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PhD Programme

National Institute of Fashion Technology
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PhD Programme

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Objective

National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) offers doctoral programme through its Head Office in Delhi. The programme is in recognition of high academic achievements, independent research and application of knowledge in the areas of Design, Management and Technology as applied with reference to textile, fashion, lifestyle, apparel, craft and any other related field. NIFT encourages Interdisciplinary and transdisciplinary research.

NIFT recruits outstanding researchers to create a vibrant research culture and

strengthen its research focus. NIFT research training gives candidates the skills they need to conduct research, which aims to solve critical problems affecting the industry, communities and the environment.

NIFT expects its PhD scholars to demonstrate independent research and thought leadership through publications in academic journals and scholarly presentations of their work and also their passion for knowledge and research, for developing new ideas and paradigms. Creativity and the potential to do outstanding research must be a hallmark of their personality and intellectual skill set.

PhD degree would read the title of the thesis and would not state any area i.e Design, Management, Technology.

Research Proposal

The completed Application Form has to be submitted alongwith an outline of Research Proposal in prescribed word limit. This Research Proposal is the most important part of the Application. It will be expected to clearly set out an appropriate set of issues to be explored through research. It should include an indication of the approach that the candidate intends to take during research (e.g. literature-based / empirical / experimental / practice-based research) and identify what is sought to be achieved as an outcome. The proposed research can be related to any previous work/studies carried out by the candidate.

Shortlisting, Selection, and Preliminary Registration

All admission applications must be accompanied with the research proposal and be submitted with the consent of the NIFT PhD Supervisor(Research proposal-Format 1 and consent of NIFT PhD supervisor-Format 2).

For students who are shortlisted after step 1 will be called for the written test. The test will examine the candidates' communication skills, aptitude for research, logical reasoning and research co-curricular activities (Subject Areas for written test in downloads). The test shall be for sixty minutes with descriptive/objective type questions.

The merit of candidates will be drawn up on the score of written test .The names of qualifying candidates will be put up on NIFT website, who then have to appear for research proposal presentation and interview (as per the Calendar of activities) and depending on the number of seats available in that year, will the admission be offered.

(The criteria and procedure could be changed by NIFT without prior notice. Depending on the number of applications received and considering the constraints of time and other resources for conducting Written Test and Interview, NIFT may put additional academic performance-based, short listing criterion.)

NIFT will not provide travel and accommodation facilities for applicants appearing for the written test and interview. Candidates must bear all expenses for travel and accommodation.

Exemptions from Written Test

- PG Applicants with minimum 10 years of professional experience (teaching / working) in the areas of research relevant to NIFT
- Masters degree holders who have minimum 10 years of experience and have cleared UGC NET, CEED, CSIR (JRF), similar tests and hold a valid score will be exempted from written test

ADMISSION ELIGIBILITY (Full Time & Part Time)

Qualification	Min Education after class X	CGPA	Work Experience
Post-graduation degree in the relevant area of Design, Management or Technology (or) equivalent qualification from an institute/ university of national/ international repute.	Seven years	Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 6.0 on a 10 point scale (5.5 for SC/ST candidates) or equivalent OR 55% (50% for SC/ST candidates) marks in aggregate (of all the years/ semesters)	
Where the Master's Degree is found to be in a discipline not relevant to the areas identified by NIFT.		Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 6.0 on a 10 point scale (5.5 for SC/ST candidates) or equivalent OR 55% (50% for SC/ST candidates) marks in aggregate (of all the years/ semesters).	10 years of professional experience (teaching / working) in the areas of textile, fashion, lifestyle, apparel, craft and any other related field.

Bachelors degree in the relevant area of Design, Management or Technology (or) equivalent qualification from an institute/ university of national/ international repute.	Five years	Minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 8.0 on a 10 point scale or equivalent as determined by the Institute wherever letter grades are awarded; or 75% marks in aggregate (of all the years/semesters) where marks are awarded.	10 years of professional experience (teaching / working) in the areas of textile, fashion, lifestyle, apparel, craft and any other related field.
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Marksheets of class X, XII, Bachelor's degree, Master's degree(if applicable), Scanned Copies of Degree- Bachelor's , Master's(if applicable), work experience certificate(s) on employer letterhead(if applicable), must be uploaded along with application form.

