

ALL INDIA INSTITUTE OF MEDICAL SCIENCES, RISHIKESH, UTTARAKHAND



PROSPECTUS, Ph.D. PROGRAMME

July 2026



AIIMS Rishikesh Ph.D. Program (July, 2026 SESSION)

Important Dates at a Glance

1. Date of uploading prospectus for filling up of application form opens on	26.05.2026, Tuesday	
2. Last date for receipt of hard copy of Application form through Speed Post/Registered Post only at AIIMS Rishikesh	16.06.2026 , Tuesday	
3. Status of application & Rejected application with reason for rejection. Applicants are required to check the status on AIIMS Rishikesh website.	20.06.2026	Saturday
4. Last date for submission of required documents for Regularization of Rejected Application. No Correspondence will be entertained after this date under any circumstances and candidates are requested NOT TO CONTACT the Examination Section.	23.06.2026	Tuesday
5. Issue of Admit cards for Ph.D. entrance examination to eligible candidates via e-mail	27.06.2026	Saturday
6. Written Test at AIIMS Rishikesh- Stage I & II	06.07.2026	Monday
7. Expected date of publication of merit list of stage I & II	07.07.2026	Tuesday
8. Stage III Assessment & Original Document Verification	08.07.2026	Wednesday
9. Final Result	13.07.2026	Monday
10. Last date for joining the Ph.D. Program	03.08.2026	Monday

• **IMPORTANT NOTICE**

1. All applicants are advised to read the Prospectus carefully before filling the application and ensure that no column is left blank. In the event of rejection of the application form, no correspondence/request for reconsideration will be entertained. Applicants are required to submit hard copy of signed application form to *Dean (Exam), AIIMS, Rishikesh, Veerbhadra Marg, Rishikesh 249203* through registered post/ speed post only. Please visit <https://aiimsrishikesh.edu.in> regularly for latest notification/announcement as well any Addendum/ Dedendum/ Corrigendum/Latest updates etc. regarding this Examination.
2. Any amendment/ Rectification/Change/Editing is NOT allowed in Name, Date of Birth, Department, etc. after payment of application fee through Debit/Credit Card/Net Banking cannot be changed later.
3. Applicants may note that further correspondence will NOT be entertained in this regard.
4. To facilitate quick redressal of queries use your Email ID provided in application form.
5. Replies/Clarifications/Communications will be done only through your registered Email Address.

Declaration of Results: Results for Ph.D. Program will be available on AIIMS Rishikesh website.

Result of individual candidate **will NOT** be informed on telephone and candidates are advised to check the website time to time for their result.

Application Fee (Mode of payment: Through Debit/Credit Card/Net Banking)	
All Applicants	Rs. 2000/- +Transaction Charges as applicable
SC/ST/EWS	Rs. 1600 /- +Transaction Charges as applicable
PWBD candidates	Exempted

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All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh

AllIMS, Rishikesh invites applications for admission in Ph.D. Programme July 2026 Session.

Introduction

All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh offers broad-based research programs leading to award of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) degree. Research work may exemplify development of new interventions, testing of new scientific ideas or gaining insight into biological processes.

Degree of Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) would be awarded to a Candidate, who, as per the regulations of AllIMS Rishikesh, has submitted a thesis on basis of original research work done by him/her in any discipline specific or multi-disciplinary area that makes a contribution to advancement of knowledge in Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences or innovates methods of application of existing knowledge in Medical, Nursing and allied Health Sciences so as to contribute to betterment of humanity. Basic objective of PhD course is to develop scientific capacities of researchers and scientists in field of Medical, Nursing and Allied Health Sciences. Institute provides excellent opportunities for research work in modern era of 21st century with state of art infrastructure, laboratories and equipment.

I. SUMMARY OF EXAMINATION PATTERN

(Please see the text for details and explanations)

1	Mode of Examination	Computer Based/ Hard copy Test
2	Duration of Examination	90 Minutes (Stage I & II)
3	Date of Examination (Stage I & II)	06 July 2026
4	Centre of Examination	AllIMS Rishikesh only
5	Number of Shift	01 (One)
6	Reporting Time	09:00 AM
7	Timing of Examination	10:00 AM to 11:30 AM
8	Language of Paper	English
9	Type of Examination	Objective Type
10	Number of Questions	Stage I & II (30+40=70)
11	Type of Objective Questions	Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs)
12	Marking Scheme stage I & II	Correct Answer : One mark (+)1 Incorrect Answer : 0 Unanswered / Marked for Review : 0 Not Answered : 0
13	Number of candidates called for stage III	Candidates 3 times the number of seats advertised will be called for Stage III from qualified candidates of stage I & II.
14	Method of resolving ties	The tie cases will be resolved according to age (Date of birth). The older candidate shall get preference over the younger one.

