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## Message from the Director



It gives me great pleasure to share the NIMHANS prospectus for January 2026 Session for the academic year 2025-26.

NIMHANS is a unique centre which combines the highest standards of clinical care, training and research and the Institute attracts trainees from different regions. Training from NIMHANS is something many aspire for and they continue to cherish the basic foundations they have received here throughout their lives, wherever they may be working. NIMHANS provides a robust academic platform and clinical exposure which fosters an ambient environment of learning. The Institute has 28 departments with dedicated faculty and skilled professionals in basic, behavioral and neurosciences. Currently, there are 1391 students enrolled in different courses which includes 327 PhD scholars. Apart from providing quality care for the patients, human resource development in the areas of mental health and neurosciences has been a major focus of the Institute. NIMHANS has been rated among the top five medical institutes in the country in NIRF rankings for the fourth consecutive year (2020 to 2024).

NIMHANS is a leading postgraduate centre of excellence, offering 102 specialized courses. At the Institute, research occurs in a seamless manner, from the bench to the bedside and from the bedside to the community. During the year 2024-25, several external research projects were undertaken and about 972 scientific/research articles published in reputed international and national journals by the faculty, students and project staff of the Institute.

The training provided at NIMHANS is exemplary. NIMHANS has a well-established track record of excellence in the education and training of skilled professionals bound for vibrant careers in mental health and neurosciences. Students who graduate from NIMHANS can carry their degree to any part of the world with confidence and pride.

The prospectus contains comprehensive information about NIMHANS and the academic programs offered at the Institute. Please read the prospectus carefully before applying for the courses of your interest. Visit the NIMHANS website and contact us if you need further clarifications.

I wish you all the best and look forward to welcoming you to an enriching academic journey at NIMHANS.

**Dr. Pratima Murthy**  
**Director**

## Brief History of NIMHANS

The Government of India established the All India Institute of Mental Health in 1954 in association with the then existing Mental Hospital of the Government of Karnataka. Major objective of the Institute was to generate human resource in the field of mental health and neurosciences. The Government of India chose the Mental Hospital, Bangalore, as the Centre for training, which had built up certain traditions since 1936 in matters related to undergraduate training in the field of Psychiatry. The Institute was then affiliated to the University of Mysore for all courses. Subsequently, the Institute became affiliated to the Bangalore University in 1964. The Bangalore University established a separate faculty of Mental Health and Neurosciences.

The All India Institute of Mental Health and the Mental Hospital of the Government of Karnataka were amalgamated into an autonomous institute and thus the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS) came into existence in 1974.

NIMHANS was conferred 'Deemed to be University' status by UGC in 1994 and NIMHANS became an autonomous and independent university.

NIMHANS was declared as an Institute of National Importance by an Act of Parliament vide Government of India Gazette Notification dated 14.9.2012. Notwithstanding anything contained in the Indian Medical Council Act, 1956, the Rehabilitation Council of India Act, 1992, the Indian Nursing Council Act, 1947, and the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, the medical degrees, diplomas, nursing degrees and certificates granted by the Institute under this Act shall be recognized medical qualifications for the purposes of the Acts aforesaid and shall be deemed to be included in the Schedule to the respective Acts.

Spread across 135 verdant acres in the heart of the garden city, NIMHANS offers the latest medical advances in an environment that promotes mental health and enhances a sense of wellness. The state-of-the-art facilities bolstered by highly skilled professionals –who are dedicated to providing patients with compassionate and comprehensive care– make NIMHANS a Centre of excellence and specialized expertise.

The unique feature of this Institute is its multidisciplinary approach to patient care, training as well as research in the areas of mental health and neurosciences. The human resource development programs at NIMHANS reflect the extent to which the institute has succeeded in fusing and nurturing behavioral, neuro, biological and ancient health sciences/systems under one roof.

This year NIMHANS celebrates the Platinum Jubilee (70 years) of All India Institute of Mental Health (AIIMH) and Golden Jubilee (50 years) of National Institute of Mental Health and Neurosciences (NIMHANS).

## **Vision of NIMHANS**

To be a world leader in the area of Mental Health and Neurosciences and evolve state-of-the-art approaches to patient care through translational research.

## **Mission**

1. To establish the highest standards of evidence-based care for psychiatric and neurological disorders and rehabilitation.
2. Develop expertise and set standards of care for diseases of public health relevance in the developing world
3. Work with the government and provide consultancy services for policy planning and monitoring strategies in the field of Mental Health and Neurosciences and facilitate execution of national health programs.
4. Human resource capacity building by training in diverse fields related to Mental Health and Neurosciences.
5. Develop and strengthen inter-disciplinary, inter-institutional and international collaboration with universities and research institutes across the globe to foster scientific research, training in advanced technology and exchange of ideas in the areas of Mental Health and Neurosciences.
6. Strive to enhance equitable accessibility of primary care in Mental Health and Neurological Disorders to all sections of society and ages including the vulnerable population.
7. Evolve and monitor the strategies for disaster management and psycho-social rehabilitation in different cultural and ethnic groups.
8. Promote Mental Health literacy and eliminate the stigma attached to the Mental and Neurological Illnesses by taking the measures and the delivery system to the centres of primary health care honouring the human rights and dignity.
9. Integrate allopathic and oriental medicine into health care delivery and promote evidence-based research.
10. Integrate physical and metaphysical aspects of Neuroscience research to promote yoga and its application to positive mental health.
11. Participate in broad field of Neuroscience and Behavioural Research applicable to Human Ethics, Organ Transplantation, Stem cell Research, Space Science, and Nuclear Science.

For more details about various activities of NIMHANS, please refer to the NIMHANS website ([www.nimhans.ac.in](http://www.nimhans.ac.in)).

| Institute Administration                                                                    |                         |
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## CALENDAR OF ACTIVITIES

### Entrance Examination\*

| Schedule                                                               | Dates                      |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Date of Advertisement of Admission Notification                        | 30.10.2025                 |
| Start Date and End Date for Submission of Online Application Forms     | 30.10.2025 to 29.11.2025   |
| Date of Conduct of Entrance Test at NIMHANS, Bengaluru for all courses | 16.12.2025                 |
| Date of Announcement of results for Ph.D. Courses                      | 17.12.2025                 |
| Date of Interview for Ph.D. Courses                                    | 18.12.2025<br>& 19.12.2025 |
| Date of Announcement of Provisional selection list                     | 23.12.2025                 |
| Date of Document Verification followed by Admission                    | 01.01.2026                 |
| Date of course commencement                                            |                            |

*\* The dates indicated above are tentative and subject to change; relevant details will be made available on the NIMHANS website only.*

