



वन अनुसंधान संस्थान सम विश्वविद्यालय
पो 0 ऑ 0 आई.पी.ई. कौलागढ़ रोड, देहरादून. 248 195 उत्तराखंड
(यूजीसी अधिनियम 1956 की धारा 3 के तहत)

क्रमांक 617 /आर-5/पीएचडी/2023-एफआरआईडीयू

दिनांक: 03-7-2023

उद्घोषणा

पी0एच0डी0 वानिकी प्रवेश परीक्षा 2023

(केवल यूजीसी-नेट/यूजीसी-सीएसआईआर नेट/गेट/सीईईडी फेलोशिप वाले उम्मीदवारों के लिए)

वन अनुसंधान संस्थान सम विश्वविद्यालय पीएचडी-2023 में नामांकन के लिए केवल यूजीसी-नेट/यूजीसी-सीएसआईआर नेट/गेट/सीईईडी और इसी तरह के राष्ट्रीय स्तर के परीक्षण फेलोशिप वाले उम्मीदवारों से आवेदन आमंत्रित कर रहा है। जो उम्मीदवार पीएचडी वानिकी में कार्यक्रम-2023 के लिए शोध छात्र/छात्रा के रूप में मार्च 2024 से पंजीकरण के इच्छुक हैं, दिनांक 04.08.2023 तक निर्धारित फॉर्म में Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University, Dehradun के पक्ष में बैंक ड्राफ्ट के माध्यम से 1500/- रुपये के शुल्क के साथ आवेदन कर सकते हैं। अनुसंधान केंद्र-वार सीटों की स्थिति वन अनुसंधान संस्थान सम विश्वविद्यालय की वेबसाइट www.fridu.edu.in पर दिखाई गई है। आरक्षित श्रेणियों के लिए सीटें पीएचडी के अध्यादेश खंड 5.3.2 के अनुसार निर्धारित की गई हैं। पीएचडी के अध्यादेश खंड 5.3.2(एफ)(आई) के अनुसार प्रकाशित सीटों में से 3% सीटें विकलांग व्यक्तियों के लिए आरक्षित हैं। पात्रता के लिए कृपया पीएच.डी. अध्यादेश का खंड 3 देखें। पीएच डी अध्यादेश वेबसाइट पर उपलब्ध है। आवेदन पत्र जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि 04.08.2023 है। निर्धारित तिथि के बाद किसी भी आवेदन पत्र पर विचार नहीं किया जाएगा। निर्धारित फॉर्म वेबसाइट www.fridu.edu.in और www.fri.res.in से डाउनलोड किया जा सकता है। छह महीने का प्री-पीएचडी. अनिवार्य पाठ्यक्रम केवल एक बार अस्थायी रूप से माह नवंबर/दिसंबर, 2023 से आयोजित किया जाएगा।

जैसा कि ऊपर बताया गया है, उपरोक्त आवेदन मात्र फेलोशिप परीक्षा पास किए हुए उम्मीदवार ही कर सकते हैं बिना किसी फेलोशिप वाले उम्मीदवारों को आवेदन करने की आवश्यकता नहीं है।

साक्षात्कार अधिमानतः (प्रिफेबली) सितंबर-2023 के महीने के दौरान वन अनुसंधान संस्थान सम विश्वविद्यालय के संबंधित अनुसंधान केंद्रों पर ऑनलाइन/ऑफलाइन मोड में आयोजित किया जाएगा।

महत्वपूर्ण तिथियाँ

1. आवेदन पत्र जारी होने की तिथि : 05.07.2023
2. फॉर्म जमा करने की अंतिम तिथि : 04.08.2023

कुलसचिव,

वन अनुसंधान संस्थान सम विश्वविद्यालय
0135-2751826, 2224495, 2224329



**Forest Research Institute
Deemed to be University
Dehradun –248 195 (Uttarakhand)
(under Sec 3 of the UGC Act 1956)**

No. 618 /R-5/Ph.D./2023-FRIDU

Date: 03-7-2023

ANNOUNCEMENT

For

Ph.D. Programme in Forestry 2023

(Only for UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED candidates having fellowship)

The Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University is inviting applications from UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests candidates for enrolment in Ph.D. Programme in Forestry-2023. The candidates who are interested for registration as research scholar for the Ph.D. Degree in Forestry in Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University Dehradun for the term of March 2024 are advised to apply in prescribed form **latest by 04.08.2023** with a fee of **Rs.1500/- through Bank Draft** in favor of Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University, Dehradun. The research centre-wise position of seats is shown on website www.fridu.edu.in of FRI Deemed to be University. The seats to reserved categories have been earmarked as per clause 5.3.2 of the Ph.D. Ordinance. Out of the published seats 3% seats are reserved for the persons with disabilities as per clause 5.3.2(f) (i) of Ph.D. Ordinance. For eligibility please see clause 3 of the Ph.D. Ordinance available on the website. Six-months Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory course would be conducted only once tentatively from the month of November/December, 2023 No application form will be entertained after the prescribed date. **The last date for submission of application form is 04.08.2023. The prescribed form may be downloaded from the website www.fridu.edu.in and www.fri.res.in.** Candidates without any fellowship as mentioned above need not to apply.

The interview would be organized in online/offline mode at respective Research Centres of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University preferably during the month of September-2023.