II. SEATS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE FOLLOWING DEPARTMENTS:

A. SUMMARY/NUMBER OF SEATS:

Sr. No	Department	Seats available*
1.	Anaesthesiology	1
2.	Anatomy	1
3.	Biochemistry	1
4.	Burns & Plastic Surgery	1
5.	Cardiology	1
6.	Community Medicine	1
7.	Emergency Medicine	1
8.	ENT	1
9.	General Medicine	1
10.	Geriatric Medicine	1
11.	Medical Oncology Haematology	1
12.	Microbiology	1
13.	Nursing	1
14.	Ophthalmology	1
15.	Pathology	1
16.	Pediatrics	2
17.	Pharmacology	1
18.	Pulmonary Medicine	1
	Total Seats	19

B. DETAILS OF SEATS ARE AS FOLLOWS: -

Department	Code No.	No. of Seats	Guide	Specific Qualification required
Anaesthesiology	1	1	Dr. Gaurav Jain (Professor)	Non-Medical 1. MSc Microbiology 2. MSc Biotechnology
Anatomy	2	1	Dr. Pooja Bhadoria (Associate Professor)	Medical: 1. MD Medicine 2. MD Biochemistry 3. DM Gastroenterology Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. Biochemistry 2. M.Sc. Life Sciences # 3. M.Sc. Biomedical Sciences 4. M.Sc. Forensic Sciences 5. M.Sc. Forensic Biotechnology 6. M.Sc. Cell Biology 7. M.Sc. Biotechnology 8. M.Sc. Microbiology 9. M.Sc. Genetics 10. M.Sc. Zoology 11. M.Sc. Molecular Biology 12. M.Tech. Biotechnology 13. M.Tech. Genetic Engineering 14. M.Tech. Bioinformatics 15. M.Tech. Biomedical Engineering
Biochemistry	3	1	Dr. Sarama Saha (Additional Professor)	Medical: 1. MBBS Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. Molecular Biology 2. M.Sc. / Integrated M.Sc. Biotech 3. M.Sc. Bioinformatics

Burns & Plastic Surgery	4	1	Dr. Debarati Chattopadhyay (Professor)	<p>Medical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MBBS <p>Non-medical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MSc Medical Biochemistry 2. MSc Physiology 3. MSc Microbiology 4. MSc Medical Microbiology 5. MSc Biotechnology 6. MSc Molecular Biology 7. MSc Bioinformatics 8. MSc Biomedical Science 9. MSc Life Sciences # 10. MTech/MBiotech
Cardiology	5	1	Dr. Barun Kumar (Additional Professor)	<p>Non-Medical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Pharm.D (Doctor of pharmacy) 2. M Pharm in pharmacology 3. M.Sc. Biochemistry 4. M.Sc. in Clinical Research 5. Masters in Statistics 6. M.Sc. in Epidemiology 7. M.Sc. in medical biotechnology
Community Medicine	6	1	Dr. Meenakshi Khapre (Additional Professor)	<p>Non-Medical:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. <u>ESSENTIAL</u>- Masters in Microbiology. 2. <u>ESSENTIAL</u>- Total 1.5 year post PG experience working in Research Project (among which atleast 1 year work done in Community based project specifically including women). 3. <u>DESIRABLE</u>-Knowledge of working with community based social work projects including children. <p>Working knowledge with diabetes patients and cancer patients.</p> <p>Good communication and computer skills and knowledge of statistics and microbiology.</p>

Emergency Medicine	7	1	Dr. Nidhi Kaeley (Additional Professor)	Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. Life Sciences # 2. M.Sc. Biochemistry 3. M.Sc. Biotechnology 4. M.Sc. Nursing
ENT	8	1	Dr. Saurabh Varshney (Professor)	Medical: 1. MD/MS/MDS/DM/MCh in subject concerned or Diplomate of National Board of Examinations or equivalent degree recognized by MCI/DCI
General Medicine	9	1	Dr. Mukesh Chand Bairwa (Associate Professor)	Non-Medical: 1. MSc Nursing 2. MSc Medical Biochemistry 3. MSc Medical Microbiology
Geriatric Medicine	10	1	Dr. Monika Pathania (Additional Professor)	Medical: 1. MBBS 2. MD Medicine 3. MD Geriatric Medicine 4. Master Degree after BAMS 5. Master Degree after BNYS Non-Medical: 1. MSc Basic Sciences with good lab expertise 2. MSc Biochemistry 3. MSc Microbiology 4. M.Biotech
Medical Oncology Haematology	11	1	Dr. Uttam Kumar Nath (Professor)	Medical: 1. MBBS Non-medical: 1. MSc Medical Biochemistry 2. MSc Microbiology 3. MSc Medical Microbiology 4. MSc Biotechnology 5. MSc Molecular Biology 6. MSc Bioinformatics 7. MSc Genetics / Human Genetics 8. MSc Biomedical Science 9. MSc Life Sciences # 10. MSc Clinical Research 11. MTech/MBiotech