Programme Duration- For Full Time Scholars

- The Scholars shall normally submit their thesis within a period of FOUR years , with the option of submitting in three years from the date of their initial registration for the PhD Programme. However, as a special case, this limit may be extended to a maximum of five years by the DG-NIFT after which the registration shall stand automatically cancelled

For Part Time Scholars

- The Scholars shall normally submit their thesis within a period of SIX years , with the option of submitting in FOUR years from the date of their initial registration for the PhD Programme. However, as a special case, this limit may be extended to a maximum of seven years by the DG-NIFT after which the registration shall stand automatically cancelled

Full time PhD Scholar Categories

I. NIFT Teaching Fellowship(NTF)-The scholars under this category are entitled to financial support of Rs 31000 per month for first two years and Rs 35000 per month for next two years. On-campus housing will be provided to NTFs only if it is available. In case on-campus housing is not available, HRA of Rs 7000/- pm. towards off-campus housing will be paid. A contingency amount of Rs 20,000 per year will be allocated for all NTFs. The NIFT teaching fellows will be present in NIFT campus as per rules and regulations of NIFT, for the duration of the PhD enrolment. Number of vacancies for year 2019 admission is 5, (Reservations will apply as per extant orders of Government of India).

The following criteria to be met by these Scholars for getting/continuation of Teaching Fellowship:

i. Scholars concerned must assist in teaching or research, as assigned by the respective NIFT Campus/Supervisor/Department to the extent of 8 hours of work per week.

ii. Continuation of the assistantship will be subject to satisfactory performance of the duties assigned by the Academic Units as well as satisfactory academic performance.

iii. The scholars should not be employees on the rolls (with or without pay) of any organization. (i.e. The employees on rolls of any organization -with or without pay- are not eligible for admission under NTF category).

Those applying in this category are required to give undertaking that they have applied for admission to PhD and they are not employees on the rolls (with or without pay) of any organization (Format 3)

The Teaching Fellowship will be awarded initially for one year and may be renewed annually on the recommendations of the SIAC-R after a performance review for a maximum period of four years. The total tenure as NTF will not exceed four years.

ii Self-Financed, including those on Study Leave (SF)- This category refers to persons who are admitted through the usual admission procedure but are not eligible for financial support from the Institute. If admitted, Self financed candidates have to complete their programme within the prescribed time without any financial support from the Institute. This category also includes candidates who are released from Governmental or educational institutions on study leave for a period of at least two years. Employer's Letter for Study Leave

would be required. Employer's consent for Study Leave should be submitted (Format 4).

Those who may be sponsored by their employers to undertake PhD in NIFT submit sponsorship certificate with application form (Format 5)

Part Time PhD

Candidates, who are working in reputed research organizations, academic Institutes and industries, are eligible to apply under Part time PhD degree programme subject to fulfillment of other eligibility criteria of PhD degree programme. The sponsorship letter for a part time candidate will be required along with the application form and a relieving letter at time of admission.

Academic and the Non-academic employees working in NIFT will also fall under this category. The study leave conditions of NIFT shall become applicable for the Part-time (internal) candidates

A member of the non-academic staff of the Institute after completion of three years of service (including probation) at the Institute, who satisfies eligibility qualifications may be considered for admission to the degree as a part time Scholar provided he has been given administrative clearance by the Competent Authority at NIFT.

Academic staff of NIFT may be given administrative clearance to seek registration on a part-time basis after satisfactory completion of service period of 3 years subject to recommendation of the concerned Chair Person of the department and the Campus Director.

There is no provision for financial assistance/stipend to Part time candidates.

Those who are employed with any organization will submit No Objection certificate from their employer, (if selected for NIFT PhD) with the application form (Format 6)

Location of the PhD Scholar

NIFT currently has 16 campuses all over the country. The Full Time Scholars will be based in the NIFT campus of the assigned PhD supervisor. All Full Time PhD scholars will be required to travel to the NIFT campus where compulsory coursework classes are held and also travel to NIFT campus where progress seminars, comprehensive examination, Pre PhD Seminar, Viva Voce etc. are being held.

The part time Scholar could be based anywhere, however the Scholar has to travel to the NIFT campus where compulsory coursework classes are held and also travel to meet the supervisor, and for progress seminars, comprehensive examination, Pre PhD Seminar, Viva Voce etc.