Important Dates

1. Date of issue of application form : 05.07.2023
2. Last date for submission of form : 04.08.2023

Registrar,
FRI Deemed to be University
0135-2751826, 2224495, 2224329



**Forest Research Institute
Deemed to be University
Dehradun –248 195 (Uttarakhand)
(under Sec. 3 of the UGC Act 1956)**

No. 618 /R-5/Ph.D./2023-FRIDU

Date: 03.07.2023

ANNOUNCEMENT

For

Ph.D. Programme in Forestry - 2023

(Only for UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests candidates having fellowship)

The Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University is inviting applications from UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests candidates for enrolment in Ph.D. Programme in Forestry-2023. The candidates who are interested for registration as research scholar for the Ph.D. Degree in Forestry in Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University Dehradun for the term of March 2024 are advised to apply in prescribed form **latest by 04.08.2023** with a fee of **Rs.1500/- through Bank Draft** in favor of Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University, Dehradun. The research centre-wise position of seats is shown on website www.fridu.edu.in of FRI Deemed to be University. The seats to reserved categories have been earmarked as per clause 5.3.2 of the Ph.D. Ordinance. Out of the published seats 3% seats are reserved for the persons with disabilities as per clause 5.3.2(f) (i) of Ph.D. Ordinance. For eligibility please see clause 3 of the Ph.D. Ordinance available on the website. Six-months Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory course would be conducted only once tentatively from the month of November/December, 2023 No application form will be entertained after the prescribed date. **The last date for submission of application form is 04.08.2023. The prescribed form may be downloaded from the website www.fridu.edu.in and www.fri.res.in. Candidates without any fellowship as mentioned above need not to apply.**

The interview would be organized in online/offline mode at respective Research Centres of Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University preferably during the month of September-2023.

Important Dates

1. Date of issue of application form : 05.07.2023
2. Last date for submission of form : 04.08.2023

Ph.D. Vacancies -2023

Sl.No.	Name of the Research Centre	Discipline- wise total no. of Seats	Category wise number of seats
1.	Arid Forest Research Institute, Jodhpur	Forest Bio informatics-01	01-UR
		Forest Biotechnology-03	02-UR 01-OBC
		Forest Botany-01	01-UR
		Forest Entomology-02	01-UR 01-SC
		Forest Pathology-02	01-OBC 01-UR
2.	Central Pulp & Paper Research Institute, Saharanpur	Pulp & Paper Technology- 02	01-EWS 01-UR
3.	Forest Research Institute, Dehradun	Chemistry of Forest Products-07	02-OBC 03-UR 01-ST 01-SC
		Conservation Social Science-01 (FRCER-Prayagraj)	FRCER-Prayagraj 01-OBC

		Forest Bio-informatics- 01	01-SC
		Forest Biotechnology-03	01-EWS 01-UR 01-OBC
		Forest Botany-01 (FRCER-Prayagraj)	01-UR
		Forest Ecology & Environment- 02 (FRI-01, FRCER-Prayagraj-01)	FRI-01-UR FRCER-Prayagraj-01-OBC
		Forest Entomology- 01	01-SC
		Forest Genetics-01	01-ST
		Forest Pathology- 02	01-UR 01-OBC
		Non Wood Forest Products -01 (FRCER-Prayagraj)	FRCER-Prayagraj-01-EWS
		Silviculture-01	01-UR
		Soil Science- 02	02-UR 01-OBC
		Wood Science & Technology-01	01-SC
4.	G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment & Development, Almora	Chemistry of Forest Products-01	01-UR
		Climate Change & Forest Influence -02	01-UR 01-OBC
		Environment Management-03	01-UR 01-ST 01-SC
		Forest Biotechnology-05	02-UR 2-OBC 01-EWS
		Forest Botany-05	02-UR 01-OBC 01-SC 01-EWS
		Forest Ecology & Environment-07	03-UR 02-OBC 01-SC 01-ST
		Forest Genetics-01	01-UR
		Forest Hydrology-01	01-OBC
		Non Wood Forest Products -01	01-SC
		Soil Science-01	01-EWS
5.	Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Shimla	Forest Genetics-02	01-UR 01-OBC
		Forest Pathology-02	02-UR
6.	Indian Institute of Forest Management, Bhopal	Climate Change & Forest Influence-01	01-OBC
		Conservation Social Science-03	01-SC 01-ST 01-EWS
		Environment Management-02	01-UR 01-OBC
		Forest Ecology & Environment-01	01-UR
		Forest Geo-Informatics-01	01-SC
		Forestry Extension-01	01-OBC
		Pulp & Paper Technology-01	01-UR

7.	Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, Dehradun	Forest Ecology & Environment- 01	01-UR
		Forest Geo-Informatics-02	01-UR 01-OBC
		Forest Hydrology-01	01-ST
8.	Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Hyderabad	Forest Pathology-01	01-SC
		Non Wood Forest Products-02	01-OBC 01-EWS
		Soil Science-01	01-UR
9.	Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, Coimbatore	Forest Biotechnology-07	03-UR 02-OBC 01-SC 01-EWS
		Forest Ecology & Environment-01	01-UR
		Forest Entomology-06	01-UR 02-OBC 01-SC 01-ST 01-EWS
10.	Institute of Forest Productivity, Ranchi	Forest Biotechnology-02	01-OBC 01-SC
		Forest Genetics-05	04-UR 01-OBC
		Forest Geo-Informatics-02	01-UR 01-SC
		Silviculture-01	01-ST
11.	Institute of Wood Science & Technology, Bangalore	Forest Ecology & Environment-03	01-UR 01-OBC 01-EWS
		Forest Entomology-01	01-OBC
		Forest Genetics-02	01-UR 01-SC
		Forest Pathology-02	01-UR 01-OBC
		Silviculture-02	02-UR
		Wood Science & Technology-13	04-UR 04-OBC 02-SC 01-ST 02-EWS
12.	Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi	Forest Ecology & Environment-01	01-UR
		Forest Entomology-01	01-UR
		Soil Science-01	01-OBC
		Wildlife Science-01	01-SC
13.	Rain Forest Research Institute, Jorhat	Forest Botany-02	01-UR 01-ST
		Forest Ecology & Environment- 01	01-OBC
		Forest Entomology-01	01-UR
		Forest Genetics-01	01-SC
		Forest Hydrology-01	01-OBC
		Forest Pathology-06 (RFRI-01, FRC-BR Aizawl-05)	RFRI- 01 01-EWS FRC-BR Aizawl-05 03-UR 01-OBC 01-SC