Microbiology	12	1	Dr. Vanya Singh (Assistant Professor)	Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc Medical Microbiology
Nursing	13	1	Dr. Smriti Arora (Professor)	Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. Nursing DESIRABLE: -Fellowship in Palliative care -Previous experience as a master trainer, national faculty for palliative care trainings and workshop -Experience in simulation based training
Ophthalmology	14	1	Dr. Vinita Gupta (Professor)	Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. Physics 2. M.Sc. Applied Physics 3. M.Sc. Biology 4. M.Sc. Life Sciences # 5. M.Sc. Forensic Sciences 6. M.Sc. Health Science 7. M.Sc. Medical Lab Technology 8. M.Sc. Neuroscience 9. M.Sc. Biotechnology 10. M.Sc. Computer Science 11. M. Tech Computer Science 12. M.Sc. Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering 13. M. Tech Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering 14. M.Sc. Information Technology 15. M. Tech Information Technology 16. M.Sc. Data Science and AI 17. M. Tech Data Science and AI 18. M.Sc. Statistics 19. M.Sc. Applied Mathematics 20. M.Sc. Biostatistics 21. M. Tech Biosciences and Bioengineering 22. M.Optom 23. M.Sc. Genetics / Human Genetics 24. M.Sc. Biochemistry 25. M.Sc. Clinical Research 26. M.Sc. Biomedical Sciences 27. M. Tech Biomedical Engineering 28. M.Sc. Artificial Intelligence 29. M. Tech Artificial Intelligence

				30. M.Sc. Machine Learning 31. M.Sc. Big Data Analytics 32. M.Sc. Health Informatics / Biomedical Informatics 33. M.Sc. Computational Biology 34. M.Sc. Nanoscience / Nanotechnology 35. M.Sc. Translational Medicine 36. M.Sc. Mathematical Biology Desirable Qualification: Preferably with experience in Data Science
Pathology	15	1	Dr. Nilotpal Chowdhury (Professor)	Medical: 1. MBBS Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. Microbiology 2. M.Sc. Biotechnology 3. M.Sc. Biophysics 4. M.Sc. Biochemistry 5. M.Sc. Applied Biochemistry 6. M.Sc. Botany 7. M.Sc. Zoology 8. M.Sc. Human Genetics 9. M.Sc. Life Sciences # 10. M.Sc. Immunology 11. M.Sc. Applied Anatomy 12. M.Sc. Applied Physiology 13. M.Sc. in any branch of Chemistry 14. M. Tech. Biotechnology
Pediatrics	16A	1	Dr. Prashant Kumar Verma (Additional Professor)	Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. Clinical Research
	16B	1	Dr. Prateek Kumar Panda (Associate Professor)	Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. in anatomy 2. M.Sc. physiology 3. M.Sc. biochemistry 4. M.Sc. medical biochemistry 5. M.Sc. microbiology 6. M.Sc. medical microbiology 7. M.Sc. pharmacology 8. M.Sc. clinical research 9. M.Sc. medical bacteriology 10. M.Sc. biophysics 11. M.Sc. biotechnology 12. M.Sc. medical pathology

				13. M.Sc. medical physiology 14. M.Sc. medical pharmacology 15. M.Sc. Nursing 16. M.Sc. neurosciences 17. Master's in public health 18. Master's in physiotherapy, 19. Masters in psychology/psychiatry
Pharmacology	17	1	Dr. Puneet Dhamija (Professor)	Medical: 1. MBBS Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. life sciences # 2. M.Sc. pharmacology 3. M.Sc. biotechnology 4. M. Biotech NOTE: Only candidates with Project fellowship / own grant / scholarship may apply.
Pulmonary Medicine	18	1	Dr. Ruchi Dua (Professor)	Medical: 1. MBBS Non-Medical: 1. M.Sc. Biosciences 2. M.Sc. Biotechnology 3. M.Sc. Microbiology 4. M.Sc. Biochemistry 5. M.Sc. Life Science # 6. M.Sc. Biomedical Sciences 7. M.Sc. Zoology 8. M.Sc. Human Physiology

*The number of seats available may vary as per discretion of competent authority AIIMS Rishikesh.

M.Sc. Life Sciences (#): M.Sc. Life Sciences is a specific degree and no other degree shall be considered equivalent to same for eligibility for a particular seat where M.Sc. Life Sciences is mentioned for eligibility.

Only limited number of AIIMS Rishikesh Fellowships (Stipend) are available for meritorious students and will be awarded as per Institute rules. Decision regarding award of institutional fellowship will be decided by IRRB as per merit in entrance exam and will be considered final.

Important Notes for candidates:

1. Candidates can apply for PhD in one department.
2. Eligibility will only be for seats in the department and project that they have applied for.
3. Seats will be allocated in order of their merit in the exam.
4. Successful candidates will be subjected to eligibility criteria of respective Project before admission.
5. PhD Scholars are required to make their own arrangements for stay at their own expenses during the period of their PhD Course.
6. They are also required to identify source of funding support for their research work, as Institute is not bound to support PhD Scholar (External) for their stay/salary/ research funding support.
7. The decision of Institutional Research Review board (IRRB) will be considered final in all matters pertaining to the PhD course.
8. Candidates who are allotted a seat but do not join or resign after joining, will NOT be eligible for any additional rounds of seat allocation

III. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR ADMISSION TO Ph.D. COURSE:

A. A candidate seeking admission to course of study leading to award of a Degree of Doctor of Philosophy must possess at least one of the following qualifications from a recognized University/Institute.

a. Degrees and eligibility for Course for medical candidates:

1. MBBS/MD/MS/MDS/DM/MCH in subject concerned or Diplomat of National Board of examinations or equivalent degree recognized by MCI/DCI
2. Masters degree after BAMS, BHMS and BNYS will be eligible for Ph.D. in AYUSH.
3. Minimum 55% marks or equivalent percentile in last eligibility examination qualified.

b. Nursing Qualification: Candidates holding M.Sc. degree with minimum 55% aggregate marks or equivalent percentile in Nursing Speciality will also be eligible for Ph. D admission in College of Nursing.

c. Degrees and eligibility for Course for non-medical candidates:

1. Master degree (02-year course) awarded by Indian University or equivalent in subject as per requirement of project.
2. Candidate possessing Master Degree through distance learning course shall not be eligible.
3. Minimum of 55% marks or equivalent in last eligibility examination qualified.

NOTE: - A relaxation of 5% may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer)/Differently abled and female candidates.

B. Eligibility criteria for External Candidates in permanent employment:

1. Candidates who are permanent employees of external Institutions (Central Govt/ Semi Govt/ Autonomous organization) should submit application through proper channel. i.e., employer. They will be required to submit a **'No Objection Certificate'** from their employer/Head of Institute.
2. In addition, such Candidates will have to provide a certificate at time of joining from employer stating that in event of selection to PhD course, Candidate will be granted a minimum period of 03-year study leave with full pay and permission to work at AIIMS Rishikesh to pursue full time PhD Course.

C. Eligibility criteria for In-service- Candidates from AIIMS Rishikesh

For In-service Medical Candidates

1. Members of the medical faculty can apply for registration to Ph.D. course as In-service candidate. He/She will be exempted from appearing in the entrance examination.
2. The individual should be a regular employee of the institute and should have rendered a minimum of two years of continuous service at the institute.
3. The individual should have minimum of 5 years of active service left in the institute at the time of application.
4. The medical faculty member should have at least 3 original research publications (not case reports) during the last three years immediately preceding the date of his/her application either as a first author or as a communicating author in a peer reviewed journal.
5. The candidate will be considered as In-service candidate provided that the Head of the Department should certify that the work of the department will not suffer and no additional staff will be asked for.
6. The candidate seeking admission under this category will have to identify a faculty member in the same department (senior to the candidate) who is willing to be the chief-guide of the candidate. The candidate should submit a letter of acceptance/undertaking from the concerned faculty member in this regard.

For In-service Non-Medical Candidates

1. The individual should be a regular employee of the institute and should have rendered a minimum of five years of continuous service at the institute.
2. He/She should fulfill all the eligibility criteria for the Ph.D. course, and will appear in the entrance examination and must score minimum of 50% marks.
3. The individual should have 5 years of active service remaining in the institute.
4. The candidate should have a proven track record of active involvement in research / academic activities of the department. He/she should possess good written and verbal communication skills in English language to be certified by HOD/Chief of Center.
5. The candidate should have at least 3 original research publications (not case reports) during the last three years immediately preceding the date of his/her application either as a first author or as a communicating author in a peer reviewed journal.
6. The candidate will be considered as in-service candidate provided that the Head of the Department should certify that the work of the department will not suffer and no additional

staff will be asked for.

7. The candidate seeking admission under this category will have to identify a faculty member in the institute who is willing to be the chief-guide of the candidate. The candidate should submit a letter of acceptance/undertaking from the concerned faculty member in this regard.

Note:

1. DM, MCh, PDCC candidates and others pursuing a full time academic course at AIIMS Rishikesh cannot apply for a Ph.D. programme.
2. If a faculty is registered as a guide of a Ph.D. scholar, he/she will NOT be eligible to apply for Ph.D. course as a Ph.D. scholar until submission of thesis work by research scholar under him/her.
3. Any faculty pursuing Ph.D. course himself/herself is NOT allowed to guide a student.
4. All In-service candidates should clarify the latest rules and regulations from Ph.D. Cell, AIIMS Rishikesh.

D. Eligibility criteria for Transfer for PhD credit in case of re-location

In case of re-location of PhD scholar due to marriage or otherwise, research period, and research data shall be allowed to be transferred to AIIMS Rishikesh, subject to the condition, that Research Scholar has either joined as employee/ on deputation and has cleared entrance exam (Stage I and Stage II) conducted by AIIMS, Rishikesh and is willing to enroll as a full time PhD Research Scholar. Scholar will give due credit to parent guide and previous Institution for part of research already done.

IV. DURATION OF COURSE:

- i. Duration of course for all candidates will commence from date of joining (provisional registration) to submission of final thesis to exam cell for evaluation.
- ii. PhD course will be full time for all external candidates, including those with sponsorship.
- iii. Minimum Duration: Shall be for a minimum period of 3 years including course work.
- iv. Maximum Duration: Shall be for a period of 6 years.

V. METHOD OF SELECTION:

Entrance to PhD Course will be based on merit scores based on following evaluations. All candidates except in service medical faculty of AIIMS Rishikesh will have to appear in three stages of entrance examination:

- A. **Stage I: 30 Marks** (30 MCQs of 1 Mark each) Aptitude related MCQs covering English (Written and verbal skills), Biostatistics, Research Methodology, Cell Biology, Lab Technology etc.