Qualifying Stages of Work

There are primarily two stages of work for scholars after preliminary registration and before the final registration as candidate for PhD. Stage One: Course Work-In the first stage, Supervisor will guide him/ her to select course work and develop a detailed research plan. A joint supervisor can be added anytime during the next 18 months. Candidate will be required to take requisite course work with the suggestion of his/her supervisor. The subjects can be selected either one or multiple of three options; [i] from the ongoing semesters of the postgraduate programmes of Design, Management and Technology at NIFT [ii] from different institute like IIT/NIT/IIM/selected International institutes with whom NIFT has MoU [iii] through Mass Open Online Courses (MOOC) from edX and Coursera. Minimum CGPA of 7.0 on a 10 point scale is required for continued candidacy of PhD Degree. CGPA below 6.5 will cause termination of registration with immediate effect. However, if the CGPA is above 6.5 but less than 7.0, the candidate would be asked to take more courses in order to enhance his/ her CGPA to 7.0 or above, subject to the condition that this should be achieved within one semester. Attendance of 75% is compulsory.

Stage Two: Comprehensive Examination

After successfully clearing Stage One, scholar will reach the second stage of work before qualifying to become a final registered candidate for PhD, the scholars will be required to take a comprehensive examination which will be a combination of (a) an oral examination and (b) evaluation of the Research Proposal. This tests comprehension of the broad field of research and academic preparation and the potential to carry out the proposed research plan. Scholar is permitted to give a maximum of two attempts to pass the comprehensive examination and should be able to complete it within 18 months for full time and 24 months for part time from date of joining the programme, failing which his/her registration will be cancelled. Scholar shall be formally registered as a candidate for the PhD Degree after he/ she has successfully completed Stage One and Stage Two of work. Scholar will be required to renew the registration

every semester till the submission of the Synopsis. The renewal of registration every semester shall be subject to completion of specified number of credits/courses and/or satisfactory progress in research work as recommended by Supervisor. PERFORMANCE MONITORING Scholar shall be monitored by PhD Scholar's Progress Committee (PSPC). Scholar will submit a progress report at the end of every odd semester to supervisor(s) for monitoring of the progress of work. At the end of every even semester, the candidate will present Research Progress Seminar (RPS). In the event of getting two consecutive unsatisfactory grades by any scholar, the registration will stand terminated.

SYNOPSIS SUBMISSION On completion of the research work, scholar shall submit a Synopsis including bibliography of research work to the respective supervisor. It is essential for the scholar to hold Pre-PhD seminar before his/her Synopsis is considered. The Synopsis will be examined by a panel of experts.

THESIS SUBMISSION Scholar will be required to submit the thesis within a minimum of 2 months and maximum of 9 months after submission of Synopsis.

THESIS EVALUATION Submitted thesis will be examined by two examiners. Scholar will be recommended for viva-voce examination on the basis of the thesis evaluation. In case scholar has been advised to submit a revised thesis, the same may be done within a period of one year from date of communication.

AWARD OF PhD DEGREE After getting recommended for viva-voce examination on the basis of thesis evaluation, the scholar shall be required to defend the work/thesis orally before the Oral Defense Committee. The Committee may recommend the award of the degree or suggest corrections/modifications which have to be incorporated in the thesis.

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Fee Structure

The fee components are as below. The fee has to be paid till the submission of the Synopsis.

Particulars	Part Time PhD	NIFT Teaching Fellows (Full Time PhD)	Self Financed/ Sponsored/ Study Leave(Full Time PhD)
TUITION FEE (To be paid every semester, Non-refundable)	60000	0	70000
LIBRARY FEE (Per Year Non-refundable)	7400	7400	7400
MEDICLAIM & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT FEE (Per Year Non-refundable)	3700	3700	3700
EXAM FEE (Per Year)	3700	3700	3700
TOTAL	74800	14800	84800
ONE TIME PAYMENT			
SECURITY DEPOSIT (Refundable)	9400	9400	9400
REGISTRATION FEE	9300	9300	9300
TOTAL	18700	18700	18700
TOTAL TO BE PAID AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION	93500	33500	103500