		Forest Seed Technology-01	01-ST
		Plant Physiology-01	01-OBC
14.	Tropical Forest Research Institute, Jabalpur	Chemistry of Forest Products-01	01-EWS
		Forest Biotechnology-02	01-UR 01-OBC
		Forest Genetics-03	02-UR 01-SC
		Non Wood Forest Products -01	01-OBC
15.	Wildlife Institute of India, Chandrabani, Dehradun	Environment Management-01	01-UR
		Forest Botany-01	01-UR
		Wildlife Science-02	01-UR 01-ST

Registrar,
FRI Deemed to be University.
0135-2751826, 2224495, 2224329

Note:-

1. The Forest Research Centre for Eco-Rehabilitation, Prayagraj (FRCE Prayagraj) is a centre of FRI Dehradun. The candidates who are applying for the seats of FRCE Prayagraj are required to mention in the application form at appropriate place and their candidature will be considered for FRCE Prayagraj seats only. And the candidates who are applying against the seats of FRI, Dehradun, their candidature will be considered for FRI, Dehradun only. The interview of candidates qualified in Ph.D. Entrance Test against the FRCE Prayagraj seats will be conducted in FRI, Dehradun. On selection, their synopsis seminar, progress reports presentations and pre-thesis submission seminar will be conducted in FRI Dehradun.
2. Similarly, Forest Research Centre for Bamboo & Rattan Aizawl (FRC-BR, Aizawl) is a centre of RFRI, Jorhat. The candidates who are applying for the seats of FRC-BR, Aizawl are required to mention in the application form at appropriate place and their candidature will be considered for FRC-BR, Aizawl seats only. And the candidates who are applying against the seats of RFRI, Jorhat, their candidature will be considered for RFRI, Jorhat only. The interview of candidates qualified in Ph.D. Entrance Test against the FRC-BR, Aizawl seats will be conducted in RFRI, Jorhat. On selection, their synopsis seminar, progress reports presentations and pre-thesis submission seminar will be conducted in RFRI Jorhat.

**** Name & Address of Nodal Officers & Research Centres for which seats are published**

1. Dr. Dr. Desha Meena, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist-C Arid Forest Research Institute, P.O. Krishi Mandi, New Pali Road, Jodhpur – 342 005.
2. Dr A.K. Dixit, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Central Pulp & Paper Research Institute, P.O. Box 174, Star Paper Mill Road, Himmat Nagar, Saharanpur -247001 (U.P)
3. Dr. A.K. Tripathi, Scientist-G & Registrar, Forest Research Institute Deemed to be University, P.O.I.P.E. Kaulagarh Road, Dehradun-248195.
4. Dr. Mithilesh Singh, Scientist-G (Nodal Officer FRIDU), G.B. Pant Institute of Himalayan Environment and Development, Kosi- Katarmal, Almora – 263643
5. Dr. Raj Kumar Verma, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist-G, Himalayan Forest Research Institute, Conifer Campus, Panthaghati, Shimla – 171 009, Himachal Pradesh.
6. Dr. Bal Krishna Upadhyay, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Indian Institute of Forest Management, Nehru Nagar, Bhopal 462 003, M.P.
7. Dr. Hitendra Padalia, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Sci. /Eng. SF & Head, Forestry and Ecology Department, Indian Institute of Remote Sensing, 4-Kalidas Road, Dehradun-248001
8. Dr. Deepa M., (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist-C, Institute of Forest Biodiversity, Post Box No.2129, Dulapally, Hakimpet (P.O.), Hyderabad-500014.
9. Dr. A. Karthikeyan, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist-F, Institute of Forest Genetics & Tree Breeding, P.B. No. 1061, Coimbatore – 641 002.
10. Mrs. Ruby Susana Kujur, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist, Institute of Forest Productivity, ‘Aranyodaya’, Ranchi Gumla, N.H.-23, Lalgutwa, Jharkhand, Ranchi – 834 002.
11. Dr. A. Muthukumar, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist-E, Institute of Wood Science & Technology, 18th Cross, P.O. Malleswaram, Bangalore - 560 003
12. Dr. V. Anitha, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Principal Scientist, Kerala Forest Research Institute, Peechi P.O. Thrissur District, Kerala – 680653.
13. Dr. R.K. Borah, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist-G, Rain Forest Research Institute, P.O. Box No. 136, Deovan, Sotai –Ali, A.T. Road, Jorhat, Assam.
14. Dr. Pramod Kumar, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist-C, Tropical Forest Research Institute, P.O. R.F.R.C., Mandla Road, Jabalpur – 482 021.
15. Dr. S.K. Gupta, (Nodal Officer FRIDU), Scientist-F, Wildlife Institute of India, P.O. Box # 18, Chandrabani, Dehra Dun – 248 001 (Uttarakhand).