Stage II: 40 Marks (40 MCQs of 1 Mark each) Subject related theory based comprising Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs) of MD/MS/MDS/M.Sc. Entrance level.

Total Marks (Stage I + II): 70 (30+40)

Total Duration (Stage I + II): 90 Minutes

Marking in Stage I & II:

Each correct (MCQ) answer will be awarded 1 mark. More than one answer will be treated as wrong answer. Zero mark will be given for wrong answer, questions not answered or marked for review.

Eligibility for Stage-III: Candidates must score at least 35 marks in Stages I and II (Combined) to be eligible for Stage III. Candidates who do not fulfill the criteria to qualify for stage III will not be eligible for selection.

B. Special weightage:

i. Medical / Dental/ Nursing candidates:

10 marks will be added to the total score of Stages I and II for candidates who fulfill both the following criteria:

- (1) they are eligible for stage III
- (2) they also hold a Medical Degree (MBBS/ BDS/ MDS/ DNB/ MD/ MS/ DM/ M.Ch.) or M.Sc. (Nursing).

ii. Non-Medical candidates

10 marks will be added to the total score of Stages I and II for candidates who fulfill both the following criteria:

- (1) They are eligible for stage III
- (2) They also have qualified in any one of the following National Entrance Tests leading to the award of a fellowship tenable at AIIMS, Rishikesh in the last 2 years:
 - Joint CSIR-UGC NET for JRF
 - ICMR – JRF
 - ICMR- SRF
 - DBT – JRF
 - NBHM screening test
 - INSPIRE fellowship
- Such candidates should apply under the Own Fellowship (OF) category and attach proof of award of the qualifying fellowship in the form. The fellowships should be tenable at AIIMS, Rishikesh
- To be eligible for special weightage marks, ALL the following criteria must be fulfilled:
 1. The result of the above listed National Entrance Tests must have been declared between June 2024 and last date of application).
 2. The award of the fellowship must be based on the result of the above listed National Entrance Tests
 3. The fellowships should be tenable at AIIMS, Rishikesh
 4. The letter of award of fellowship must be sent with the application form. Passing of the listed National Entrance Tests is not acceptable as proof of award of fellowship.

C. **Stage III:** Three (03) times as many eligible candidates as the number of seats advertised in a department will be called for departmental clinical/practical/lab based assessment/Departmental assessment & interaction with IRRB (carrying 20 marks). These marks will be added to the marks of stages I + II + special weightage to determine the final total marks. In-service medical candidates of AIIMS Rishikesh will be exempted from appearing in stage I & II, they will appear directly for stage III.

D. **Final Result:** Candidates who secure 50% marks in Stage-I, II, special weightage & Stage III Combined (50/100) shall be eligible for admission and shall be included in the final merit list. If a candidate is awarded special weightage marks based on submitted documents that are subsequently found to be ineligible, the special weightage marks awarded will be withdrawn and the final result will be recalculated.

Final result of qualified candidates will be prepared based on number of seats available. Final result of selected candidates will only be declared after getting approval from Executive Director, AIIMS Rishikesh. Selected candidates are required to join within last date of joining as mentioned in result information uploaded on Institute website. In case a candidate fails to join by this date and no written request for extension is received, it will be assumed that he/she does not intend to join course and seat will be offered to next candidate on waiting list. No further correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

Note:

- i. Result will be available on website of AIIMS Rishikesh. No individual intimation will be communicated to the candidate.
- ii. Candidates who fail to attend any of the stage of examination as mentioned above will NOT be eligible for admission

E. **Method of Resolving Tie:** The tie cases will be resolved according to age (Date of birth), the older candidate shall get preference over the younger one.

VI. **INDEMNITY BOND:**

All Candidates enrolled for PhD Course shall sign a bond for completion of course. Leaving course in mid-way will involve recovery of salary/fellowship and a fine up to Rs 2 lakh based on decision of IRRB. However, candidate can request Director AIIMS Rishikesh for review of decision of IRRB.

VII. **JOINING:**

Selected candidates are required to join **as per the date given in his/her provisional offer letter**. In case the candidate is not granted an extension for joining and fails to join by the date given to him/her in provisional offer letter, it will be assumed that he/she does not intend to join the course and the seat will be offered to the next candidate on the waiting list. No further correspondence will be entertained in this regard.

Important: The PhD seats shall lapse if the selected candidates do not join by **03 August 2026** for July session.

VIII. ALLOCATION OF GUIDE:

Candidate shall work under supervision of a recognized Ph.D. guide of AIIMS Rishikesh based on the option chosen by the candidate at the time of application. Only a full-time regular Faculty/Director of AIIMS Rishikesh can act as a supervisor. Co-Guide can be allowed in inter-disciplinary areas from other departments of AIIMS Rishikesh or from other related Institutions with approval of DRC.

