

## ICMR-National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child Health

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### **Admission to Ph.D. Programme - 2022**

National Institute for Research in Reproductive and Child 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: Infertility and Reproductive Disorders, Immunological and microbiological attributes associated with HIV/STIs/RTIs, Maternal and Child Health, Reproductive cancers, Osteoporosis, Genetic Disorders, Stem Cell Biology and Reproductive Toxicology. To address research queries in these areas, latest techniques in molecular biology, cell biology are being employed. 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 graduates or MD/M.Pharm degree holders from India With at least **55% or equivalent** Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) from **higher secondary (10+2) onwards** for General, OBC and #EWS category and **50% 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 for the final examination in the academic year 2021-2022 and results are awaited, are also eligible to apply. However, if selected, 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 candidate **should have cleared at least one of the following exams**
  - I. Ph.D. entrance test (**PET**) **conducted by the University of Mumbai** in any subjects of Life Sciences/ Applied Biology/ Biochemistry/ Microbiology/ Zoology/ Biophysics/ Bioanalytical Science/ Molecular Biology
  - II. **CSIR-UGC NET (JRF or LS) or GATE (Life Sciences/ Biotechnology) with validity up to December 2022 or JRF** examination conducted by national agencies such as **ICMR/DBT**
  - III. Valid DST-Inspire fellowship
  - IV. MH-SET (Maharashtra State Eligibility Test for Assistant Professor) in Life Sciences

#### **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 30 June 2022** 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 NIRRCH website (www.nirrh.res.in) <https://phdappli.nirrh.res.in> should be duly filled and submitted online on or before **24<sup>th</sup> June 2022**. 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 NIRRCH and ICMR websites.** The list of Ph.D. guides (who have vacancy for Ph.D. students in their laboratories) and tentative title of the research projects under them would be given to the shortlisted candidates before final interview. **Final selection would be based on the performance in the interview in front of the selection committee.**

#### 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 **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 & based on availability

NIRRCH 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'*

#### Schedule for Selection Procedure

Sr.	Particulars	Schedule
1.	Start of online application	30 <sup>th</sup> May 2022
2.	Last date for submission of online application	24 <sup>th</sup> June 2022
3.	Announcement of candidates shortlisted for online Interviews	Will be intimated on the NIRRCH website
4.	Date of Interview	Will be intimated on the NIRRCH website
5.	Date of Final interviews (off-line)	Will be intimated on the NIRRCH website

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