## ABBREVIATIONS

| Abbreviation        | Expansion                                                    |
|---------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>AYUSH</b>        | AYURVEDA, YOGA AND NATUROPATHY, UNANI, SIDDHA AND HOMEOPATHY |
| <b>B.Sc.</b>        | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE                                          |
| <b>B.Sc. MLT</b>    | BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY         |
| <b>B.Tech.</b>      | BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY                                       |
| <b>BAMS</b>         | BACHELOR OF AYURVEDIC MEDICINE AND SURGERY                   |
| <b>BDS</b>          | BACHELOR OF DENTAL SCIENCES                                  |
| <b>BE</b>           | BACHELOR OF ENGINEERING                                      |
| <b>CAP</b>          | CHILD & ADOLESCENT PSYCHIATRY                                |
| <b>CCNT</b>         | CERTIFICATE COURSE IN CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY TECHNOLOGY    |
| <b>CCRAS</b>        | CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN AYURVEDIC SCIENCES           |
| <b>CCRYN</b>        | CENTRAL COUNCIL FOR RESEARCH IN YOGA & NATUROPATHY           |
| <b>CP</b>           | CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGY                                          |
| <b>CPH</b>          | CENTRE FOR PUBLIC HEALTH                                     |
| <b>CSIR</b>         | COUNCIL OF SCIENTIFIC & INDUSTRIAL RESEARCH                  |
| <b>DBT</b>          | DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY                                  |
| <b>DCNT</b>         | DIPLOMA COURSE IN CLINICAL NEUROPHYSIOLOGY TECHNOLOGY        |
| <b>DM</b>           | DOCTORATE OF MEDICINE                                        |
| <b>DMLT</b>         | DIPLOMA IN MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY                     |
| <b>DNB</b>          | DIPLOMATE OF NATIONAL BOARD                                  |
| <b>DNN</b>          | POST-BASIC DIPLOMA IN NEUROSCIENCE NURSING                   |
| <b>DPM</b>          | DIPLOMA IN PSYCHIATRY                                        |
| <b>DPN</b>          | POST-BASIC DIPLOMA IN PSYCHIATRIC/MENTAL HEALTH NURSING      |
| <b>DRDO</b>         | DEFENCE RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATION                |
| <b>DST</b>          | DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY                         |
| <b>ICMR</b>         | INDIAN COUNCIL OF MEDICAL RESEARCH                           |
| <b>INC</b>          | INDIAN NURSING COUNCIL                                       |
| <b>JR</b>           | JUNIOR RESIDENT                                              |
| <b>JRF</b>          | JUNIOR RESEARCH FELLOW                                       |
| <b>M.Ch.</b>        | MAGISTER CHIRURGIAE                                          |
| <b>M.Phil.</b>      | MASTER OF PHILOSOPHY                                         |
| <b>M.Sc.</b>        | MASTER OF SCIENCE                                            |
| <b>M.Stat.(ISI)</b> | MASTER OF STATISTICS (INDIAN STATISTICAL INSTITUTE)          |
| <b>M.Tech.</b>      | MASTER OF TECHNOLOGY                                         |
| <b>MA</b>           | MASTER OF ARTS                                               |
| <b>MBBS</b>         | BACHELOR OF MEDICINE, BACHELOR OF SURGERY                    |
| <b>MCI</b>          | MEDICAL COUNCIL OF INDIA                                     |
| <b>MD</b>           | DOCTOR OF MEDICINE                                           |
| <b>MLT</b>          | MEDICAL LABORATORY TECHNOLOGY                                |



| Abbreviation | Expansion                                                             |
|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| MOT          | MASTER OF OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY                                        |
| MPH          | MASTER OF PUBLIC HEALTH                                               |
| MPT          | MASTER OF PHYSIOTHERAPY                                               |
| MS           | MASTER OF SURGERY                                                     |
| MSW          | MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK                                                 |
| NABL         | NATIONAL ACCREDITATION BOARD FOR TESTING AND CALIBRATION LABORATORIES |
| NACO         | NATIONAL AIDS CONTROL ORGANIZATION                                    |
| NCI          | NURSING COUNCIL OF INDIA                                              |
| NIIR         | NEUROIMAGING AND INTERVENTIONAL RADIOLOGY                             |
| NMC          | NATIONAL MEDICAL COMMISSION                                           |
| OCD          | OBSESSIVE COMPULSIVE DISORDER                                         |
| PDF          | POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP                                               |
| PhD          | DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY                                                  |
| PSW          | PSYCHIATRIC SOCIAL WORK                                               |
| RCI          | REHABILITATION COUNCIL OF INDIA                                       |
| SAARC        | SOUTH ASIAN ASSOCIATION FOR REGIONAL COOPERATION                      |
| SERB         | SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING RESEARCH BOARD                                |
| SR           | SENIOR RESIDENT                                                       |
| SRF          | SENIOR RESEARCH FELLOW                                                |
| TMC          | TRANSFUSION MEDICINE CENTRE                                           |
| UGC          | UNIVERSITY GRANTS COMMISSION                                          |
| AICTE        | ALL INDIA COUNCIL FOR TECHNICAL EDUCATION                             |

| General Guidelines for Admission to Ph.D. courses |                                                                                                                                                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Departments offering Ph.D. Program                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Biophysics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Biostatistics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Child & Adolescent Psychiatry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Clinical Psychopharmacology and Neurotoxicology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Clinical Psychology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Epidemiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Human Genetics                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Integrative Medicine                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Mental Health Education                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neuroanaesthesia & Neurocritical Care                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neurochemistry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neuroimaging and Interventional Radiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neurology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neurological Rehabilitation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neuromicrobiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neuropathology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neurophysiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Neurovirology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Nursing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Psychiatric Social Work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Psychiatry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Speech Pathology & Audiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
|                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Department of Psychosocial Support and Disaster Management                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| General eligibility                               | Eligible qualification                                                                                                                                                                                         | Qualifying degree as specified for the course concerned                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
|                                                   | External Fellowship including sponsorship category                                                                                                                                                             | <p>a. Indian National Applicants who are/have:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>An External fellowship from Government funding agencies like UGC, CSIR, ICMR, DBT and AYUSH (specific references to courses in Yoga and Ayurveda): JRF/SRF only <b><u>Such applicants can activate JRE/SRF only after joining respective Ph.D. course at NIMHANS.</u></b></li> <li>Permanent employees of NIMHANS, sponsored to pursue Ph.D.</li> <li>Permanent employees of the Government of India/State Government Institutions/ Universities and Public Sector Undertakings, sponsored/deputed to pursue Ph.D. at NIMHANS.</li> <li>Funded by Research Projects at NIMHANS</li> </ol> <p>b. Foreign National Applicants sponsored/deputed by government organizations / recognized universities /national scholarship holders from recognized organizations to pursue Ph.D. at NIMHANS.</p> |
|                                                   | Other requirements                                                                                                                                                                                             | Applicants should have qualified from a recognized Institution/ University                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Course duration                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | 3 to 5 years                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Mode of selection                                 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Entrance Test (70%) + Interview (30%)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
|                                                   | <i>Mere qualifying in the Entrance Test and Interview does not entitle admission to a Ph.D. Program. Selection is subject to availability of eligible guides and facilities in the respective departments.</i> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Qualifying percentage in Entrance Test            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                | UR/SC/ST/OBC/EWS -50%<br>PwBD - 45%                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| General Guidelines for Admission to Ph.D. courses    |                                  |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Age criteria (as on the day of course, commencement) |                                  | 40 years for External Fellowship Category / Funded Research Projects at NIMHANS<br>42 years for Sponsored / Deputed Candidates and Employees of the Institute Category                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Emoluments                                           | <i>Non-Institute Stipendiary</i> | Applicants selected under 'Sponsored / Deputed Category' or 'External Fellowship Category', drawing pay and allowances from their employers / funding agencies / Funded Research Projects at NIMHANS are not eligible for any emoluments from the Institute.                                                                                                                                                              |
| Fees                                                 |                                  | Rs. 32,000/- per annum (excluding hostel charges as applicable). For details, refer to 'Fees' section of the Prospectus.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Leave                                                |                                  | Under 'External Fellowship' Category - as per the rules of the External Fellowship Agency/Employer concerned.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
|                                                      |                                  | Under 'Funded by Research Projects at NIMHANS' Category - as per the rules of funding agency / NIMHANS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Program of Study                                     |                                  | Initially the candidate will be provisionally registered for Ph.D. The registration will be confirmed after qualifying the Pre-Ph.D. examination. The candidate would be trained in both theory and practical aspects of the curriculum pertaining to the discipline. After successful completion of the proposed work and approval of the synopsis, the candidate shall submit the thesis for the award of Ph.D. degree. |