Photograph
(to be pasted &
signed by the
candidate)

FOREST RESEARCH INSTITUTE DEEMED to be UNIVERSITY
(Under Section 3 of the UGC Act 1956)

APPLICATION FORM FOR PH.D. PROGRAMME IN FORESTRY – 2023

(Only for UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests candidates having fellowship)
(Before filling up the Application form please go through the Ph.D. Ordinance & guidelines available on website)

ROLL No. _____

(to be filled by office)

- Candidate's Name [Ms./Mrs./Mr.]:
(in English, in Block Letters) _____
(in Hindi compulsory) _____
First Name _____ Middle Name _____ Last Name _____
- Father's Name: _____
- Mother's Name: _____
- Date of Birth : Date _____ Month _____ Year _____
- Gender : _____
- Category (i)
(please ✓) :

SC	ST	EWS	OBC (Non-creamy layer)	GEN	PH
- (ii) Sub-Category
(please ✓) :

IN-SERVICE	UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests qualified (please Attach score card) (percentile shall not be considered)
------------	---
- Name of Organization where employed: _____
(In case of In-service candidates)
- Designation & whether Permanent/Temporary: _____
(In case of In-service candidates)
- Nationality: _____
- E-mail address: (in block letters) _____
- Address (1) : _____
(For Correspondence)
Distt. _____ State _____ Pin Code: _____
Phone No. _____
- Permanent Address : _____
Distt. _____ State _____ Pin Code: _____
Phone No. _____
- Qualifying Examination

_____	_____
Passed	***Appearing

Name of Qualifying (P.G.) Exam (Please attach proof)	Name of the University	Subject of specialization in Post-graduation (Please attach proof)	Percentage of marks
Post Graduate in.....			

15. Names of two references with contact address and telephone nos.

1. _____ 2. _____

16. Name of Research Centre applied for : _____
17. Discipline in which registration is required: _____
(as per Discipline published for the Research center applied for and for eligibility please see clause 3.3 of the Ph.D. Ordinance, rules also given below application form)
18. Details of application form fee deposited. (Bank draft towards application fee to be attached alongwith form)
- | DD No. & Date | Name of Issuing Branch | Amount (Rs.) |
|---------------|------------------------|--------------|
| | | |

DECLARATION

Certified that I am eligible for admission in the Ph.D. Programme in FRI Deemed to be University as per the rules of the University. The details given by me above are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In case it is found in due course that the information given by me above is incorrect, action may be taken against me as per the rules of the FRI Deemed to be University and my candidature will stand automatically cancelled.

Place:

Date:

(Signature of Candidate)

Recommendation of Nodal Officer of concerned Research Centre

- a) Whether eligible for admission in Ph.D. Programme _____
- b) Availability of Laboratory facility _____
- c) Name of qualifying exam for fellowship-----

(Signature of Nodal Officer)

Candidates are advised to read following instructions carefully:-

1. Please attach attested copies of Marks- sheets of Post Graduation, 10th class and Caste certificate, UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level fellowship tests qualified marks-sheet and certificate compulsorily. The candidates, who are appearing in final exam of qualifying exam (Post graduation) this year, are required to attach marks-sheet of 1st year of Post graduation course. They will also have to give a proof of having qualified above exams along with score card (**not percentile**) to be attached with the form. The exam should have been cleared by the applicant during previous two years (the period of two years shall be counted from the last date of submission of the form).
2. The candidates of OBC (non-creamy layer) as per National Commission for Backward Classes (NCBC) list shall have to produce a certificate only in the format prescribed by NCBC. The OBC (Non Creamy Layer) candidates are also required to produce latest Income certificate as per Govt. of India rules. Incomplete forms are not acceptable and will be treated as cancelled.
3. The candidates of Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) shall have to produce an Income & Assets Certificate in the format as prescribed by Govt. of India.
4. The candidates will be called for interview merit-wise that will be prepared on the basis of score secured in said examination in a ratio of 1:5 with respect to seats and category. The interview will be conducted discipline-wise by the Head of Division concerned/Nodal Officer of respective research centres to discuss their research interest/area. The marks of candidates appeared in the interview will be sent to the Registrar, FRI Deemed University, who will prepare the list of selected candidates as per merit on the basis of marks obtained in **UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests** and in interview applying reservation policy, provided that for selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% to the **UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests** score (**The shall have to provide score-card of the marks obtained in the exam, percentile score shall not be considered**) and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given.
5. As far as possible the candidate shall be assigned the test centre of his/her choice, however the University reserves the right to assign any appropriate test centre to any candidate. The selected candidates may be advised by the University to join any research centre under FRI Deemed to be University where required seats and expertise may be available.
6. *If the applicant is in service in a graded pay scale in a government organization/statutory autonomous body/private organization then please attach a **'no objection certificate' from the employer** as per the format given in clause 13 available in this folder. In absence of such certificate the Application form shall not be accepted.* Such applicants shall have to take two years study leave as per rules. The in-service candidate must have to submit his/her application through his/her employer along with an NOC from the appropriate authority.
7. A research scholar shall be required to be present in the research centre concerned for a minimum period of two years. Their presence shall be duly recorded and maintained in the Division concerned.
8. ****The application form is to be submitted/sent to the research centre concerned for which the form is filled. The Nodal Officer of the Research Centre will send the application forms to the FRI Deemed to be University. The forms directly send to FRI Deemed to be University shall not be entertained. Applicants for FRI, Dehradun research centre only may directly submit their forms to the Registrar, FRI Deemed to be University.**
9. **The Physically Handicapped candidates** will have to attach Disability certificate issued by the competent authority.
10. In case of any discrepancy the form will be rejected **and the application fee shall not be refunded.**
11. **The interview will be held on all centers on the same date.**
12. Ph.D. Programmes through part-time mode will be permitted only to the in-service candidates employed on a regular basis/on deputation at ICFRE institutes/Research Centers of FRI Deemed to be University and they shall be required to take study leave during the period when the regular classes for course work are being conducted in FRI Deemed to be University or its research centers. An in-service candidate other than the persons employed on a regular basis/on deputation at ICFRE institutes/Research Centers of FRI Deemed to be University shall be required to take leave to pursue Ph.D. for a minimum period of 2 years as minimum residential period from the date of commencement of Pre-Ph.D. compulsory course or for any other course recommended by RAC.

Rules

3. Eligibility criteria for admission to the Ph.D. Programme.-The following are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme:

(1) Candidates who have completed:

- i. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8 semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a pointscale wherever grading system is followed
or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.

