent Authority.
- SC/ST/OBC candidates should also attach true copy of Caste Certificate/Latest non-creamy layer certificate along with the application and originals should be produced at the time of joining.
- Incomplete applications and applications received after the closing date will not be entertained.
- In case of any queries, candidates should e-mail at nariphdcell@gmail.com. Phone enquiries will not be entertained.

Time Table for Selection Procedure

Sr.	Particulars	Schedule
1.	Start of online application	12 th August 2024
2.	Last date for submission of online application	31st August 2024
3.	Announcement of candidates shortlisted for online Interviews	Will be intimated on the ICMR-NITVAR website
4.	Date of Interview	Will be intimated on the ICMR-NITVAR website

Application Form: (Please copy this link and paste in browser, in case direct clicking the link is not working:
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScy16ET1JKJE9A-4xgdQhQ1dfIDans46OHVSUfcHtVVGGO3zg/viewform>)
