



NATIONAL LAW UNIVERSITY TRIPURA

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ADMISSION NOTIFICATION FOR Ph.D. PROGRAMME 2023-2024

National Law University Tripura (NLUT) invites applications in the prescribed form for admission to the Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) Programme for the academic year 2023-24 in Law and Interdisciplinary subjects.

NUMBER OF SEATS

The total number of seats for the academic year 2023-2024 are:

Ph.D. Seats	Full-Time Seats (09)	Part-Time Seats (06)
Ph.D. in Law (12)	04	08
Ph.D. Interdisciplinary (03)	01	02
Total Seats in Ph.D. Programme	15	

Reservation Category-wise Intake

Category	Seats
General	07
Scheduled Caste (SC)	02
Scheduled Tribe (ST)	05
PWD	01
Total Seats	15

NOTE:

- (i) Any unfilled seat(s) reserved for Scheduled Tribes (ST) will be converted to Scheduled Castes (SC) and vice-versa. In case sufficient number of eligible candidates of Scheduled Tribes and Scheduled Castes are not available in the respective category, the seats thus remaining vacant will be treated as General and will be offered to the General Category candidates in order of merit.

- (ii) *The university reserves the right not to fill all the seats.*
- (iii) *The interdisciplinary areas may include (but not limited to) management, sociology, political science, economics, computer science, language and communications, anthropology, and allied areas.*
- (iv) *The suitability of the topic and eligibility of the candidate will be determined by the availability of the supervisor, research facility, and appropriateness of the research proposal to be accepted by the university.*

ELIGIBILITY (MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS FOR ADMISSION)

Ph.D. in Law

The following applicants are eligible to seek admission to the Ph.D. programme in Law:

- a) Candidates having a 5-year/ 10-semester/ 15-trimester bachelor's degree programme in Law [LL.B./LL.B. (Hons.)] through regular mode from a recognized Indian University having secured a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed (70% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/PWD candidates);
- b) Candidates having a 3-year/ 6-semester/ 9-trimester bachelor's degree programme in Law [LL.B./LL.B. (Hons.)] (following a 3 (or 4)- year bachelor's degree through regular mode from a recognized Indian University having secured a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed (70% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/PWD candidates), with an additional condition of at least two years of work experience and at least four research papers published in the UGC-Care List Group I and Group II;
- c) Candidates having a Masters in Law degree (LL.M.) through regular mode from a recognized Indian University having secured an aggregate of at least 55% marks or its equivalent grade (50% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/PWD candidates);
- d) Candidates having passed the Solicitors Examination conducted by the Bombay Incorporated Law Society and having completed a bachelor's in Law [LL.B./LL.B. (Hons.)] degree from a recognized University through regular mode; or

Provided that candidates in their final year of study in the respective degrees in (a), (b) and (c) shall be eligible to apply, subject to the candidate securing the minimum marks or equivalent grade prior to the date of commencement of the Ph.D.;

Ph.D. (Inter-disciplinary)

The following candidates shall be eligible to apply for the Ph.D. (Interdisciplinary) programme:

- (i) Candidates having a Master's degree in any discipline through regular mode with a minimum of 55% or equivalent grade (50% of marks or its equivalent grade in case of SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/PWD) and a 3 (or 5)-year Bachelor's degree from a recognized University through regular mode; or
- (ii) Candidates having passed the Company Secretaryship examination conducted by the Institute of Company Secretaries of India and been awarded Associate Membership of the Institute (ACS) and having completed a bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B./LL.B. (Hons.)) from a recognized Indian University through regular mode; or

(iii) Candidates having passed the Chartered Accountants examination conducted by the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India and been awarded Membership of the Institute of Chartered Accountants of India, and having completed a bachelor's degree programme in Law (LL.B./LL.B. (Hons.)) from a recognized Indian University through regular mode; or

(iv) Candidates Obtained a Master's degree in Social Sciences, Humanities, Management Studies, or Computer Science, from any recognised Indian University with 55% marks and have had at least two years of work experience or Ph.D. in any discipline.

Provided that candidates in their final year of study in the respective degrees in (i), (ii) and (iii) shall be eligible to apply, subject to the candidate securing the minimum marks or equivalent grade prior to the date of commencement of the Ph.D.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE AND ADMISSION TEST

Selection Process:

The admission to NLUT for Ph.D. program shall be a three pronged process, namely:

Step 1: The University shall conduct a NLUT- Doctoral Research Admission Test (NLUT-DRAT) for the candidates who have applied for the admission in Ph.D. program in NLUT.

Step 2: Submission and Evaluation of a Research Proposal (SERP)

Step 3: Oral Presentation of a Research Proposal (OPRP)

Explanation: Candidates securing not less than 50% marks on the aggregate in the written test will qualify for the process of Step 2 and Step 3- as mentioned above- for evaluation of their Research Proposal and making an oral presentation before the Panel of Experts on the date specified by the University.

