

PhD programme



OBJECTIVE

NIFT offers PhD in the areas of design, management and technology as applied with broad reference to textiles, fashion, lifestyle and apparel sectors of the industry. The programme is designed for the purpose of carrying out research in textiles, crafts, fashion and the apparel sector to create a body of original knowledge for the use of academia, industry, policy makers and other stakeholders.

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 &

PRELIMINARY REGISTRATION

On the basis of the Research Proposal and the Form submitted, the candidates will be shortlisted and invited for a presentation and personal interview. Based on the presentation and personal interview, the final selection of the candidates for the preliminary registration for PhD will be done. The Institute has a right to decide the mode of screening and testing the applicant for shortlisting.

ELIGIBILITY

Following qualifications are eligible for consideration for admission to the PhD programme.

1. Post Graduation Degree in the relevant area of Design, Management or Technology (or) equivalent qualification from an institute/ university of national/ international repute with minimum 7 years of education after secondary (Class X) last of which was the Master's degree.
2. Candidates with Master's Diploma are not eligible. Necessary equivalence or conversion document from Diploma to Degree, if applicable should be submitted for consideration of shortlisting.
3. Where the Master's Degree is found to be not relevant to the area of Research, a minimum 10 years of professional experience (teaching / working) in the proposed area of research is required.
4. A minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 6.0 on a 10 point scale (5.5 for SC/ST candidates) or equivalent as determined by the institute wherever letter grades are awarded;

or 55% (50% for SC/ST candidates) marks in aggregate (of all the years/semesters) where marks are awarded in the Post-Graduation degree.

5. The area of research of the applicant has to be relevant to the field of Fashion in terms of Design, Technology and Management.
6. Candidates who are employed besides fulfilling the above eligibility criteria are required to submit "No Objection" certificate from their current employer including NIFT.

TIMESCALE

Candidate will be expected to complete the supervised studies within five years, extended to a maximum of seven years by specific approval of the DG, NIFT after which the registration shall stand cancelled automatically.

QUALIFYING STAGES OF WORK

There are primarily two stages of work for candidates after preliminary registration and before the final registration as candidate for PhD

First Stage: Course Work

At the first stage, the supervisor will be assigned to the candidate who 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 supervisor/course advisor. 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



CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

Admission announcement (website)	Throughout the year
Admission announcement (advertisement in newspapers)	20 th March 2017
Availability of Application Form	Throughout the year at NIFT website
Last date of submission of Application Form	17 th April 2017
List of short listed candidates	28 th April 2017
Presentation & Interview and Selection	19 th May 2017
Announcement of Result	31 st May 2017
Registration	3 rd July 2017
Semester Starts	As per NIFT Academic Calendar

[iii] through mass open online courses (MOOC) from edX and Coursera. Minimum of 15 credits with 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.

Second Stage: Comprehensive Examination

After successfully clearing the first stage, candidate will reach the second stage of work before qualifying to become a final registered candidate for PhD Candidate 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, to test comprehension of the broad field of research and academic preparation and the potential to carry out the proposed research plan. A candidate is permitted to give a maximum of two attempts to pass the comprehensive examination and should be able to complete it within 24 months of date of joining the programme, failing which his/her registration will be cancelled.

FINAL REGISTRATION

Candidate shall be formally registered as a candidate for the PhD Degree after he/she has successfully completed the first and the second stage of work. Candidate 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

Each candidate shall be monitored by PhD Scholar's Progress Committee (PSPC). Candidate 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 any NIFT campus prescribed by NIFT. In the event of getting two consecutive unsatisfactory grades by any candidate, the registration will stand terminated.

SYNOPSIS SUBMISSION

It is essential for the candidate to hold Pre-PhD seminar before his/her Synopsis is considered. On completion of the research work, candidate

shall submit a Synopsis including bibliography of research work to the respective supervisor. The Synopsis will be examined by the panel of experts.

THESIS SUBMISSION

Candidate 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. Candidate will be recommended for viva-voce examination on the basis of the thesis evaluation. In case candidate 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 candidate 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.

FEE

The candidate will be required to pay the fee from the preliminary registration stage, as per the NIFT fee structure for the regular students. The fee has to be paid every semester till the submission of the Synopsis.

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 MOT. In case the contract of the employees is not renewed during the course of his research for any reason, he would not be eligible for the 50% tuition waiver henceforth. Additionally, the NIFT employees are allowed to waiver to 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.

ADMISSION guidelines



HOW TO APPLY

Applicants must register online for PhD admission in the website www.nift.ac.in. Applications 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. After filling up the application form online, **the applicant is required to take printout of the application form along with copies of self-attested certificates and other relevant documents and sent to The Additional Director General, NIFT Campus, Hauz Khas, New Delhi – 110 016 with super scribing on the envelope “APPLICATION for the PhD 2017” on or before 17th April 2017.**

The ‘Guide Information’ section in the application form is mandatory, the candidate should communicate with potential guide/supervisor list from NIFT website and discuss the topic, modify if required before submission. Application fee of amount Rs.2,300/- for candidates belonging to General / OBC Category or Rs. 1,300/- for candidates belonging to SC/ST should be submitted along with Application Form. The application fee can be submitted either online or by a Demand Draft drawn in favour of National Institute of Fashion Technology (NIFT) and payable at New Delhi.

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PLEASE NOTE

Application forms incomplete in any way or not having required educational / experience certificates or the latest photograph is liable to be rejected without intimation.

Important Enclosure with Application Form:

1. Printout of the application form
2. Bank Draft of required amount (or supporting fee-submission document for online payment).
3. Attested copies of Degrees/Diplomas/Marksheets

FEE STRUCTURE

	Academic Fee - 2017-18	Indian Citizen	NRI
		(For One Semester -6 months)	(Per year consisting of two semesters)
Payable Annually	TUITION FEE	Rs. 85,050/- (Non -refundable)	Rs. 6,46,000/- (Non refundable)
	LIBRARY FEE	Rs. 5,600/- (Per Year) (Non -refundable)	Rs. 37,300/- (Per Year) (Non -refundable)
	MEDICLAIM & STUDENT DEVELOPMENT FEE	Rs. 2,800/- (Per Year) (Non -refundable)	Rs. 23,900/- (Per Year) (Non -refundable)
	EXAM FEE	Rs. 2,800/- (Per Year)	Rs. 2,800/- (Per Year)
	TOTAL	Rs. 96,250/-	Rs. 7,10,000/-
One Time Payment	SECURITY DEPOSIT	Rs. 7,100/- (One Time) (Refundable)	Rs. 7,100/- (One Time) (Refundable)
	ALUMNI ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP FEE	Rs. 3,500/- (One Time) (Non -refundable)	Rs. 3,500/- (One Time) (Non -refundable)
	REGISTRATION FEE	Rs. 7,100/- (One Time)	Rs. 7,100/- (One Time)
	TOTAL	Rs. 17,700/-	Rs. 17,700/-
TOTAL AT ADMISSION TIME		Rs. 1,13,950/-	Rs. 7,27,700/-