



National Institute of Advanced Studies

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Doctoral Programme

The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) is a unique Indian institution conducting multidisciplinary research in areas that bridge the gap between the natural and engineering sciences, social sciences, humanities and the arts. A limited number of research scholarships are available in the Institute for bright and committed postgraduate students interested in pursuing independent research across disciplines towards a doctoral degree.

We are admitting exceptional students interested in multidisciplinary research in the areas represented at NIAS, especially in the following areas for the year 2013–2014:

- Agroecology
- Animal behavioural ecology and cognitive ethology
- Animal studies and human–animal relationship
- Archaeology, art history and materials heritage
- Biosecurity
- Consciousness studies
- Dynamical systems theory; Physics of complex systems
- Economic and social change
- Education: Social exclusion; Education of the gifted; Higher education
- Energy and environment policy studies
- Gender studies: Development, State and NGOs, Women in Science
- Indian philosophy and psychology
- International relations and strategic studies/Policy studies

Applicants may consult the NIAS website for information on faculty and their research interests (www.nias.res.in).

Eligibility

The scholarships are open to those who have completed/are completing a Master's/M.Phil. degree in any relevant subject in natural sciences, engineering, mathematics, social sciences, humanities or the arts, and with a consistently proven academic record (minimum 55% marks). Some research and/or field experience in the concerned areas will be preferred. Candidates who have passed the NET/SET examinations or qualified for JRF/DST/CSIR/ICSSR fellowships will be preferred.

Fellowship

Candidates admitted to the NIAS Doctoral Programme will be entitled to fellowships, which will be available for a period of four years on a yearly renewable basis. The fellowship amount is fixed at Rs 16,000 per month for the first two years and Rs 18,000 per month from the third year, with an additional 30% per month as House Rent Allowance. *Limited hostel seats are available on campus.*

How to apply

Applications should be made on plain paper, including a curriculum vitae, copies of mark sheets and degree certificates (to be verified at the time of interview) and a **clear statement of purpose** detailing the research interests of the candidate and explaining why she/he would like to join NIAS. Explicit mention must be made of the research areas for which the application is being sent.

Application along with all other documents should be sent as one single PDF document along with a hard copy on or before **22 April 2013**, to:

The Head-Administration, National Institute of Advanced Studies, Indian Institute of Science Campus, Bangalore 560 012, India; phdnias@nias.iisc.ernet.in, jnsandhya@gmail.com.

The candidate's e-mail address, postal address and contact phone numbers (landline and cell) should be included in the application.

Selection procedure

Short-listed candidates will be invited for a written test and an interview in June 2013. The dates will be informed later by e-mail.

For additional information, applicants may contact: jnsandhya@gmail.com, admin@nias.iisc.ernet.in.