### Ph.D. Course Work Coordinators

| Sl. No. | Name of the Module                                                          | Coordinators                                                        |
|---------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 1.      | Research Methodology (RM)                                                   | Dr. B. Binukumar, Additional Professor of Biostatistics             |
| 2.      | Quantitative and Qualitative Software (SS)                                  | Dr. Binu V. S., Associate Professor of Biostatistics                |
| 3.      | Computer Applications (CA)                                                  | Dr. B. N. Srikumar, Additional Professor of Neurophysiology         |
| 4.      | Human/Animal Ethics (Ethics)                                                |                                                                     |
| 5.      | Research and Publication Ethics                                             |                                                                     |
| 6.      | Basic Sciences                                                              | Dr. Monojit Debnath, Professor & Head, Department of Human Genetics |
| 7.      | Behavioural Sciences                                                        | Dr. Geetha Desai, Professor of Psychiatry                           |
| 8.      | Neurosciences                                                               | Dr. Sudhir V, Professor of Neuroanaesthesia & Neurocritical Care    |
| 9.      | Nodal Officer for UGC / ICMR / CSIR / DST / DBT / SERB supported programmes | Dr. B. N. Srikumar, Additional Professor of Neurophysiology         |

| Ph.D. in Biophysics                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Department                                                                                  | Biophysics                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS OR M.Phil. Biophysics/Neuroscience OR Master's Degree in Biochemistry / Biophysics / Bioinformatics / Biotechnology/ All branches of Life Sciences / Microbiology/ Physics / Physiology / Pharmacology / Regenerative Medicine. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995101 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Ph.D. in Biostatistics                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                             |
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| Department                                                                                  | Biostatistics                                                                                                                                                               |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | Master's Degree in Agricultural Statistics/Applied Statistics/ Biostatistics / Health Statistics / Medical Statistics / Statistics OR M.Stat. (ISI) through regular course. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995120 |                                                                                                                                                                             |

| Ph.D. in Child & Adolescent Psychiatry                                                      |                                                                                                    |
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| Department                                                                                  | Child & Adolescent Psychiatry                                                                      |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | DNB in Psychiatry OR MD in Psychiatry OR M.Phil. in Clinical Psychology / Psychiatric Social Work. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995351 |                                                                                                    |

| Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| Department                                                                                  | Clinical Psychology                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | M.Phil. in Clinical Psychology OR M.Phil. in Mental Health and Social Psychology OR 2 years Master's Degree in Applied Psychology / Clinical Psychology / Counselling Psychology / Psychological Counselling / Psychology |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995180 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |

| Ph.D. in Clinical Psychopharmacology and Neurotoxicology                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Department                                                                                  | Clinical Psychopharmacology and Neurotoxicology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS OR DPM OR MD in Psychiatry / Psychological Medicine or DNB in Psychiatry or M.Pharm. OR PharmD or MD in Biochemistry / Microbiology / M.Phil. / 2 years M.Sc. in Biochemistry / Microbiology / Physiology / Neurosciences / Zoology / Biotechnology / M.Tech. in Biotechnology. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995111 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Ph.D. in Epidemiology                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Department                                                                                  | Epidemiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | Master's Degree in relevant field which includes Public Health, Community Medicine, Medicine, Social Sciences and allied subjects from a University recognized by the Government of India / National Medical Commission of India |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995240 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Ph.D. in Public Health                                                                      |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Department                                                                                  | Epidemiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | Master's Degree in relevant field which includes Public Health, Community Medicine, Medicine, Social Sciences and allied subjects from an University recognized by the Government of India / National Medical Commission of India |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995240 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Ph.D. in Human Genetics                                                                                |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
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| Department                                                                                             | Human Genetics                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                                 | 2 years Master's Degree in Zoology /Biotechnology/Biochemistry/ Applied Genetics /Human Genetics /Molecular Biology / Biomedical Genetics OR M.Tech in Genetic Engineering / Genetic Biotechnology OR B.Tech in Biotechnology OR MBBS |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995782 / 26995722 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

| Ph.D. in Integrative Medicine                                                               |                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Department                                                                                  | Department of Integrative Medicine                                                                                                                |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS / BAMS / BNYS / MA OR M.Sc. OR M.Phil. in Yoga / Clinical Psychology / Neuroscience/ M.Sc. in Nursing / M. Pharm OR Masters in Physiotherapy |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995323 |                                                                                                                                                   |

| Ph.D. in Mental Health Education                                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Department                                                                                  | Mental Health Education                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS / Masters in Health Education / Media Studies / Journalism / Mass Communication / Masters in Public Health / Masters in Social Work / Nursing / Psychology with 2 years of experience in a mental health setting or in Health Journalism. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995157 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Ph.D. in Neuroanaesthesia and Neurocritical Care                                            |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
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| Department                                                                                  | Neuroanaesthesia & Neurocritical Care                                                                                                                                                            |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MD/DNB in Anaesthesia OR MBBS OR M.Sc. Anaesthesia Technology / M.Sc. in Life Sciences OR equivalent degree OR ME / M.Tech / BE / B.Tech from a University recognized by the Government of India |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995157 |                                                                                                                                                                                                  |

| Ph.D. in Neurochemistry                                                                     |                                                                                             |
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| Department                                                                                  | Neurochemistry                                                                              |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | 2 Years M.Sc. Degree in Biochemistry / Biotechnology / Neuroscience / Medical Biochemistry. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995162 |                                                                                             |

| Ph.D. in Neuroimaging and Interventional Radiology                                          |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
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| Department                                                                                  | Neuroimaging and Interventional Radiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS / MD OR DNB in Radiodiagnosis OR 2 years Master's Degree in Neuroimaging / Medical Imaging Technology / Zoology / Neurosciences / Physiology / Pharmacology / Biological Sciences / Cell Biology / Life Sciences / Anatomy / Biochemistry / Microbiology / Molecular Biology / Biotechnology and Human Genetics / Bioinformatics / Biophysics / Developmental Biology / Systems Biology / Nuclear Medicine / Chemistry / Radiochemistry OR M.Phil in Neurophysiology / Clinical Psychology / Psychology OR M.Tech in Cognitive Neurosciences OR BE / B.Tech in Electronics / Electricals / Computer Science / Biotechnology (Integrated Bachelor's Degree of 5 years) |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995424 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |

| Ph.D. in Neurology                                                                               |                                                                                                       |
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| Department                                                                                       | Neurology                                                                                             |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                           | MBBS OR MD OR BDS OR M.Tech with experience in Neuroscience Research OR 2years M.Sc. in Life Sciences |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995140/5150 |                                                                                                       |

| Ph.D. in Neurological Rehabilitation                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
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| Department                                                                                  | Neurological Rehabilitation                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | DNB in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation OR Master's Degree in PhysiOtherapy (MPT) / Occupational therapy (MOT) / Orthotics & Prosthetics OR MBBS OR MD in Physical Medicine & Rehabilitation OR M.Phil. in Clinical Psychology / Psychiatric Social Work / Clinical Neurosciences OR Master's Degree in Nursing / Speech Therapy. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995282 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |



| Ph.D. in Neuromicrobiology                                                                  |                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Department                                                                                  | Neuromicrobiology                                                                                                                                                 |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MD Microbiology OR Master's Degree in Applied Microbiology / Biomedical Genetics / Biotechnology / Medical Microbiology / Microbiology / MLT / Molecular Biology. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995151 |                                                                                                                                                                   |

| Ph.D. in Neuropathology                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
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| Department                                                                                  | Neuropathology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS OR MD in Pathology OR 2 years Master's Degree in Zoology / Neurosciences / Physiology / Biotechnology / Biological Sciences / Cell Biology / Life Science / Anatomy / Biochemistry / Microbiology / Molecular Biology and Human Genetics / Bioinformatics / Biophysics / Developmental Biology / Evolutionary Biology / Systems Biology. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995130 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |

| Ph.D. in Neurophysiology                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
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| Department                                                                                  | Neurophysiology                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | M.Phil in Neurophysiology / Neurosciences / Yoga OR MD in Ayurveda / Physiology / Yoga OR 2 years Master's Degree in Physiology / Anatomy / Biochemistry / Biotechnology / Life Sciences / Cognitive Neuroscience / Neuroscience / Zoology / Pharmacology OR MBBS OR MS (Pharm) / M.Pharm (Pharmacology OR Biotechnology) OR BE / B.Tech / ME/M.Tech in Electronics / Electricals / Computer Science / Biotechnology |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995173 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |

| Ph.D. in Neurovirology                                                                      |                                                                                                                         |
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| Department                                                                                  | Neurovirology                                                                                                           |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS OR MD in Microbiology OR 2 years Master's Degree in Biotechnology / Medical Microbiology / Microbiology / Virology |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995126 |                                                                                                                         |

| Ph.D. in Nursing                                                                            |                            |
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| Department                                                                                  | Nursing                    |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | Master's Degree in Nursing |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995229 |                            |

| Ph.D. in Psychiatric Social Work                                                            |                                                                             |
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| Department                                                                                  | Psychiatric Social Work                                                     |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | 2 years Master's Degree in Social Work OR M.Phil in Psychiatric Social Work |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995240 |                                                                             |

| Ph.D. in Psychiatry                                                                         |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
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| Department                                                                                  | Psychiatry                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | BE OR B.Tech OR MBBS OR MD OR ME OR M.Tech OR 2 years Master's Degree in Medical Biotechnology / Biotechnology / Biochemistry / Genetics/ Microbiology / Immunology / Physiology / Bioinformatics / Cellular Biology and Anatomical Sciences / Molecular Biology / Biophysics/ Anatomy / Neurosciences / Pharmacology / Zoology / Life Sciences / M.Pharm / Regenerative Medicine / Cognitive Sciences / Social Sciences / Public Health |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995250 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |

| Ph.D. in History of Psychiatry                                                              |                                                                                                            |
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| Department                                                                                  | Psychiatry                                                                                                 |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS OR 2 years Master's Degree in Psychology / Philosophy / History / Sociology / Social Work / Languages |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995250 |                                                                                                            |

| Ph.D. in Mental Health Rehabilitation                                                       |                                                                                                                                                                                 |
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| Department                                                                                  | Psychiatry                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | MBBS OR M.Phil. Degree in Clinical Psychology / Psychiatric Social Work OR 2 years Master's Degree in Psychiatric Nursing / Psychosocial Rehabilitation / Occupational Therapy. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995250 |                                                                                                                                                                                 |

| Ph.D. in Psychosocial Support in Disaster Management                                        |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Department                                                                                  | Psychosocial Support in Disaster Management                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | Master's Degree in Social Work / Psychiatric Social Work / Applied Psychology / Clinical Psychology / Counselling Psychology / Psychological Counselling / Psychology OR M.Sc. in Psychiatric Nursing OR MD in Psychiatry OR DNB in Psychiatry |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995323 |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

| Ph.D. in Speech Pathology and Audiology                                                     |                                                                                          |
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| Department                                                                                  | Speech Pathology and Audiology                                                           |
| Eligible Qualification                                                                      | Master's Degree in Speech Pathology & Audiology / Speech Language Pathology / Audiology. |
| For more details, refer Department's information on NIMHANS Website or contact 080-26995568 |                                                                                          |



# Categories of Applicants

## 1. Persons with Benchmark Disability Category

5% of the seats are reserved for PwBD (between 40% to 70% disability) as per the Government of India regulations. **No reservation for Ph.D. as INI's are exempted from reservation for Ph.D. courses as per Central Educational Institutions (reservation in admission) Act 2006 No.5 to 7.**

No dedicated seats available for PwBD candidates. However, if the PwBD candidate qualifies in the Entrance Test & Interview 5% of the total sanctioned seat will be allotted to PwBD category for that course.

Age is relaxable by a maximum of 5 years in the case of PwBD candidates as on the date of commencement of concerned course. All provisions as per the PwBD Act 2016 are applicable.

The confirmed admission shall be given to the candidate subject to fitness on medical examination duly constituted by Medical board involving faculty from relevant discipline. Vacant seat, if any under PwBD in a course, shall be offered to the eligible candidate from the general/relevant category under the same course.

## 2. Foreign Nationals

All Foreign Nationals (holding passports of countries other than India) and Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) should apply under "Foreign National" category.

The following points need to be kept in mind while applying for courses at NIMHANS:

- i. The respective authorized Indian bodies should recognize applicants' basic qualification. For example, UGC, NMC, RCI, INC and so on, as applicable.
- ii. Applicants should register their MBBS Degree in the Medical Council or respective equivalent bodies of their countries and will have to take prior permission from the National Medical Commission (NMC) before applying for Postgraduate Courses in the Institute. In the event of selection, the applicant/s have to apply for temporary registration with National Medical Commission (NMC) for the duration of postgraduate study.
- iii. For obtaining temporary registration number, foreign students (who have qualified in the Entrance Test) having medical degrees should contact, The Secretary, National Medical Commission (Formerly Medical Council of India), Pocket-14, Sector - 8, Dwarka Phase-I, New Delhi - 110 077.
- iv. For instructions regarding the 'Sponsorship' of Foreign Nationals, kindly refer to 'Foreign Nationals' sub-section in 'Sponsorship Category' section under 'Classification based on source of Fellowship/Stipendiary'.
- v. Foreign Nationals are permitted to pursue Ph.D. Program only if they are sponsored from Governmental Organizations, recognized Universities, National Scholarships of any reputed/recognized organization. No other source of funding will be considered. However, such applications will be considered at the discretion of the competent authority at NIMHANS for permitting them to appear for Entrance Test and /interview.