Each component of Admission to Ph.D. program shall carry a specific percentage of marks and weightage for a candidate to get admitted to NLUT Ph.D. program, such as:

NLUT Ph.D. Admission Process Components	Component wise Marks	Minimum Qualifying weightage of each component for qualifying admission to NLUT Ph.D. program
NLUT- Doctoral Research Admission Test (NLUT-DRAT)	100	50%
Submission and Evaluation of a Research Proposal (SERP)	50	35%
Oral Presentation of a Research Proposal (OPRP)	50	15%
Total Marks	200	100%

Explanation: The candidates will be selected by the Post Graduate Council upon consideration of the marks obtained by the candidate in the NLUT-DRAT, research proposal evaluation and the oral presentation.

NLUT-DRAT Scheme:

The University shall conduct a written test along the following scheme:

Research Aptitude – 50 marks: This shall comprise of 25 multiple choice questions (MCQs) and one subjective question requiring descriptive answer (in no more than limited pages of the assigned answer booklet. No extra answer booklet will be assigned for this part of the NLUT-DRAT).

Essays on relevant topics pertaining to law/ other disciplines – 50 marks : This shall be purely subjective question requiring descriptive answer in no more than limited pages of the assigned answer booklet. No extra answer booklet will be assigned for this part of the NLUT-DRAT.

Duration of NLUT-DRAT: 2 (Two) hours duration carrying 100 marks.

Submission of Research Proposal Scheme:

a) Candidates shall submit within the stipulated time an online application form for the admission test along with the research proposal between 1500-2000 words.

b) The research proposal should contain:

i. Proposed Title of the Research

ii. Statement of the problem and the background information on the subject.

iii. A brief outline of the research design including a set of research questions and the proposed methodology

Explanation: *The research proposal may dwell upon the following pointers, namely- Why the candidates has chosen a particular topic for research?; What is the core problem in the proposed field of study that a candidate proposes to address? Whether a candidate merely aims to conduct a theoretical assessment of the pre-identified problem or aims to suggest an action-oriented solution? Whether the proposed research will mainly be library based or doctrinal in nature or it will involve a component of field study? Whether a similar study has been conducted before, if yes, how will your proposed study be different?*

Oral Presentation of Research Proposal Scheme:

a) The candidate who will secure minimum of 50% marks in NLUT-DRAT and minimum of 35% marks in the evaluation of the submitted Research Proposal, will be invited to make an oral presentation before the university's Panel of Experts, on the specified dates and time.

b) Candidates who may secure at least 15% marks in the oral presentation, shall be considered to have qualified NLUT- Ph.D. Admission Process and will then be invited to pay the fees and secure their seat.

NOTE:

1. *A candidate who has passed NET/JRF exam conducted by the UGC or has a Ph.D. or M. Phil degree or in any discipline mentioned need not appear for the NLUT-DRAT of 100 marks. Such candidate may directly submit a Research Proposal for presentation. The minimum weightage of qualifying percentage for being invited for oral presentation of the research proposal shall remain same as 35% as mentioned in Rule 4.1 of the NLU Tripura's Ph.D. Regulations 2023 (available on the website). And the qualifying percentage for oral presentation of the research proposal shall also remain same as 15% as mentioned in Rule 4.1 of the NLU Tripura's Ph.D. Regulations 2023 (available on the website).*

2. *Persons working at senior level such as a Judge in High Court / Supreme Court, a senior Advocate designated by the Supreme Court of India or any of the High Courts of India and Judicial Officers of the rank of Additional District Judge and above ranks at the District Judiciary level (with LL.M. degree) or industry working professionals other than in the field of law (only in case of interdisciplinary Ph.D.) with more than 15 (fifteen) years of work experience in India or abroad, may also be exempted from appear for the NLUT-DRAT of 100 marks. Such candidate may directly submit a Research Proposal for presentation. And such category of persons may also confirm to all other requirements of admission to the Ph.D. program as would be applicable in case of a candidate who has passed NET/JRF exam conducted by the UGC or has a Ph.D. or M. Phil degree or in any discipline. (Refer to detailed NLU Tripura's Ph.D. Regulations 2023, available on the website).*

APPLICATION FEES

The candidates seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme in NLUT shall fill the online form available on the university website and pay the following fees:

- a) INR 3,000/- (For General Candidates) and
b) INR 2,500/- (For PRTC, SC/ST candidates).

LAST DATE TO APPLY

The last date to fill out the Online Application Form available on the university website is **January 25, 2024 before 11:59 PM.**

NOTE: *National Law University Tripura's Regulations governing the Award of the Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D.) 2023 are available on the university website. The candidates interested in seeking admission to the Ph.D. programme in NLU Tripura are advised to read the regulations carefully before applying.*

IMPORTANT DATES

Ph.D. Admission Notification	December 28, 2023	Thursday
Last Date for Receiving Online Application Forms	January 25, 2024	Thursday
Entrance Examination (NLUT-DRAT)	February 10, 2024	Saturday
Declaration of Result of NLU-DRAT	February 20, 2024	Tuesday
Presentation of Research Proposals	March 2 & 3, 2024	Saturday & Sunday
Declaration of Candidates Selected for NLUT Ph.D. Programme	March 9, 2024	Saturday
Last Date to Take Admission to the Ph.D. programme by paying applicable fees	March 20, 2024	Wednesday
Commencement of Coursework Classes	April 1, 2024 (Tentative)	Monday

NOTE: *Applicants are requested to visit University website regularly for any update on the admission process.*

**Sd/-
Registrar**