IX. IMPORTANT INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILLING UP APPLICATION FORM:

1. For applying for admission to PhD Course each candidate is required to submit hard copy of signed application form provided on the website to **Dean (Exam), AIIMS, Rishikesh, Veerbhadra Marg, Rishikesh 249203** through registered post/ speed post. The envelope should be super scribed as “APPLICATION FORM FOR PHD ADMISSION JULY 2026.”
2. **No candidate should register more than one application.**
3. Candidate should fill application taking utmost care. Incorrectly, filled form may lead to rejection. It will be the responsibility of the candidates to ensure that correct details are filled. The Institute will not be responsible for any incorrect information/cancellation of candidature/loss or lack of communication etc. due to incorrectly filled Application form. Applicants must fill all the fields carefully since after submission of application request for change in any information at any later stage will NOT be considered. Candidates should keep a copy of the form for future reference till the completion of admission process.
4. The fee for entrance examination is non-refundable and no correspondence in this regard will be entertained. The candidate is required to go through the Prospectus carefully and acquaint himself/herself with all requirements with regard to ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA of filling of the application form. Candidates may please note that unless they make the payment of Application Fee, their application will be treated as INCOMPLETE.
5. Payment of fee: Candidates can pay the application fee through NEFT or direct bank transfer. Additional charges viz. bank charges, service tax etc. incurred while making online payment of application fees will be borne by the candidate.
6. Candidates are advised to take a print of the payment receipt where they can see transaction number or UTR number, the receipt to be attached with the application also. Communication regarding exam will be sent on the email of candidate (as provided in the application form) well in advance of the date of examination.
7. Payment of application fees by any other mode viz Cash, Cheque, Money Orders, Postal Orders, Pay Orders, Banker’s Cheques, Postal Stamps, etc., will NOT be accepted. Such applications will be summarily rejected. The decision of Director, AIIMS Rishikesh in this regard shall be final and binding.
8. APPLICATION FEE AND MODE OF PAYMENT:
 - General/OBC Category: Rs. 2000/- + Transaction Charges as applicable.
 - SC/ST/EWS Category: Rs. 1600/- + Transaction Charges as applicable.

- PWBD Candidates are exempted from any Fee.

9. For all purposes, for candidate applying under SC/ST/OBC(NCL)/EWS/ & PWBD category, the candidate must possess a valid certificate issued by competent authority (as applicable to the category in format provided by AIIMS Rishikesh).
10. **OBC Caste Certificate to be produced during 08.07.2025 to 07.07.2026 (as per format attached). An EWS Certificate issued in prescribed format for employment in Central Govt. on the basis of income of Financial Year 2025-26 issued after 01.04.2026 but not later than 07.07.2026 valid for the year 2026-27 will be considered valid. (as per format attached)**

11. MODE OF PAYMENT - Through NEFT/ Direct bank transfer

NEFT Details

Name of Institute – AIIMS, Rishikesh

Name of Bank- Punjab National Bank

Branch- Pashulok, Rishikesh

Account Holder Name- AIIMS Examination

Account No. – 6189000100046878

IFSC Code- PUNB0618900

12. DOCUMENTS TO BE ATTACHED WITH APPLICATION FORM:

- Proof of date of birth (High School Certificate)
- ID Card (Aadhar Card/ PAN Card/ Voter ID)
- Degree Certificates/ Marksheets for essential qualification
- In Service/ External / Candidate in permanent employment (NOC from employer/ Head of Institute)
- In Service candidates of AIIMS Rishikesh (NOC in attached format)
- Recent photograph
- Proof of award of eligible fellowship for non-medical candidates.
- Proof of category for availing benefits of fees and relaxation in qualifying marks.
- Internship completion certificate (If Applicable)
- Attempt certificate
- Payment receipt for Application

13. Communication regarding eligibility for examination will be sent to the respective email ids of the candidates. If the candidate has not received any communication at least 5 days before the Stage I & II exam, he/she should immediately write an email to the Dean Examinations, AIIMS, Rishikesh on exam@aiimsrishikesh.edu.in with his/her full particulars.

14. SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION BY CANDIDATES WHO ARE EMPLOYED:

- a. External candidates must submit/send **No objection certificate in original** from their employers in the attached format along with the hard copy of application form to the **Dean (Examinations), AIIMS, Rishikesh-249203** failing which their candidature will be cancelled.
- b. In-service candidates of AIIMS Rishikesh must submit **No objection certificate in original** in the attached format along with the hard copy of application form to the **Dean (Examinations), AIIMS, Rishikesh-249203** failing which their candidature will be cancelled.