FEE STRUCTURE FOR NRI

Particulars	Part Time PhD	NIFT Teaching Fellows (Full Time PhD)	Self Financed/ Sponsored/ Study Leave(Full Time PhD)
TUITION FEE (To be paid Annually, Non-refundable)	360000	0	420000
LIBRARY FEE (Per Year Non-refundable)	41200	41200	41200
MEDICLAIM & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT FEE FEE (Per Year Non-refundable)	26400	26400	26400
EXAM FEE (Per Year)	3700	3700	3700
TOTAL	431300	71300	491300
ONE TIME PAYMENT			
SECURITY DEPOSIT (Refundable)	9400	9400	9400
REGISTRATION FEE	9300	9300	9300
TOTAL	18700	18700	18700
TOTAL AT THE TIME OF ADMISSION	450000	90000	510000

Foreign Scholars must show proof of financial support for the duration of the PhD enrolment

Assistance from NIFT

50% tuition fee waiver will be extended to NIFT employees (regular and contract) or candidates admitted to PhD programme from other Government Organisations /Institutions under Ministry of Textiles. In case the contract of the employees is not renewed during the course of her/his research for any reason, s/he would not be eligible for the 50% tuition waiver henceforth.

Additionally, the NIFT employees are allowed waiver of Security Deposit, Library Fee and Mediclaim & Student Development Fee. Also, financial assistance may be extended for NIFT employees (regular and contract) for product development, experimentation and thesis documentation.

How to Apply : Submission of Application Form

Candidates must apply online at www.nift.ac.in or https://www.cmsnift.com/pages/cms_forms/application_form_research_start_page.aspx.

Applicant should follow the prescribed procedure step by step for online submission of application. Candidates should scan and upload photo copies of required certificates wherever asked for. The application fee has to be paid through online net banking.

- Non-Refundable Fee for General/OBC (Non-Creamy) Category: Rs.2300/-;
- Non-Refundable Fee for SC/ ST/ PWD Category: Rs.1300/-.

An alternate payment option, candidate can submit application fee through NEFT/ RTGS/IMPS in following bank account:

Account Name – NIFT GENERAL A/C

Account No - - 340602050000022

Branch Address – 1, GREEN PARK EXTENTION NEW DELHI 1100016

IFSC Code –UBIN0534064

Contact for further queries:

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PLEASE NOTE

1. Candidate is advised to keep printout/photocopy of application form for further reference alongwith proof of payment (e-receipt/UTR).
2. Application forms incomplete in any way or not having required educational / experience certificates or the latest photographs are liable to be rejected without intimation.

Calendar of Activities

Particulars	Important Dates
Revised Admission Guidelines on NIFT Website	23.04.2019
Submission of Online Application	30.4.2019
Last date of submission of Online Application Form	14.05.2019 Extended Upto 19.05.2019
List of short listed candidates for written test and those exempted from written test on NIFT Website	28.05.2019
Written test *	13.06.2019
Announcement of Written test - those who qualify for research proposal presentation and interview on NIFT website	18.06.2019
Research Proposal Presentation and Interview*	25.6.2019 & 26.06.2019
Announcement of Results on NIFT Website	02.07.2019
Registration	16.07.2019
PhD Programme starts	As per NIFT academic calendar 29.07.2019

* Written test and Research Proposal Presentation & Interview will be held in NIFT New Delhi

Documents to be attached/uploaded with application form

Document	Required to be submitted by
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marksheets of class X, XII, Bachelor's & Master's • Scanned Copies of Degree- Bachelor's, Master's (if applicable), • Work experience certificate(s) on employer letterhead (if applicable), (* all documents to be self attested) • Latest passport size photograph	All
Format 1 - Research proposal	All Applicants
Format 2 - Consent of NIFT PhD supervisor	All Applicants
Format 3 - Undertaking -they are not employees on the rolls (with or without pay) of any organization	Those applying to Full Time PhD - NIFT Teaching Fellow category
Format 4 - Employer's consent for Study Leave (if selected)	Those applying for Full Time PhD - Study Leave/Self Financed category
Format 5 - Sponsorship certificate (if selected)	Those applying to Full Time PhD - Study Leave but being sponsored by the employers they are working for
Format 6 - No Objection certificate from their employer, (if selected for NIFT PhD)	Those applying for Part Time PhD programme, Full Time Phd-Study Leave/ Sponsored candidates
Format 7 - Request letter for exemption from written test	PG Applicants(qualifying in CGPA criteria) with minimum 10 years of professional experience (teaching / working) in the areas of research relevant to NIFT & Masters degree holders (qualifying in CGPA criteria) who have minimum 10 years of experience and have cleared UGC NET, CEED,CSIR(JRF) similar tests and hold a valid score
Other Certificates	Caste (ST/SC/OBC -Non Creamy layer) certificate issued by competent authority.