A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-year/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.

- (2) Candidates who have completed the M.Phil. programme with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of educational institutions, shall be eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme. A relaxation of 5% marks or its equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently-Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.
- (3) **Candidate who meets the requirement mentioned above may select a field of study out of disciplines given below to pursue Ph.D. to be awarded in Forestry only:-**

Sl. No.	Discipline (Subject of study)	Qualification for admission in doctoral program in the light of clause 3(1) above i.e. A 1-year/2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-year/8 semester bachelor's degree programme or a 2-year/4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is followed. or equivalent qualification from a foreign educational institution accredited by an assessment and accreditation agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country to assess, accredit or assure quality and standards of the educational institution.
1.	Silviculture	Master's Degree in Forestry/Agriculture/Botany
2.	Forest Seed Tech.	Master's Degree in Forestry/Agriculture/Botany
3.	Forest Genetics	Master's Degree in Botany, Agriculture or Forestry with specialization in Genetics
4.	Forest Botany	Master's Degree in Botany with specialization in Systematic Botany/Plant Physiology/Wood Anatomy/Biodiversity Conservation/Ethno Botany or Master's Degree in Agriculture with specialization in Plant Physiology or Post-graduate degree in Forestry
5.	Forest Pathology	Master's Degree in Botany/Forestry/Wood Science & Technology/Agriculture, with specialization in Plant Pathology/Microbiology or Project work/dissertation in Forest Pathology/Plant Pathology Or Master's degree in Microbiology with specialization or Project work/dissertation in Forest Pathology/Plant Pathology Or Master's degree or Bachelor's Degree in Plant Pathology/Mycology/Plant Pathology
6.	Forest Entomology	Master's Degree in Forestry or Master's Degree in Zoology with specialization in Entomology or Master's Degree in Agriculture with specialization in Entomology
7.	Soil Science	Master's Degree in Chemistry, Microbiology Geology, Soil Science or Agriculture (with specialization in Agricultural Chemistry, Soil Science)

8.	Forest Ecology & Environment	Master's Degree in Biological Science/ Life Science/Environmental Science/Forestry/ Marine Biology/ Environmental Engineering /Aquatic Biology Candidate must have studied ecology as one of the subjects in above Master's degree courses
9.	Forest Management	Master's Degree in Mathematics/Statistics/Computer Application/ Forestry/Agriculture Forestry
10.	Wood Science & Technology	Master's Degree in Physics/Chemistry/Engineering or Botany with specialization in Wood Anatomy or Post Graduate Degree in Wood Science & Technology
11.	Chemistry of Forest Products	Master's Degree in Chemistry (preferable organic specialization), Master's degree in Analytical Chemistry, Pharmaceutical Chemistry, Industrial Chemistry, Medicinal Chemistry, Natural Products Chemistry, Biochemistry, Agricultural Chemicals, Polymer Chemistry, MD in Pharmacology or equivalent in Indian System of Medicine, Masters in Pharmacy, M. Tech in Chemical technology/Chemical Engineering, M.Sc.(Tech) in Pharmaceutical Chemistry
12.	Pulp & Paper Technology	Master's Degree in Chemistry, Chemical Engineering or Paper Technology
13.	Forestry Extension	Master's Degree in Agriculture Extension/Forestry
14.	Non Wood Forest Products (NWFP)	Master's Degree in Botany/Forestry, Organic Chemistry, Agriculture with specialization in cultivation of medicinal plants, MD in Pharmacology or equivalent in Indian System of Medicine
15.	Forest Biotechnology	Master's Degree in Biotechnology or Post graduate degree in life sciences with specialization in Biotechnology or Post Graduate degree in Biochemistry/Molecular biology/ Microbiology
16.	Forest Bio informatics	Master's Degree in Bio informatics or Post graduate degree in Forestry/Botany with minimum one year PG Diploma in Bio informatics from a recognized institution or Post Graduate Degree in Computer Science or Post Graduate Degree in Information Technology or Post Graduate Degree in Maths/Physics/Statistics with P.G. Diploma in Computer Science.
17.	Environment Management	Master's Degree in Environment Management/ Environmental Science or M. Tech Environmental Engineering or Post Graduate degree in Chemistry with specialization in Environmental Chemistry.
18.	Wildlife Science	Master's Degree in Forestry/Wildlife Science/Zoology/Botany/Environmental Management/Biodiversity & Conservation or Master's degree in any science subjects with recognized Postgraduate Diploma in Wildlife Management.
19.	Forest Geo-informatics	M. Tech in Remote Sensing & GIS Or Master's Degree in any Science subject with Master's Diploma in Remote Sensing/GIS Or Master's degree in Geo-informatics Or Master's Degree in any Science subject but candidate must have studied Remote Sensing-GIS as one of the paper Or Master's Degree in any Science subject but candidate must have undergone minimum 6 months specialized training in Remote Sensing-GIS."
20.	Forest Hydrology	Master's Engineering Degree in Hydrology/Water Resource Engineering/Civil Engineering, Post Graduate Degree in Forestry, and Environment Management/Sciences with specialization in GIS/Remote Sensing/Watershed Management/ Master's Degree in Soil and Water Conservation Engineering/ Post Graduate Degree in Irrigation and drainage Engineering
21.	Plant Physiology	Master's Degree in Plant Physiology, Post Graduate Degree in Botany with specialization in Plant Physiology.
22.	Application of Information Technology in Forestry	Master's Degree in Forestry with at least one year P.G Diploma in Information Technology/Computer Science from recognized institution.
23.	Climate Change & Forest Influence	Master's Degree in Physical Sciences/ Biological Science /Life Science/ Environment Science /Environment Management/Forestry/ Botany/Physics/ Chemistry/Agriculture/Climate Change/Natural Resource Management/Marine Biology/Soil Science OR M. Tech. in Remote Sensing & GIS/M.Tech. in Environmental Engineering
24.	Conservation Social Science	Master's Degree in Forestry/Wood Science & Technology/Environment Management/Cellulose and Paper Technology/Wildlife Sciences/Life Sciences/Bio Sciences/Sociology/Social Sciences /Geography/ Economics/Natural Resource Management/Rural Development/Physical Sciences