## 3. Non-Institute Stipendiary Categories:

Applicants selected under this category are not paid any emoluments/stipendiary benefits by NIMHANS. These are classified under various sub-categories:

### ***I. External Fellowship:***

Applicants with Fellowships from Government funding Agencies like UGC, CSIR, ICMR, DBT, DST, AYUSH (specific reference to courses in Yoga and Ayurveda) (Junior Research Fellow / Senior Research Fellow only) and any Other Government Funding Agency.

The applicants applying under this category should be able to produce and submit the External Fellowship Award Letter from the concerned External Funding Agency at the time of verification of Certificates, if selected to join the Ph.D. Program.

Activation of Junior Research Fellowship/Senior Research Fellowship will be done only after joining Ph.D. Program at NIMHANS.

Cross over admission with regards to the applicant who has applied for a course under Institute Stipendiary category will not be selected under External Fellowship Category for admission or vice versa also no crossover of categories during the admission process will be accepted by NIMHANS.

## **II. Funded by Research Projects at NIMHANS:**

Applicants working in different funded Projects at NIMHANS with a minimum of **2 Years 6 months** of tenure from the date of commencement of Ph.D. Program in the concerned Session. They are eligible to apply for the Ph.D. Program for either Principal Investigator or Co-Investigator's Department only.

**The Principal Investigator of the Project supporting the Ph.D. Scholar should have permanent employment at this Institute.**

Applicants under NIMHANS Contract/Adhoc shall have employment and financial support of a minimum of **3 years** from the date of commencement of Ph.D. Program in the concerned Session.

At least one of the Investigators (Principal Investigator / Co-Investigator) of the Funded Project will serve as a main guide or co-guide. For academic-related administrative purposes the Ph.D. Scholar will be under the Main Guide's department in which the candidate is working.

A scholar who desires to conduct research in a subject which is multi-disciplinary in nature, should have co-guide(s) / Joint Guide(s) from the concerned discipline who have adequate expertise on the subject of the thesis.

Principal Investigator/Co-investigator will serve as the main guide co-guide/joint-guide to the selected candidates who are working in the project.

- i. The age of permanent employees of NIMHANS should not be more than 42 years. They are eligible to apply for Ph.D. course, in a subject related to their sphere of duties of the Government servant, which will be decided by the competent authority.*
- ii. Permanent employees of NIMHANS can apply for Ph.D. in the various departments of this Institute with NOC from Competent Authority. However, such applications will be considered at the discretion of the Competent Authority at NIMHANS for permitting them to appear for Entrance Test and Interview.*

## **III. Sponsored/Deputed Category:**

Indian Nationals/Foreign Nationals who are permanent employees sponsored/deputed by the State/Central Government or Public Sector undertakings of State/Central Government/Universities, are considered under this category for the purpose of admission to various courses.

Applicants applying under this category, should keep the following points in mind while applying:

- a. Minimum requirements for admission to the courses will be the same as indicated for all the respective courses.
- b. The applicant should qualify in the Entrance test and /Interview, as indicated against the concerned course.
- c. The applicant should produce the sponsorship certificate in the prescribed format as provided in the Prospectus/ or from the concerned employer. **The course/s for which the applicant is being sponsored should be clearly specified in the sponsorship certificate by the sponsoring authority/employer.**
- d. The sponsorship letter from the employer has to be furnished by the applicant at the time of Online application form or admission. **The candidature of applicants failing to produce sponsorship / deputation letter at the time of admission will be treated as cancelled and not allowed for admission to the course.**
- e. Applicants applying under the above category are not eligible for any emoluments for the duration of course from NIMHANS.
- f. *If any communication is received from Parent department/office/employer of a sponsored applicant withholding permission to appear for the entrance test/interview/admission to the course, the candidature/admission of such applicant/s will be cancelled, and no further correspondence in this regard will be entertained.*
- g. Sponsorship for Foreign Nationals to pursue Ph.D. course is permitted only from Governmental Organizations, recognized Universities and National Scholarships of any reputed/recognized organization.
- h. Sponsored candidates from State Government/ Government of India are not eligible for any stipendiary benefits.

Employees of State or Central Government or of any Public Sector Undertaking of State or Central Government should send their applications through their employers. However, the advance copy of the application (complete in all respects) can be submitted. In case the application is not received through the employer, a *No Objection Certificate* from the employer should be produced before the date of the Entrance Test. In case, the candidate is selected, the sponsorship/deputation letter from the employer should be produced at the time of interview/admission failing which the candidate will not be admitted to the course.

### **Age Limit**

- I. **The age is calculated as on 01.01.2026 for January Session.**
- II. Age is relaxable by a maximum of 5 years in the case of PwBD candidates.  
(check PwBD block under reservation of seats section for more information).
- III. No reservations are applicable for Sponsored candidates.

### **Eligibility Criteria for Ph.D. Course**

1. Candidates with M.Sc. / MA/ MSW/ BAMS / BE/ B.Tech/ should have passed the requisite examination from a University recognized by the University Grants Commission (UGC) with not less than 55% of marks in aggregate on or before the date of interview/ admission. Candidates who

have appeared for the qualifying examination and are awaiting results, may also apply. However, such candidates will be eligible to appear for the admission only if they produce the proof of having passed the examination in writing.

2. In case, grades are awarded in lieu of marks in the qualifying examination, candidates have to produce a certificate from the University clearly stating the range of marks into which each of the grades fit, failing which, such applications will be rejected.
3. Candidates with Master's degree obtained through research and awarded on the basis of the evaluation of the thesis (from a University recognized by NIMHANS which does not award marks at the master's level) are also eligible to apply for Ph.D. Program.
4. A relaxation of 5% marks in aggregate will be given for candidates belonging to SC/ST/PwBD category.

### **Online application submission procedure**

- I. Application should be submitted through the Online mode (only) along with all the attachments, signature and photograph through the link available in website along-with this Prospectus.
- II. All claims made in the application must be supported with documentary proof in original along with a set of photocopies at the time of interview/admission.
- III. **A candidate can apply for a maximum of 3 (three) courses only (provided they are eligible). Applicants are not permitted to submit multiple online applications.**
- IV. Employees of State or Central Government or of any Public Sector Undertaking of State or Central Government should submit their applications along-with NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE uploaded/enclosed.
- V. **Any reasons for delay in submission of application/ or applications received after the last date will not be considered under any circumstances.**
- VI. **All relevant communications regarding session-2 entrance test will be notified in NIMHANS official website time to time. Any query regarding the same may be addressed to admissions@nimhans.ac.in. No other mode of communication will be entertained.**

### **Copies to be enclosed to the Application Form:**

***I. The below mentioned original certificates/documents are required to be uploaded in Online Application Form by applicants:***

1. 10<sup>th</sup>/SSLC/Matriculation Certificate, containing Date of Birth and Full Name of Applicant.
  2. Certificates relating to Eligible Qualification:
    - a. Non-Medical Bachelor's Degree:
      - i. Marks Card of all years/semesters
      - ii. Degree Certificate
      - iii. Experience certificate, if mandatory as per 'General Eligibility' section of respective course.
      - iv. Transfer Certificate from Institution/College, from where the last qualification degree was pursued.
      - v. Migration Certificate from the University, from which the last qualification degree was awarded.
      - vi. No Objection Certificate from the Employer. External Fellowship Award Letter from the concerned External Funding Agency (UGC/ICMR/CSIR/CSIR-UGC/DBT/DST/AYUSH NET)
- OR

vii. If the above is not available, a score card of the result of the UGC/ICMR/CSIR/CSIR-UGC/DBT/DST/AYUSH NET Qualifying Exam, clearly stating that the applicant has qualified in the exam and is selected for awarding of External Fellowship can be uploaded.

