

**ICMR-National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health**

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**Admission to Ph.D. Programme - 2020-21**

National Institute for Research in Reproductive Health, Mumbai, is a premier Institute of the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR). The Institute invites applications from highly motivated students having consistently good academic record for enrollment in Ph.D. programme. The thrust areas of research include: Fertility Regulation, Infertility and Reproductive Disorders, HIV/STIs/RTIs, Maternal and Child Health, Immunology and Microbiology, Reproductive cancers, Osteoporosis, Genetic Disorders, Stem Cell Biology, Structural Biology, Bioinformatics and Reproductive Toxicology. The Institute is affiliated to the University of Mumbai for the award of Ph.D. degree in Life Sciences, Applied Biology and Biochemistry.

**WHO CAN APPLY:**

1. Candidates who are Indian citizen and having Post graduate degree in any branch of Life Sciences (Biochemistry/Biotechnology/Microbiology/Zoology/Bioinformatics/Biophysics etc.) or MBBS or MD degree from India with at least 60% or equivalent Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) from **higher secondary (10+2) onwards** for General, OBC and #EWS category and 55% for SC/ST/Persons with Disabilities (PWD) candidates in aggregate (or equivalent grade). **In case CGPA is not based on a 10 point scale candidate should provide a statement issued by the respective University indicating conversion of CGPA to percentage.** Candidates, who have appeared in the academic year 2019-2020 and results are awaited, are also eligible to apply. However, such candidates will have to submit the proof of qualifying marks before joining the Institute. Kindly note that registration for Ph.D degree at Mumbai University will happen only after fulfilling the eligibility criteria of Mumbai University.

**AND**

2. The candidates **should have cleared at least one of the following exams**

**Either**

Ph.D. entrance test (**PET**) **conducted by the University of Mumbai** in the subjects of Life Science/ Applied Biology/ Biochemistry/ Microbiology/ Zoology/ Biophysics/ Bioanalytical Sciences/ Molecular Biology.

**OR**

**CSIR-UGC NET (JRF or LS) or GATE (Life Sciences/ Biotechnology) or JRF examination** conducted by national agencies such as **ICMR/DBT or SET (Life Sciences/Microbiology/Biotechnology/ Biochemistry)**

**OR**

Valid **DST-Inspire** fellowship

**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.

**AGE LIMIT:**

Upper age limit is **28 years as on 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021** for General and EWS Category. Age relaxation of up to 5 years (33 years) for SC/ST/ PWD/Women candidates and up to 3 years (31 years) for OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates will be granted.

Reservation will be as per the UGC rules followed by University of Mumbai.

**HOW TO APPLY:**

Application form available at the NIRRH website (www.nirrh.res.in) <http://www.phdappli.nirrh.res.in> should be duly filled and submitted online on or before **25<sup>th</sup> February 2021**. Hard copy of the application need not be submitted to the Institute. Only duly filled online applications will be considered.

**APPLICATION FEES**

- General and OBC Category : **Rs. 300/-** plus Transaction Charges as applicable (Non-refundable)
- SC/ST/PWD and EWS : **Exempted** from payment of fees

Application fees which is Non-refundable has to be deposited by using net banking facilities (NEFT/IMPS). Additional charges will be applicable as per the rule of the concerned bank. The Fees will not be accepted through any other mode. Applications without payment of required fees will be considered incomplete and disqualified.

**SELECTION PROCEDURE:**

**The names of the short-listed candidates along with date and time for the interview will be displayed on the NIRRH and ICMR website.** The list of Ph.D. guides (who have vacancy for Ph.D. students 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 online interview.**

**FELLOWSHIP:**

The selected candidates, who have passed JRF examination conducted by CSIR/UGC/ICMR/DBT can avail fellowship as per the rules of respective funding agency. Non fellowship holders will be provided Institutional fellowship of Rs. 8000/- per month which will be initiated **only after successful completion of coursework and Ph.D. proposal presentation.** It will be **for 2 years only** and later these students are encouraged to seek fellowship from other funding agencies.

**HOSTEL:**

**Women candidates** selected for Ph.D may avail Hostel facility upon request

NIRRH reserves the right to change the minimum eligibility criteria in case of receipt of large number of applications. The decision of the Director and Selection Committee will be final and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard. Canvassing in any form and/or bringing in any influence will be treated as disqualification. No traveling allowance shall be provided by the Institute at any stage of the admission process.

*For any issues regarding submission of form kindly send email to 'pgstudies@nirrh.res.in'*

**Time Table for Selection Procedure**

Sr.	Particulars	Schedule
1.	Start of online application	11 <sup>th</sup> January 2021
2.	Last date for submission of online application	25 <sup>th</sup> February 2021 (EXTENDED)
3.	Announcement of candidates shortlisted for online Interviews	Will be intimated on the NIRRH website
4.	Date of Interview	Will be intimated on the NIRRH website

**If the last date of submission of online application is extended for any reasons, it will be displayed on NIRRH website**

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