4. Duration of the Programme.-

- (1) Ph.D. Programme shall be for a minimum duration of three years, including course work, and a maximum duration of six (6) years from the date of admission to the Ph.D. programme.
- (2) A maximum of an additional two (2) years can be given; provided, however, that the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme should not exceed eight (8) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

Accordingly, In case a Research Scholar does not submit his/her thesis within Six calendar years from the date of admission unless the term is extended by the Research Degree Committee on the recommendation of the Research Advisory Committee for a period of 1 calendar year, his/her registration shall lapse.

Provided that Research Degree Committee on the specific recommendation of Research Advisory Committee concerned may extend the term of registration of a research scholar for one more year.

Provided further that, female Ph.D. scholars and Persons with Disabilities (having more than 40% disability) may be allowed an additional relaxation of two (2) years; (maximum upto 1 year at a time) however, the total period for completion of a Ph.D. programme in such cases should not exceed ten (10) years from the date of admission in the Ph.D. programme.

The recommendations of the R.A.Cs for extension of term of registration must reach this office before expiry of the term of registration. Due fees would be charged as per University rules for each extension.

- (3) Female Ph.D. Scholars may be provided Maternity Leave/Child Care Leave for up to 240 days in the entire duration of the Ph.D. programme **with the approval of Vice Chancellor on the recommendation of Supervisor/Head of Division/Nodal Officer of the Research Centre concerned, however, such leave would not be reckoned for calculation of minimum requirement of 36 months for submission of Ph.D. thesis and in such a situation, requirement of full 36 months needs to be completed.**

5. Procedure for admission. –

5.1 The admission shall be based on the criteria notified by the institution, keeping in view the guidelines/norms in this regard issued by the UGC and other statutory/regulatory bodies concerned, and taking into account the reservation policy of the Central Government from time to time.

5.2 Admission to the Ph.D. programme shall be made once in a year using the following methods:

5.2.1 The university shall admit candidates by two stages process:

5.2.1 (A) On interview basis for students qualifies for fellowship/scholarship only in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests:

At first stage the university shall admit students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests based on an interview preferably during the month of June/July, for published seats. The applicant should have been cleared the exam during previous two years from the last date of submission of the form in the University.

At first stage the seats shall be published for the students who qualify for fellowship/scholarship in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests for appearing in interview and the candidates will be called for interview merit-wise that will be prepared on the basis of score secured in said examination in a ratio of 1:5 with respect to seats and category. The interview will be conducted discipline-wise by the Head of Division concerned/Nodal Officer of respective research centres to discuss their research interest/area. The marks of candidates appeared in the interview will be sent to the Registrar, FRI Deemed University, who will prepare the list of selected candidates as per merit on the basis of marks obtained in UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests and in interview applying reservation policy, provided that for selection of candidates, a weightage of 70% to the UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests score **(they shall have to provide score-card of the marks obtained in the exam, percentile score shall not be considered)** and 30% to the performance in the interview/viva-voce shall be given. The list prepared by the Registrar, FRIDU would be placed before Joint Admission Committee constituted by Vice Chancellor, FRIDU. The Joint Admission Commission shall examine the list of selected candidates keeping in view all aspects and shall approve the list and finally be approved by the Director, FRI/VC, FRIDU and would be uploaded on the website.

5.2.1 (B) On entrance test basis followed by interviews basis for all students either qualified UGC-NET/UGC-CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests or not:

In second stage for remaining vacant seats, the university shall admit students (either qualified UGC-NET/UGC- CSIR NET/GATE/CEED and similar National level tests or not) through an Entrance Test conducted at the level of the university **followed by Interview**. The Entrance Test syllabus shall consist of 50% of research methodology and 50% shall be subject-specific. The Entrance Test shall be conducted preferably during the month of August-September conducted by the FRI Deemed to be University once in a year followed by an Interview of the candidates who will qualify the entrance test.

5.2.2 For both stages, the candidate shall apply for registration to the Registrar FRI Deemed to be University or through Nodal Officers of the recognized centers of the FRI Deemed to be University on the prescribed form as given in Appendix-1 along with the prescribed fee. The notification and application form will be made available on website sufficiently in advance.

5.2.3 The application form shall be accompanied by the documents as may be prescribed in the application form.

5.2.5(ii) The successful candidates admitted through both stages shall be directed to report to the Registrar FRI Deemed to be University/Nodal Officers of research centres concerned for compulsory course work of six months duration as per Ph.D. Ordinance, which would be organized only once from the month October/November of the year of Entrance Test and Interview.

5.2.5(iii) Merely qualifying the entrance test and interview does not mean that the candidate will be registered for Ph.D. Programme. The registration in the Ph. D. Programme shall be subject to the condition defined in Ordinance, passing of pre-Ph.D. compulsory course work, submission of synopsis duly approved by Research Advisory Committee, availability of suitable supervisor and the approval of Director FRI/ Vice Chancellor FRI Deemed to be University

5.2.6 For admit students the Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory Course would be organized once in a year and would start from the month October/November of the year of Entrance Test & Interview. A Ph.D. scholar must obtain a minimum of 55% marks or its equivalent grade in the UGC 10-point scale in the course work to be eligible to continue in the programme. The Pre-Ph.D. Compulsory Course shall be commenced in the month of October/November, and period of admission in Doctor of Philosophy in Forestry Programme shall be counted from September of that year (in which candidate will appear for the entrance test/interview) irrespective of date of admission and commencement of Pre-Ph.D. compulsory course work. The date of registration (after passing of 6 months Pre-Ph.D. compulsory course and submission of synopsis approved by Research Advisory Committee) shall be 1st March of the following year. The scholar will normally be required to submit synopsis duly approved by Research Advisory Committee by the end of August for registration from 1st March of the following year of entrance test. On cogent reasons, Vice Chancellor may grant extension i.e. upto October for submission of approved synopsis, but in that case a fine of Rs.2000/- shall be charged and registration will be done w.e.f. 1st September of the following year of entrance test.