X. PROCEDURE FOR REDRESSAL OF DISCREPANCY NOTICED:

- (i) The candidates are required to verify their eligibility criteria for the project that they have applied for, before applying for the course.
- (ii) Fees deposited will NOT be reimbursed under any circumstances.
- (iii) All applicants are required to ensure that Photo and Signature is submitted. Failure to do so may result in rejection of applications. Duplicate applications from any applicant will result in cancellation of all such applications. No intimation regarding such summary rejections will be provided.
- (iv) It will be the responsibility of the candidate to ensure that correct address, Mobile No. & email ID in the Application Form is filled. AIIMS Rishikesh shall not be responsible for any miscommunication due to incorrect address, Mobile No. and email ID given by the applicant on the Application Form or non-receipt for any communication.
- (v) Any Change in the address, mobile No. and email ID should be immediately intimated to this office by registered mail. The candidate should also ensure that any communication sent at the previous address is redirected to him/her at the new address.
- (vi) If a candidate is at any stage found to have provided false information/certificate or is found to have withheld or concealed some information in his/her application form, he/she will be debarred from admission, his/her Candidature will be terminated with immediate effect.
- (vii) If ineligibility is detected at any stage, candidature/admission of the candidate will be cancelled without any notice.
- (viii) Candidates must not attempt to obtain or give irregular assistance of any kind during the examination; this will entail expulsion and cancellation of candidature for the examination. The admission of the candidate will be cancelled, and appropriate criminal/civil proceedings will be initiated against the candidates, if at any stage of the examination the candidate is found to have secured admission by using any unfair means.
- (ix) The Institute will not intimate the result of Entrance Test individually. No correspondence in this regard will be entertained.
- (x) There is no provision for re-checking/re-evaluation of the answer sheets and no query in this regard will be entertained.
- (xi) The decision of the Executive Director of the Institute shall be final in the matter of selection of candidates for admission to Ph.D. Program and no appeal will be entertained in this regard.
- (xii) Selected candidates must join the course on the date stipulated in the letter of selection, failing which the selection/admission shall stand cancelled/withdrawn.
- (xiii) The selected candidates will have to submit the original Certificates at the time of joining.
- (xiv) The selection of students for the Ph.D. Program will be subject to medical fitness. No selected candidate will be permitted to pay fee/join the course unless declared medically fit by the Medical Board appointed by the Institute. The decision of the Medical Board shall be final.

- (xv) Each candidate selected for admission shall have to pay the fee/dues within the prescribed period failing which his/her admission shall be cancelled.
- (xvi) Private practice in any form during the course is prohibited. The period of training is strictly full time and continuous.
- (xvii) The rules are subject to change in accordance with the decision of the Institute to be taken from time to time.
- (xviii) Any dispute in regard to any matter referred to herein shall be subject to the jurisdiction of High Court of Uttarakhand.

Certificate for 'person with specified disability'(PwD) covered under the definition of Section 2 (s) of the RPwD Act, 2016 but not covered under the definition of Section 2 (r) of the said Act, i.e. persons having less than 40% disability and having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing.

1.This is to certify that, we have examined Mr./Ms/Mrs _____(name of the candidate), S/o / D/o _____, a resident of _____(Vill/PO/PS/District/State), aged _____yrs, a person with _____(nature of disability/ condition), and to state that he/she has limitation which hampers his/her writing capability owing to his/her above condition. He/she requires support of scribe for writing the examination.

2.The above candidate uses aids and assistive device such as prosthetics and orthotics, hearing aid _____(name to be specified) which is/are essential for the candidate to appear at the examination with the assistance of scribe.

3.The certificate is issued only for the purpose of appearing in written examinations conducted by recruitment agencies as well as academic institutions and is valid upto _____(it is valid for maximum period of six months or less as may be certified by the medical authority).

Signature of medical authority

(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)	(Signature & Name)
Orthopedic/ PMR specialist	Clinical Psychologist/ Rehabilitation Psychologist/Psychiatrist/ Special Educator	Neurologist(If available)	Occupational therapist (If available)	Other Expert, as nominated by the Chairperson (If any)
Signature & Name				
Chief Medical Officer/Civil Surgeon/ Chief District Medical Officer Chairperson				

Name of Government Hospital/Health Care Centre with seal

Place:

Date:

FORMAT OF NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE BY EXTERNAL CANDIDATE IN PERMANENT EMPLOYMENT FROM EMPLOYER / HEAD OF INSTITUTE

1. I certify that Dr./Miss/Mrs./Mr.* _____ is being allowed for PhD course in (department) _____ at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh for the session commencing in **July 2026**.
2. That Dr./Miss/Mrs./Mr.* _____ is a permanent employee of _____ (name of the State/Central Govt. Dept./Office/Armed Forces/the Competent Authorities of PSU/Autonomous Body etc.)
3. That the candidate will be paid all emoluments by the parent institute during the entire training period. Such payment will not be the responsibility of the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh.
4. That the candidate is being allowed for the entire duration of the course as specified in the prospectus for the above-mentioned course.

Head of Institute/Employer/VC/Executive Director/Director

Signature

Name **(In BLOCK LETTERS)**

Place:.....

Designation

Office Seal

Date:

IMPORTANT:

- (i) No addition or alteration in the above certificate is allowed.