Format 1-Research Proposal

The research proposal must include:

-Statement of Topic of research(not more than 100 words)-focus of research, research problem it will address and contribution to knowledge the topic will make.

-Review of Literature(not more than 200words)-Overview of key research on the topic and gap in knowledge that the topic will address.

-Objectives of research

-Research Methodology-Explain the research methods that will be employed to achieve the stated objectives and methodology for data collection and analysis.

-Expected Research Contribution to the field/industry

-List of References

Format 2 Consent letter of NIFT PhD Supervisor

I _____; faculty in
NIFT _____(Campus) hereby give my consent to be the PhD supervisor
of _____

if he/she is selected for the PhD programme.

Name

Signature

Date

Format 3-Undertaking to be given at the time of admission by those applying for NIFT Teaching Fellowship

I, Sri/Smt./Ms. _____ applicant

for the full time PhD Programme of National Institute of Fashion Technology, Year-..... hereby undertake that I am not on roll of any organisation and I am not drawing salary from any organisation

I understand that if the above information given by me is found false, my candidature in NIFT PhD will be cancelled.

Signature of the Applicant

Date

Place

Format 4- Employer's Consent to Grant Study leave if Candidate is selected for NIFT PhD programme

(To be typed on letterhead of the Institution)

Sub: Study Leave

This is to certify that Mr./Ms. _____ S/o Sh _____
is; R/o _____ working
with _____ has no
objection for his/her attending Doctoral Programme at National Institute of Fashion Technology and will be granted study leave of 2 years from the day the admission of the candidate in NIFT PhD Programme as a full time candidate (if selected for the programme).

Place:

Authorised Signatory: _____

Seal of the organisation

Format 5-Sponsorship Letter for Full-time PhD Candidates

(To be typed on letterhead of the sponsoring organization)

Sub: Sponsoring of an Employee for PhD programme

We certify that we will sponsor the candidature of Shri./ Smt./ Kum _____, employed in our organization as _____ (designation) if he / she is selected for NIFT PhD Programme in _____ as a full-time candidate.

He/ She is an employee of our organization since _____. We shall bear the total expenses of his / her studies. We shall fully relieve him/ her of his/ her duties in the organization during the first 2 years of the PhD programme, to enable him/ her to devote full time to his/ her studies in the Institute.

Signature and Seal of the Sponsoring Authority

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Format 6- No Objection Certificate(for Part Time candidates and Full Time-Study leave/Sponsored candidates)

Date

No Objection Certificate

This is to certify that Mr./Ms. _____ S/o Sh _____ is; R/o _____ working with _____ has no objection for his/her attending PhD Programme at National Institute of Fashion Technology, New Delhi (if selected)

Place:

Authorised Signatory: _____

Note: It should be printed on letter head of the company/institution.

Format 7- Request letter for exemption from written test

I would like to be exempted from written test as I qualify for exemption because I am PG Applicant (qualifying in CGPA criteria) with minimum 10 years of professional experience (teaching / working) in the areas of research relevant to NIFT. My experience certificates are being submitted with application form.

OR

I am Masters degree holder who has minimum 10 years of experience and have cleared UGC NET, CEED, CSIR (JRF) similar tests and hold a valid score. My experience certificates and valid score of (UGC NET, CEED, CSIR-JRF/ similar tests) are being submitted with application form.

Format - Undertaking to be given at the time of applying for Provisional Admission for PhD Programme.

(To be submitted at the time of admission)

I/my ward _____ (name of the candidate)
son/daughter/wife of _____ (Father's/Husband's
name) resident of _____
_____ (Permanent address) seeking admission to PhD Programme of NIFT,
hereby solemnly affirm and declare:

1. That I have appeared in the BA/B.Com/B.SC/M.F.Tech/M.Sc./M.A/M.Des. etc. final semester/final year (name of the qualifying (Board/university), the result of which has not yet been declared.
2. I undertake to submit the qualifying mark sheets/certificate by 30.9.2019 failing which the provisional admission shall stand cancelled without any further notice to me.
3. That I have carefully gone through the rules regarding provisional admission and I fully understand that in the event of failure to submit the documents as in above provision, the provisional admission to the said course will be automatically cancelled and full deposited fee will be forfeited.

Signature of the Applicant

Date

Place

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