



**Defence Institute of Advanced Technology**  
(Deemed to be University) under section 3 of UGC Act 1956),  
Girinagar, Pune-411025

DIAT/F/ACAD/PHD/JAN-2026/01

Date: 19<sup>th</sup> Nov 2025

## **Admission to Ph.D. Programme: January- 2026**

### **Corrigendum**

It is to inform all concerned that the revised educational qualification for admission to Ph.D Programme for the Session January-2026 are as below.

### **Category 1 : Eligibility Criteria**

#### **Qualification**

- A candidate, seeking admission to the Ph.D. program, shall be required to have passed the qualifying examination, securing at least 55% marks or equivalent CGPA/DGPA. A relaxation of 5 % of marks may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) / PWD - (Divyang) categories. The qualifying degrees are: -
  - a) Master of Engineering/Master of Technology (or equivalent) for Ph.D. in Engineering/Science.  
OR
  - b) Master in Science (M.Sc. or equivalent) for Ph.D. in Science  
OR
  - c) A 1-year / 2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-years / 8-semesters bachelor's degree programme or 2-year /4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme, or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in point scale wherever grading system is followed.  
Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-years/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), Differently-Abled/EWS and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.
  - d) For School of Defence Technology Management:
    - i) ME/M.Tech/MBA/ MS, in relevant discipline / (Science, Engineering, Management).  
OR
    - ii) A 1-year / 2-semester master's degree programme after a 4-years / 8-semesters bachelor's degree programme or 2-year /4-semester master's degree programme after a 3-year bachelor's degree programme, or qualifications declared equivalent to the master's degree by the corresponding statutory regulatory body, with at least 55% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade in point scale wherever grading system is followed.  
Provided that a candidate seeking admission after a 4-years/8-semester bachelor's degree programme should have a minimum of 75% marks in aggregate or its equivalent grade on a point scale wherever the grading system is followed. A relaxation of 5% marks or equivalent grade may be allowed for those belonging to SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer), Differently-Abled/EWS and other categories of candidates as per the decision of the Commission from time to time.
- A candidate who has passed the qualifying examination with the requisite percentage of marks as prescribed above and who fulfills the following requirement may be considered for admission to the Ph.D. programme:-
  - a) Qualified in a national-level test such as CSIR/UGC NET, JEST, Graduate Aptitude Test for Engineering (GATE), Rajiv Gandhi National fellowship, NBHM etc. DIAT will decide the subject-wise and category-wise GATE/NET cut-off.

OR

- b) A candidate who is a recipient of National Doctoral Fellowship or other fellowships from government / semi-government organization such as Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), University Grants Commission (UGC), INAE, All India Council for Technical Education (AICTE), Department of Science and Technology (DST), Dept. of Biotechnology (DBT), Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO), Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) and similar organizations.
- Project Staff [JRF/SRF/RA] from DRDO Laboratories & DIAT working under sponsored projects may be allowed to register for PhD, subject to fulfilling eligibility criteria **AND / OR** qualified GATE/NET examination. After completion of project, if the student is qualified in GATE/NET or any other national exams etc. he/she may be eligible for DIAT fellowship as per DIAT rules.

## **Category 2 : Eligibility Criteria**

### **a) Qualification: The qualification is same as per category-1 &**

- A Non-GATE / Non-NET etc. with educational qualification as per Category-1 are also eligible.
- Non-GATE / Non-NET candidates will be considered against the vacant seats after filling the seats from GATE / NET/ etc. qualified applicants.

### **b) Financial Assistance:**

A proposal for grant of Institutional Scholarship to Non-GATE / NET students is under consideration and shall be implemented as per the terms & conditions approved by the Competent Authority.

### **Age limit :**

Not above 35 years as on Jan, 01, 2026.

Relaxations as per Govt. of India rules apply to SC / ST / OBC / PH applicants.

### **Note:-**

- **Women candidates below the age of 45 years are eligible to apply irrespective of any category.**
- The Institute shall implement the reservation policy in Ph.D. admission in accordance with relevant act of Parliament being in-force from the time.
- A PWD (Divyang)/ SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) candidate shall not get double benefit of being an SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) as also a PWD candidate.

### **Important Dates:**

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| ➤ Last Date of receipt of Hard copy of application | <b>:05<sup>th</sup> Dec 2025</b> |
| ➤ Date of Written Test                             | <b>:15<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b> |
| ➤ Date of Interview                                | <b>:16<sup>th</sup> Jan 2026</b> |
| ➤ Tentative date of commencement of the programme  | <b>:Last week of Jan 2026</b>    |

- ***All other field remain same as per published advertisement for admission to Ph.D programme Jan-2026, on institutes website.***

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