5.2.7 On successful completion of the Pre Ph.D. Compulsory course work (as per clause 9) the candidates shall prepare the synopsis (in the light of clause 5.2.1(c).) of their research plan and present before Research Advisory Committee (RAC) concerned for approval. The Member Secretary/convenor (Supervisor) shall conduct the meeting of the RAC for synopsis seminar and shall send the proceedings of the synopsis seminar (in **Appendix-7**) along with the approved synopsis (5 copies) duly signed by all the expert members of the RAC on the prescribed format as given in **Appendix-6**, to the Registrar FRI Deemed to be University for further action. **In the Synopsis Seminar the RAC shall consider the following aspects, viz. whether:**

5.2.8 The candidate possesses the competence for the proposed research;

5.2.9 The research work can be suitably undertaken at the Institution

5.2.10 The proposed area of research can contribute to new/additional knowledge.

5.2.11 The University shall maintain the list of all the Ph.D. registered students on its website on year-wise basis. The list shall include the name of the registered candidate, topic of his/her research, name of his/her supervisor/co-supervisor, date of enrolment/registration.

5.3. Notification of seats:- The university notify a prospectus well in advance on the institution's website specifying the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, the procedure for admission, and all other relevant information for the candidates;

5.3.1(1) The vacancies shall be obtained in advance from all the research centres/Heads of Divisions of FRI.

5.3.1(2) All the research centres shall decide on an annual basis through their academic bodies a predetermined and manageable number of Ph.D. scholars to be admitted depending on the number of available Research Supervisors and other academic and physical facilities available, keeping in mind the norms regarding the scholar- teacher ratio (as indicated in Para 6.5), laboratory, library and such other facilities;

5.3.1(3) The vacancies shall be notified well in advance in the institutional website and through advertisement in at least two (2) national newspapers, of which at least one (1) shall be in the regional language, the number of seats for admission, subject/discipline-wise distribution of available seats, criteria for admission, procedure for admission, examination centre(s) where entrance test(s) shall be conducted and all other relevant information for the benefit of the candidates;

5.3.2 While granting admission to students to Ph.D. Programmes, the University will adhere to the Central Government Reservation Policy,

(a) For implementing the Reservation policy, "Reservation Rosters for Direct Recruitment on All India Basis by Open Competition from 1.2.2019, (As per Swamy's Hand Book 2022) upto 200 points/positions or whichever will be applicable shall be implemented on the available vacancies for all the disciplines of all the research centres collectively. The name of disciplines and research centres shall be arranged alphabetically.

(b) Out of the specified 200 points roster, 15%(30 points/positions) shall be for Scheduled Castes, 7.5%(15 points/positions) for Scheduled Tribes, 27% (54 points/positions) for Other Backward Classes (non -creamy layer) and 10% (20 points/positions) shall be for Economically Weaker Sections. The remaining points will be unreserved. In case of applicability of any other roster the seats would be distributed following Swamy's Hand Book.

(c) The seats reserved for the SC/ST shall be filled by the SC/ST candidates in merit. However in case of non-availability of the eligible candidates the reserved seats may be interchanged between the SC and ST. If still any seat remains unfilled, the same shall be left vacant.

(d) If the seats reserved for the OBCs (Non-creamy layer) remain vacant, the said seats shall be filled with merit-wise available candidate irrespective of category

(e) The roster shall not be carried forward for next year; it would be implemented only for that particular year and would automatically be lapsed after completion of admission process for that particular year. Every year separate/new model roster shall be prepared.

(f) **Supernumerary seats:**

(i) Persons with Disabilities (PWD) – 3% of total intake. 1% each for the persons with low vision or blindness, hearing impaired and loco motor disability or cerebral palsy (interchangeable in case of non-availability of candidates in the sub-categories). If sufficient candidates are not available in a sub-category then candidates from other sub-categories shall be considered in their place.

5.4 The registration letter for the Ph.D. degree will be issued only after receipt of the prescribed fees to the FRI University.

Indian Scholars Fee structure

Fee structure		
Fee to be deposited at the time of initial reporting		
	Compulsory Course Fee (to be paid to respective research centre)	8000/-
	Library Fee	4000/-
	Caution Money (Refundable (to be paid to respective Research Centre	5000/-
Fee to be deposited at the time of Registration after Synopsis Seminar		
	Registration Fee/Enrolment Fee	22000/-
	Annual Fee (to be deposited till submission of thesis)	15000/-
	Miscellaneous	3000/-
	Laboratory Fee (to be charged by the Research Centres concerned annually for first two years of registration	7000/-
	Library Fee per year (to be paid to respective research centres till submission of thesis)	3500/-
	Late Fee	1000/-
Other Fees		
	Renewal or Registration Fee	4000/-
	Thesis Fee (to be deposited at the time of submission of thesis	20000/-
	Revision of Thesis Fee	3000/-
	Viva-Voce Exam. Fee (To be deposited at the time of submission of thesis	4000/-
	Provisional Degree Fee & Degree Fee (To be deposited at the time of submission of thesis	500/-
	Transcript fee (Maximum upto 5 copies) and more than 5 @ Rs. 500/- per copy	1000/-

13. Ph.D. through Part-time Mode-

(1) Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted to in-service candidates as under, provided all the conditions stipulated in these Regulations are fulfilled.