- b. Medical Bachelor's Degree (MBBS/BAMS(Ayurveda)/Bachelor in Unani Medicine/Bachelor of Veterinary Sciences/BDS/DPM/B.Sc.):
- Marks Card of all years/semesters
  - Degree Certificate.
  - Attempt Certificate, in case of eligible qualification being MBBS.
  - Permanent Registration Certificate with either State Medical Council or Medical Council of India.
  - Internship Completion Certificate, in case of eligible qualification being MBBS.
  - Experience Certificate, if mandatory as per 'General requirement' section of respective course.
  - Transfer Certificate from Institution/College, from where the last qualification degree was pursued.
  - Migration Certificate from the University, from which the last qualification degree was awarded.
  - No Objection Certificate from the Employer

3. 'Equivalence Certificate' from Association of Indian Universities (AIU) for Eligible qualification obtained from a Foreign University/College.

## **II. Certificates/Documents to be enclosed in support of 'External Fellowship Category'**

External Fellowship Award Letter from the concerned External Funding Agency (UGC/ICMR/CSIR/CSIR-UGC/DBT/DST/AYUSH NET) OR

If the above is not available, a score card of the result of the UGC/ICMR/CSIR/CSIR-UGC/DBT/DST/AYUSH NET Qualifying Exam, clearly stating that the applicant has qualified in the exam and is selected for awarding of External Fellowship can be uploaded.

## **III. Certificates/Documents to be enclosed in support of 'Funded by Research Projects at NIMHANS'**

The applicants selected to join the Ph.D. Program, are required to produce copies of

- 'Official Memorandum' regarding their appointment to the project concerned
- 'Joining Report'
- 'No Objection Certificate' from 'Principal Investigator' clearly stating that he/she has no objection to the applicant pursuing Ph.D. Program along with working on a Project and that all financial implications with regards the applicant for pursuing Ph.D. Course will be borne by concerned project.
- Project details proforma (Please find in the Annexure part of this Prospectus)

## **IV. Certificates/Documents to be enclosed in support of 'Sponsored Category'**

- Indian National Applicants sponsored by NIMHANS OR Government of India OR State Government - Organizations/PSUs/Institutions/Universities should enclose Sponsorship certificate, with proper seal and signature clearly stating the Name of Applicant, name of course to which he/she is being sponsored, and terms and conditions regarding the drawing of pay, leave and allowances during the period of course duration by the Applicant and other conditions along-with NOC. The proforma/format of Sponsorship Certificate is provided in 'Annexure' Section of this Prospectus.

2. Foreign National Applicants should upload a sponsorship certificate from Government of concerned Country or Organizations/Institutions/Universities clearly stating the Name of Applicant, name of course to which he/she is being sponsored, and terms and conditions regarding the drawing of pay, leave and allowances during the period of course duration by the Applicant and other conditions.

**V. Certificates/Documents relating to 'Foreign National Category':**

1. Foreign Nationals Applicants possessing eligible qualification from a University/College outside India, are required to upload 'Equivalency Certificate'.
2. Foreign Nationals Applicants should upload a 'No Objection Certificate (NOC)' from Ministry of External Affairs, Govt. of India or Diplomatic Mission/Consulate of India in the country of which Applicant is a citizen of.
3. Foreign Nationals Applicants sponsored to pursue a Ph.D. course are required to follow instructions provided in Point V above.
4. Equivalence Certificate from Association of Indian Universities (refer to 'Categories of Students' Section for more details).

**VI. Certificates/Documents relating to 'PWBD Category':**

Disability Certificate validating the '*Type of Disability*' Field in the Application Form.

**VII. Any other Certificate/Document:**

Experience Certificate, if mandatory as per '*Minimum Requirement*' Section of respective course.

### **Conduct of Entrance Test**

1. Admit cards will be sent to the eligible candidates regarding date, time and venue of the offline Test via Email as mentioned in their application which should be produced at the time of Entrance Test.
2. No individual intimation will be sent to candidates who are not selected and no correspondence on this subject will be entertained.
3. **The candidates are requested to keep themselves updated by visiting the website regularly from time to time or keeping in touch with the Academic & Evaluation Section of NIMHANS on 080-26995013, email ID: admissions@nimhans.ac.in**
4. Entrance test for Courses of Session - 2 will be conducted at NIMHANS Campus, Bengaluru city only.
5. Candidates called for Entrance Test will have to make their own arrangements for travel and stay where the test is conducted. Candidates called for interview/ Admission will have to make their own arrangements for travel and stay at Bengaluru, if required. No TA/DA will be paid by NIMHANS.
6. Any changes in date, time, venue and schedule of the Entrance Test, Interview/ Admission will be announced on the NIMHANS website.
7. Possession/use of mobile phones/spy cameras/ Bluetooth and any other electronic devices is strictly prohibited on the premises of NIMHANS entrance test centers and candidates shall be liable for penal action for any such act.
8. Separate entrance tests will be conducted for all the Ph.D. courses offered at NIMHANS.

### **Pattern of entrance test**

- I. The question paper for the Entrance test will contain 100 multiple choice objective type questions.
- II. The duration of the test for each course will be 90 minutes.
- III. *Each correct answer carries 1 mark.*
- IV. *There will be negative marking and 0.25 marks will be deducted for each wrong answer.*
- V. *No marks will be deducted for unanswered questions.*

### **Announcement of Results and Pre-Admission Formalities for Ph.D. Courses**

1. **Eligibility for Interview: minimum 50% marks in the Entrance Test.**
2. A merit list will be prepared for each course based on the marks scored in the entrance test and the list will be uploaded on the NIMHANS website.
3. List of all the qualified candidates and those called for interview will be notified on the Institute's website. **No separate individual intimation will be given.**
4. The details of venue, date and time of interview will be uploaded on the NIMHANS website.
5. Weightage for selection: 70% for entrance test, and 30% for interview.
6. Interview will focus on the candidate's area of research interest, proficiency in their subject and any research experience / presentations / publications.
7. Qualifying in the entrance test and interview does not entitle admission to a Ph.D. course. Selection is subject to availability of eligible guides in the respective departments.
8. If a candidate is selected for multiple courses they should provide their course preference at the time of admission.
9. The decision of the Director in all matters regarding selection will be final and no representation in any form will be entertained.

