

## **FAQs (National Doctoral Fellowship (NDF))**

<b>Q.1</b>	<b>What are the eligibility criteria?</b>
Ans:	<p>The candidate must have secured cumulative grade point average of 7.5 on the scale of 10 or equivalent at both B.E/B.Tech/B.Pharm and M.E/M.Tech/M.Pharm. In addition to above the candidate should have qualified GATE/GPAT during the last 5 years. For SC/ST/PH candidates CGPA requirement will be 7.0 on the scale of 10 or equivalent or general candidate must have secured 75% marks or above &amp; 70% marks for candidates of reserved categories.</p> <p>The candidate should be less than 30 years of age as on 31st August of year of application however age relaxation of 5 years would be applicable to candidates belonging to SC/ST, women and physically challenged category</p>
<b>Q.2</b>	<b>What is the duration of the scheme?</b>
Ans:	<p>The duration of the scheme shall be for a period of 3 Years. No further extension will be granted, however, extendable by 6 months in special cases with the recommendation of Institute and approval of National Nodal Centre. Further extension of 6 months may be given on the recommendations with the approval of AICTE.</p>
<b>Q.3</b>	<b>Is there any reservation policy?</b>
Ans:	<p>Reservation for fellowship shall be as per Central Reservation Policy i.e. 15% to SC candidates, 7.5% to ST candidates and 27% to OBC candidates (NCL only), and will be observed at National level.</p>
<b>Q.4</b>	<b>What is the amount of fellowship?</b>
Ans:	<p>The candidate will be provided fellowship of Rs. 28,000/- per month + House rent allowance wherever the hostel accommodation/Institute accommodation is not available.(Rates of Ph.D. fellowship has been notified by Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Higher Education (Technical Section-I) vide F. Number 17-2/2014-TS.I dated 18.02.2015.)</p>
<b>Q.5</b>	<b>Is any contingency grant admissible?</b>
Ans:	<p>Contingency grant will be admissible at the rate of Rs.15,000/- per annum.</p>
<b>Q.6</b>	<b>What is the selection procedure?</b>
Ans:	<p>Applications will be invited by the National Nodal Center, NDF. The applications received will be short listed as per the eligibility criteria. Candidates will go through the selection procedure as decided by National Nodal Center, NDF in consultation with AICTE New Delhi.</p>
<b>Q.7</b>	<b>Is the student who has qualified 5 years integrated dual degree B.Tech/M.Tech program are eligible for admission as Ph.D. scholar under the scheme of NDF.</b>
Ans:	<p>Students who have done five years integrated B.Tech/M.Tech dual Degree are not eligible for Ph.D. admission under NDF scheme.</p>

<b>Q.8</b>	<b>Whether work experience is counted in terms of eligibility for applying for Ph.D. Admissions under NDF scheme?</b>
Ans:	Work experience is not a criterion for selection under NDF scheme
<b>Q.9</b>	<b>If a candidate gets selected in more than one Institute or in more than one department, does the candidate have the choice to choose the department after the interview?</b>
Ans:	Any such choice is not provided to the candidate after the interview.
<b>Q.10</b>	<b>Can I change my order of preference after the Interview?</b>
Ans:	It is not possible at all to change the order of preference after the interview.
<b>Q.11</b>	<b>How many times in a year will admissions to Ph.D. Programs under NDF take place?</b>
Ans:	Ph.D. program under NDF is only once in a year. Admission process starts from the month of May-June and final selection takes place in the month of July-August.
<b>Q.12</b>	<b>Is any TA/DA admissible for attending the interview?</b>
Ans:	There is no provision for TA/DA for attending the interview.
<b>Q.13</b>	<b>Do I need to send the Hard Copy to National Nodal Center, NDF, and copies to respective Institute Department?</b>
Ans:	There is no need to send any hard copy of the application form. However, candidate is required to submit relevant supporting documents ON-LINE while filling the application form.
<b>Q.14</b>	<b>Is there any application fee to be paid while applying on-line?</b>
Ans:	Yes. Application fee is to be paid on-line, Rs. 500/- in respect of General/OBC category students and Rs. 250/- in respect of reserved category students (SC/ST/PH). Payment of fees through payment gateway will be enabled in the portal on or before month of May of the relevant year.
<b>Q.15</b>	<b>Whether I can take admission in IIT's and NIT's under the scheme of NDF?</b>
Ans:	Selected candidates will be offered admission only in identified research centers of AICTE.
<b>Q.16</b>	<b>Is it necessary to attend interview at all the institutes as well as the departments from which I receive interview call letter?</b>
Ans:	There is no rule that one must attend interview at all the institute opted. However, it is advised that candidate may attend all of them to achieve wider scope of selection.
<b>Q.17</b>	<b>Whom to contact in case of any difficulties in accessing the portal for submitting online application?</b>
Ans:	Applicant can send an email at: <a href="mailto:ndfsupport@aicte-india.org">ndfsupport@aicte-india.org</a> and for technical issues in the portal students/Institutions can make call on - 011-29581333 (from 9.30 am to 5.30 pm) on all working days for all queries.