(a). Ph.D. programmes through part-time mode will be permitted only to the in-service candidates employed on a regular basis/on deputation at ICFRE institutes/Research Centers of FRI Deemed to be University and they shall be required to take study leave during the period when the regular classes for course work are being conducted in FRI Deemed to be University or its research centers.

(b). An in-service candidate other than the persons employed on a regular basis/on deputation at ICFRE institutes/Research Centers of FRI Deemed to be University shall be required to take leave to pursue Ph.D. for a minimum period of 2 years as minimum residential period from the date of commencement of Pre-Ph.D. compulsory course or for any other course recommended by RAC.

(2). The in-service candidate must have to submit his/her application through his/her employer along with an NOC from the appropriate authority in the organization where the candidate is employed, clearly stating that:

- i. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
- ii. His/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
- iii. If required, he/she will be relieved from the duty to complete the course work.

Government of
(Name & Address of the authority issuing the certificate)

INCOME & ASSET CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

Certificate No. _____

Date: _____

VALID FOR THE YEAR _____

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ son/daughter/wife of _____ permanent resident of _____, Village/Street _____ Post Office _____ District _____ in the State/Union Territory _____ Pin Code _____ whose photograph is attested below belongs to Economically Weaker Sections, since the gross annual income* of his/her 'family**' is below Rs. 8 lakh (Rupees Eight Lakh only) for the financial year _____. His/her family does not own or possess any of the following assets***:

- I. 5 acres of agricultural land and above;
- II. Residential flat of 1000 sq. ft. and above;
- III. Residential plot of 100 sq. yards and above in notified municipalities;
- IV. Residential plot of 200 sq. yards and above in areas other than the notified municipalities.

2. Shri/Smt./Kumari _____ belongs to the _____ caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central List)

Signature with seal of Office _____

Name _____

Designation _____

Recent Passport size
attested photograph of
the applicant

OBC Certificate Format

FORM OF CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY OTHER BACKWARD CLASSES APPLYING FOR APPOINTMENT TO POSTS / ADMISSION TO CENTRAL EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS (CEIs), UNDER THE GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

This is to certify that Shri / Smt. / Kum*. _____ Son / Daughter* of Shri /
Smt.* _____ of Village/Town* _____ District/Division* _____
_____ in the _____ State belongs to the _____

community which is recognized as a backward class under:

- (i) Resolution No. 12011/68/93-BCC(C) dated 10/09/93 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 186 dated 13/09/93.
- (ii) Resolution No. 12011/9/94-BCC dated 19/10/94 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 163 dated 20/10/94.
- (iii) Resolution No. 12011/7/95-BCC dated 24/05/95 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 88 dated 25/05/95.
- (iv) Resolution No. 12011/96/94-BCC dated 9/03/96.
- (v) Resolution No. 12011/44/96-BCC dated 6/12/96 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 11/12/96.
- (vi) Resolution No. 12011/13/97-BCC dated 03/12/97.
- (vii) Resolution No. 12011/99/94-BCC dated 11/12/97.
- (viii) Resolution No. 12011/68/98-BCC dated 27/10/99.
- (ix) Resolution No. 12011/88/98-BCC dated 6/12/99 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 270 dated 06/12/99.
- (x) Resolution No. 12011/36/99-BCC dated 04/04/2000 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 71 dated 04/04/2000.
- (xi) Resolution No. 12011/44/99-BCC dated 21/09/2000 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 21/09/2000.
- (xii) Resolution No. 12015/9/2000-BCC dated 06/09/2001.
- (xiii) Resolution No. 12011/1/2001-BCC dated 19/06/2003.
- (xiv) Resolution No. 12011/4/2002-BCC dated 13/01/2004.
- (xv) Resolution No. 12011/9/2004-BCC dated 16/01/2006 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 210 dated 16/01/2006.
- (xvi) Resolution No. 12011/14/2004-BCC dated 12/03/2007 published in the Gazette of India Extraordinary Part I Section I No. 67 dated 12/03/2007.
- (xvii) Resolution No. 12015/2/2007-BCC dated 18/08/2010.
- (xviii) Resolution No. 12015/13/2010-BCC dated 08/12/2011.

Shri / Smt. / Kum. _____ and / or his family ordinarily reside(s) in
the _____ District / Division of _____ State. This is also to certify that he/she
does not belong to the persons/sections (Creamy Layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the Government of India,
Department of Personnel & Training O.M. No. 36012/22/93-Estt.(SCT) dated 08/09/93 which is modified vide OM No. 36033/3/2004
Estt.(Res.) dated 09/03/2004, further modified vide OM No. 36033/3/2004-Estt. (Res.) dated 14/10/2008 or the latest notification of
the Government of India.

Dated: _____

District Magistrate /
Deputy Commissioner /
Competent Authority

Seal

* Please delete the word(s) which are not applicable.

NOTE:

- (a) The term 'Ordinarily resides' used here will have the same meaning as in Section 20 of the Representation of the People Act, 1950.
- (b) The authorities competent to issue Caste Certificates are indicated below:
 - (i) District Magistrate / Additional Magistrate / Collector / Deputy Commissioner / Additional Deputy Commissioner / Deputy Collector / Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate / Sub-Divisional magistrate / Taluka Magistrate / Executive Magistrate / Extra Assistant Commissioner (not below the rank of Ist Class Stipendiary Magistrate).
 - (ii) Chief Presidency Magistrate / Additional Chief Presidency Magistrate / Presidency Magistrate.
 - (iii) Revenue Officer not below the rank of Tehsildar and
 - (iv) Sub-Divisional Officer of the area where the candidate and / or his family resides.