### **Admission / Joining and Commencement of the Course**

- I. After the Entrance Test, a list of candidates qualified for interview in the order of merit will be announced on both the website and the notice board of the Institute with the details of venue, date and time of interview.
- II. No form of representations on behalf of any candidate/s will be entertained on the day of interview/ admission. If a candidate does not attend interview/ admission on the designated day as per the Schedule announced, will be marked as absent and his/ her candidature for the admission process will be cancelled. Candidates will be instructed to produce and submit the original certificates/ documents for verification on the day of Interview / admission;
  1. Candidate should produce all necessary documentary proof of all claims made in the application form.
  2. Candidates without proper documentation to support claims made in the Application Form, will be disqualified from interview/ admission Process.
- III. Candidates who qualify for Ph.D. course after Certificates Verification, will be called for interview in the order of merit under the particular course. Such candidates shall appear before a Selection Committee during this stage.
- IV. The candidates who have been selected under various categories should submit the Original Certificates/Documents on the day of admission as shown under "**Enclosures**" along with requisite fee as shown under "**Fee Structure**" of the Prospectus.



- V. The fee is accepted only through Debit/ Credit Cards/UPI/Net Banking. No other means of payment is accepted.
- VI. **Any requests for extension in date of joining should be intimated to 'Academic & Evaluation Section' well in advance via email to 'admissions@nimhans.ac.in'. Such extensions are subject to the approval of the Competent Authority. A late joining fee of Rs. 100/- per day in addition to the fees as mentioned under 'Fees' Section of the Prospectus or as mentioned in Official Memorandum provided to the candidate, will be levied on the day of joining.**
- VII. **All relevant information will be available in website only. Any clarification regarding the same may be addressed to the above email id and no other mode communications will be entertained.**

### **Additional Information**

- I. The rules and regulations in this prospectus are subject to change in accordance with the decision of the Institute from time-to-time.
- II. All the candidates applying for admission to a course at NIMHANS have to give the following declaration:  
*"I fulfil all the eligibility criteria and I am applying for the courses at NIMHANS. I understand that my candidature will be cancelled, if I am found to have given wrong information. I also substantiate my claim by attaching necessary certificates"*
- III. **All courses are conducted on a full-time basis. Private practice in any form is prohibited. The candidates are strictly not permitted to undertake any other part time or correspondence courses unless approved by their Guide and relevant to their Ph.D. work.**
- IV. All candidates admitted to the Institute shall maintain good conduct, attend their classes regularly and abide by the regulations of the Institute.
- V. **Selected candidates should submit Transfer Certificate (from the College/Institute where the last qualification is attained) and Migration Certificate (from the University to which the College/Institute is affiliated where the last qualification is attained) at the time of admission.**
- VI. **Hostel accommodation will be provided subject to availability and not guaranteed.**
- VII. As per the Circular Ref. No. KMC C.R./2014 dated 18.01.2014 from Karnataka Medical Council, all candidates admitted to NIMHANS for various courses, must write to Karnataka Medical Council to obtain Permanent Registration Certificate and submit it to the Administrative Officer (Academic & Evaluation Section) before the commencement of the course.
- VIII. All the selected candidates should produce a medical fitness certificate from a registered medical practitioner.
- IX. **Activation of JRF & SRF of external candidates joining Ph.D. Program at NIMHANS will be activated only after joining the course.**
- X. **In case any candidate is found to have supplied false information or a false certificate or is found to have withheld or concealed some information, he/she shall be debarred from continuing the course and shall face such appropriate action initiated against him/her by the Director of the Institute.**
- XI. All students have to mandatorily register on the [www.amanmovement.org](http://www.amanmovement.org) (OR) [www.antiragging.in](http://www.antiragging.in) for the purpose of signing declaration for Anti-Ragging.
- XII. Details of Student Well Being @ NIMHANS (SWAN) program are available on the website.
- XIII. Rules & Regulations of the Institute are subject to vary as and when the directives received from the Government of India.
- XIV. All students shall mandatorily follow scientific ethics and exhibit utmost integrity. Any scientific misconduct including fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or violation of ethics in scientific / clinical

research studies, communication/publication will result in debarring from the Institute and suitable disciplinary action will be initiated by the Institute authorities.

- XV. The decision of the Director of the Institute shall be final in all matters of selection of candidates for admission to the various courses and no appeal shall be entertained on this subject.
- XVI. Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) trained certificate should be submitted at the time of admission or within 6 months of admission.

## Fees

### 1. Fee Structure for Indian Nationals(All figures are in rupees)

| Details                          | Fees collected at the time of Admission (Ph.D) |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------------------------|
| Eligibility fee                  | 500                                            |
| Registration fee                 | 1,000                                          |
| Tuition Fee*                     | 18,000*                                        |
| Laboratory fee                   | 1,500                                          |
| Gymkhana & recreation Fee        | 750                                            |
| Library fee                      | 3,000                                          |
| Caution Money & Hostel Deposit   | 5,000                                          |
| Identification card fee          | 100                                            |
| NHS card fee #                   | 100                                            |
| Examination fee : Pre-Ph.D.      | 2000                                           |
| Exit Examination Application fee | 50                                             |
| Marks Card Fee                   | -                                              |
| <b>Total</b>                     | <b>₹ 32,000</b>                                |

\* Applicable Tuition fees will be collected annually from 2<sup>nd</sup> year onwards.

### 2. Fee Structure for Foreign Nationals (except from SAARC Countries) (All figures are in USD)

| Sl. No. | Name of the Course | Tuition fee * | Registration fee |
|---------|--------------------|---------------|------------------|
| 1       | Ph.D. Programs     | 30,000        | 500              |

- \* Tuition fee to be paid in equal annual instalments. The amount indicated is for the entire duration of the course. All fees other than Tuition Fee is as applicable to Indian Nationals.
- The fees once paid will not be refunded at any cost
  - The fees for SAARC Nationals applying for various courses at NIMHANS will be on par with Indian Nationals (in Indian Rupee).
  - The E-receipt for having made any kind of payments has to be retained for all future references.

| Annual Events Observed at NIMHANS                                                          | Date                       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Institute Day                                                                              | 14 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| National Science Day (Commemoration of the birth anniversary of Sir. C.V. Raman)           | 28 <sup>th</sup> February  |
| International Women's Day                                                                  | 8 <sup>th</sup> March      |
| World Health Day (Commemoration of Foundation of World Health Organization)                | 7 <sup>th</sup> April      |
| International Nurses' Day (Commemoration of the birth anniversary of Florence Nightingale) | 12 <sup>th</sup> May       |
| International Day of Yoga                                                                  | 21 <sup>st</sup> June      |
| Teachers' Day (Commemoration of the birth anniversary of Dr. Sarvepalli Radhakrishnan)     | 5 <sup>th</sup> September  |
| World Suicide Prevention Day                                                               | 10 <sup>th</sup> September |
| Hindi Diwas (Hindi Day)                                                                    | 14 <sup>th</sup> September |
| World Mental Health Day                                                                    | 10 <sup>th</sup> October   |
| Graduation Day                                                                             | 29 <sup>th</sup> November  |
| International Day for Persons with Disability                                              | 3 <sup>rd</sup> December   |
| Vigilance Awareness Week                                                                   | November/December          |
| Annual Convocation                                                                         | After September            |

## Student Programs

As a policy, NIMHANS is committed to the cause of health, wellbeing and welfare of its student community and constantly strives to create all the necessary framework and systems in this direction. Various student wellbeing activities are in place at the Institute.