FORMAT OF NO OBJECTION CERTIFICATE BY IN SERVICE CANDIDATE OF AIIMS RISHIKESH

1. I certify that Dr./Miss/Mrs./Mr.* _____ is being allowed for PhD course in (department) _____ at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh for the session commencing in **July 2026**.
2. That the work of Department _____ will not suffer if the concerned faculty joins Ph.D. course at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh.
3. That no additional staff will be asked for by the concerned Department/concerned faculty if above mentioned In-service candidate Joins Ph.D. course at All India Institute of Medical Sciences, Rishikesh.
4. That Dr./Miss/Mrs./Mr. _____ possess good written and verbal communication skills in English language. **(For In-service Non-medical candidates only)**

Head of Department

Signature

Name **(In BLOCK LETTERS)**

Place:

Designation

Office Seal

Date:

Head of Institute/Executive Director

Signature

Name (In Block Letters)

Place:

Designation

Office Seal

Date:

IMPORTANT:

- (i) No addition or alteration in the above certificate is allowed.

PROFORMA FOR OTHER BACKWARD CLASS (OBC) CERTIFICATE

(Certificate to be produced by other Backward Classes applying for Admission to Central Educational Institutions (CEIs), Under The Government of India)

This is to certify that Shri /Smt./Kum. _____ Son/Daughter of
Shri/Smt. _____ of Village/Town _____ District/Division _____ in the
_____ State belongs to the _____ Community, which is recognized as
a backward class under:

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

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

Dated: _____ District Magistrate/Competent Authority Seal

NOTE:

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

FORM OF SC/ST CERTIFICATE PRESCRIBED

Form of certificate as prescribed in M.H.A., O.M., No. 42/21/49-N.G.S. dated the 28.1.1952, as revised in Dept. of Per- & A.R. letter No. 36012/6/76-Est. (S.CT), dated the 29.10.1977, to be produced by candidate belonging to a Scheduled Caste or a Scheduled Tribe in support of his/her claim.

CASTE CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that Shri/Smt./Kum.* Son/daughter* of of village/town* in district/Division* of the State/Union Territory* Belongs to the Caste/Tribe, which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe* under:

- The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) Order, 1950
- The Constitution (Scheduled Tribe) Order, 1950
- The Constitution (Scheduled Caste) (Union Territories) Order, 1951
- The Constitution (Scheduled Tribe) (Union Territories) Order, 1951

% 1. (as amended by the Scheduled Caste and Scheduled Tribes Lists (Modification) Order, 1956, the Bombay Re-Organization Act, 1960, the Punjab Re-Organization Act, 1966, the State of Himachal Pradesh Act, 1970 the North Eastern Areas (Re-organization) Act, 1971 and the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes Orders, (Amendment) Act, 1976). The Constitution (Jammu and Kashmir) Scheduled Caste Order, 1956.

- The Constitution (Andaman and Nicobar Islands) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1959.
- The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Caste Order, 1962.
- The Constitution (Dadra and Nagar Haveli) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1962.
- The Constitution (Pondicherry) Scheduled Caste Order, 1964
- The Constitution (Uttar Pradesh) (Scheduled Tribes) Order, 1967
- The Constitution (Goa, Daman & Diu) Scheduled Caste Order, 1968.
- The Constitution (Goa, Daman & Diu) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1968.
- The Constitution (Nagaland) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1970.
- The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Caste Order, 1978.
- The Constitution (Sikkim) Scheduled Tribes Order, 1978.

% 2. Applicable in the case of Scheduled Caste/Schedule Tribe persons who have migrated from one State/ Union Territory Administration:

This certificate is issued on the basis of the Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificate issued to Shri/ Smt.* father/mother of Shri/Smt./Kum* of village/town* in District/Division* of the State/Union Territory* who belongs to the caste/tribe which is recognized as a Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe* in the State/Union Territory* issued by the (name of Prescribed authority) vide their No. date. % 3. Shri*/Smt.*/Kum* and/or his/her* family Ordinary reside(s) in village/town* of the State/Union Territory of.....

Signature.....

Place.....

State/Union Territory

**Designation.....

Date.....

(With seal of Office)

- Please delete the words which are not applicable.
- Please quote specific Presidential Order.
- % Delete the paragraph which is not applicable.

** Should be signed by the Authorities empowered to issue Scheduled Caste/Scheduled Tribe certificates as specified above.

Annexure-I

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

INCOME & ASSEST CERTIFICATE TO BE PRODUCED BY ECONOMICALLY WEAKER SECTIONS

Certificate No. _____

Date: _____

VALID FOR THE YEAR _____

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

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

Signature with seal of Office _____

Name _____

Designation _____

Recent Passport size
attested photograph of
the applicant

*Note1: Income covered all sources i.e. salary, agriculture, business, profession, etc.

**Note 2: The term "Family" for this purpose include the person, who seeks benefit of reservation, his/her parents and siblings below the age of 18 years as also his/her spouse and children below the age of 18 years

***Note 3: The property held by a "Family" in different locations or different places/cities have been clubbed while applying the land or property holding test to determine EWS status.

G. Srinivasan

Note: - The information will appear in the website as per time schedule laid down in the Prospectus. Telephonic queries/written requests prior to the scheduled date mentioned in the Prospectus regarding receipt of application, acceptance, hoisting of admit cards etc. will not be entertained.

For enquiries relating to Entrance Examination please communicate through exam@aiimsrishikesh.edu.in

Examination Section

Dean (Examination)

**All India Institute of Medical Sciences,
Rishikesh- 249203**

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