### **1. Kannada Language Learning Program**

Kannada is one of the oldest Dravidian languages. It is the Karnataka state's official language. It is desirable that Non-Kannada speaking students make efforts to learn this language for better communication with patients and their family members.

The Kannada Cell and the Department of Publication organize a three-month Kannada Language Learning Program in collaboration with the Department of Kannada & Culture, Government of Karnataka. Students are required to attend these sessions. As majority of the patients seen at NIMHANS speak Kannada, it is mandatory that students learn to comprehend and speak Kannada.

### **2. Orientation Lectures**

Orientation Lectures are organized for all the newly admitted students by the Heads of the Departments in order to familiarize the students with the vast diversification of facilities under Basic, Behavioural and Neurosciences Divisions at NIMHANS.

### **3. Anti-Ragging Policy**

NIMHANS being an Institute of National Importance has zero tolerance towards ragging and

prohibits ragging in all forms. We are proud to state that our campus is ragging free and students are informed to abide by the rules and ensure a ragging free campus. As per the guidelines of UGC under section 26 (1)(g) of the University Grants Commission Act, 1956, which is modified as UGC Regulations, 2009 on curbing the menace of ragging in Higher Educational Institutions, an Anti-Ragging Committee exists in NIMHANS.

#### 4. Internal Complaints Committee

The Internal Complaints Committee is constituted in order to review issues concerning harassment of women at the workplace. This committee functions as per the guidelines of the Sexual Harassment at Workplace (prevention, prohibition and Redressal) Act 2013.

#### Hostels

| Name of the Wardens       | Designation                                       |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|
| Dr. Monojit Debnath       | Chief warden, All Hostels                         |
| Dr. Ashwin Y B            | Deputy warden, Vedavathi hostel                   |
| Dr. Dhritiman Chakrabarti | Deputy warden, Bhima Hostel                       |
| Dr. Eesha Sharma          | Deputy warden, Kabini Hostel                      |
| Dr. Manoj Kumar           | Deputy warden, Thunga and Bhadra Hostel           |
| Dr. Mariyamma Philip      | Deputy warden, Cauvery Hostel                     |
| Dr. Priya Baby            | Deputy warden, Kapila Hostel                      |
| Dr. Aarti Jagannathan     | Deputy warden, Nethravathi and Sharavathi Hostels |
| Mr. Chandan Kumar M T     | Administrative Officer (Hostels)                  |
| Mrs. Poornima K A         | Supervisor (Hostels)                              |

## ANNEXURE

### Declaration Certificate Format

#### 1. To be provided by the Applicant

- a. I agree to undergo the course on a full time basis and shall not engage myself in any kind of private practice during the period of the course. I will not pursue any part time course elsewhere unless permitted by the Institute.
- b. I agree that during my stay at the Institute, I shall not draw my pay/allowances or fellowships from any other source, if I am employed as a Resident.
- c. I declare that I shall abide by the Rules and Regulations of the Institute and those that are framed from time to time.
- d. I hereby declare that the information given in this application is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief. In case any information given in this application proves to be false or incorrect, I shall be responsible for the consequences.
- e. I agree that I will not indulge in ragging and am aware that Ragging is banned in this Institution. If at any point of time, any incident of ragging comes to the notice of the authority, and if I cannot give satisfactory explanation, the authority may expel me from the Institute.
- f. I shall mandatorily follow the scientific ethics and exhibit utmost integrity. I am aware that any scientific misconduct including fabrication, falsification, plagiarism or violation of ethics in scientific / clinical research, communication/publication shall result in debarring from the Institute or any suitable disciplinary action initiated by the Institute authorities.
- g. I also declare that if any information provided by me is found false, my candidature will be rejected at any point of time. Mere permission to write the Entrance Test does not mean that I am eligible for admission to courses at NIMHANS.

**Place:**  
**Date:**

**(Signature of the Applicant)**

#### 2. To be provided by Parent/Spouse/Guardian of the Applicant

- a. I hereby declare that I am responsible for the timely payment of all dues to the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences(NIMHANS), Bengaluru, in respect of my son/daughter/ward/spouse  

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(Name of the Applicant) during the period of his/her study at the Institute and thereafter, until the accounts are cleared.
- b. I am also aware that ragging is banned in this Institution, if any incident of ragging comes to the notice of the authority and if my son/daughter/ward/spouse cannot give satisfactory explanation, the authority can expel him/her from the Institute.

**Place**  
**Date:**

**(Signature of Parent/Spouse/  
Guardian of the Applicant)**

#### 3. Forwarding note to be signed by the Employer under whom the applicant is employed (Applicable for Sponsored/Deputed Candidates)

- a. I certify that the application is being made with my permission and that there is no objection to relieve the applicant if selected for the course, within the prescribed limit of time.
- b. I also certify that I shall inform the authorities of the National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences(NIMHANS), Bengaluru, about the financial terms and remit salary, leave salary, deputation allowances, etc., to the Institute Account which will be paid to the Applicant for the period of training from the Institute.

**Place:**  
**Date:**

**(Signature and Seal of the Employer)**

## **Sponsorship Certificate Format**

**(Do not remove/alter any verse from the certificate)**

This is to certify that:

1. Dr./Sri./Smt. \_\_\_\_\_ is a permanent employee with the \_\_\_\_\_ **(Name of the Government Organization)** and the date of joining service is \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The candidate is being sponsored / deputed for \_\_\_\_\_ **(name of the course)** at National Institute of Mental Health And Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru.
3. The candidate is being sponsored / deputed for the entire duration of the course, if selected.
4. The candidate will be paid all emoluments by the State/Central Government or Public Sector Undertaking of State/Central Government **(tick which is applicable)** and no expenses will devolve upon National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru.
5. The candidate after getting training at National Institute of Mental Health and Neuro Sciences (NIMHANS), Bengaluru, shall continue to be in regular service with the State/Central Government or Public Sector Undertaking of State/Central Government **(tick whichever is applicable)** and will work in the State/Central Government or Public Sector Undertaking of the State/Central Government **(tick whichever is applicable)**.

Date:

Place:

**Signature with Seal of  
Competent Authority**

**Proforma letter to be submitted by candidates applying for Ph.D. through various funded by research projects at NIMHANS**

(Do not remove/alter any verse from the certificate)

This is to certify that:

Dr./Sri./Smt. \_\_\_\_\_ is a working in the \_\_\_\_\_  
(Title of the Project) under the Principal  
Investigator \_\_\_\_\_ and his/her date of joining in this Project is \_\_\_\_\_

**Additional Details:**

Name of the Project:.....  
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PI Name:.....

Co-Investigators name:.....

Date of commencement of Project:.....

Closing date of Project: .....

Current designation of the applicant in the Project: .....

Applicant’s date of joining to the Project: .....

Duration of appointment in the Project: .....

Date:  
Place:

**Seal and Signature of the  
Principal Investigator**

Please Note:

- 1. Necessary supporting documents to be attached to this annexure.
- 2. Applicant must have financial support from the Project for a period of 2 years & 6 months from the date of course commencement i.e., from 01.01.2026 to 30.06.2028