Guidelines for Recruiting Candidates for Dissertation/Internship Program at ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition

Scope of the Dissertation Research Training Program:

ICMR-National Institute of Nutrition (ICMR-NIN), Hyderabad provides dissertation/Internship opportunities to candidates pursuing Master's degree or integrated BS-MS in any branch of Life sciences, Social Science, Community Nutrition, Behavioral Sciences, and Biostatistics to undertake research training towards partial fulfilment of their degree. The candidates will be exposed to identifying and developing research questions, research methods, good laboratory practice, develop writing and speaking skills for scientific presentation and orientation to equipment for future skill development applications.

Number of Open positions for project work:

The number of students selected will be determined by the specific need of the institute/supervisor, which should not exceed more than **two students** per supervisor at a given time point. The total number may vary from time to time.

Application timeline: Applications for dissertation/Internship for the January- June session will be accepted from November 1-December 15 of the preceding year, while for the July-December session will be accepted from May 1-June 15 of the same year ONLY. No application will be processed outside the above- mentioned time frames. The candidates admitted for project work must spend a minimum of 4-6 months in the laboratory for dissertation and 1-3 months for internship.

Essential Eligibility Criteria:

Master's degree students of the disciplines Life sciences/Social sciences/Allied sciences or professional degrees in universities/colleges **with at least 60% aggregate or equivalent CGPA in the earlier semesters at the time of applying for the dissertation/Internship.** He/She must be enthusiastic to carry out the final year/semester projects pertaining to their curriculum. **Only candidates pursuing the degree with an academic requirement of undergoing a dissertation or internship as a part of their curriculum will be recruited.**

Application Procedure and Essential documents:

Candidates eligible as per above criteria may submit their application along with the following essential documents:

1. **Candidates desirous of pursuing their dissertation/internship at ICMR-NIN, must go through the NIN website, identify a scientist to work under [based on the area of interest], contact the concerned scientist [via email] and seek his/her approval before proceeding for formal application procedure**.
2. The candidate must obtain the scientist-specific code from the scientist under whom the dissertation/Internship needs to be done. **Code is essential for submitting the application and it is session-specific. The code is also dissertation or internship specific and needs to be chosen carefully.**
3. Click on the application link on the NIN website and fill up the form. ONLY passport size photographs to be uploaded.
4. A recommendation letter [**in the prescribed format**] addressed to the Director, ICMR-NIN from the HoD/Principal/Dean of the college or University seeking the placement for the dissertation/Internship needs to be uploaded by the candidate on the online portal.
5. A declaration form [**in prescribed format**], duly signed by the HOD/Principal/Dean of the college/University as well as by the student needs to be uploaded by the candidate on the online portal. **Admission will not be made in the absence of the above two documents.**

Project Fee: NO FEE WILL BE CHARGED.

Forfeiture of Allotment:

The selected students should come in person on the date and time fixed for them without fail to join. The candidates who fail to join and without prior approval from Academic Council, on the given date would forfeit the offer of admission to ICMR-NIN for dissertation work/Internship.

Food and Accommodation

The selected candidates will have to find their own accommodation because ICMR-NIN has no scope for on-campus accommodation.

The canteen services will be available to the students only during the working hours and days [Monday-Friday].

Terms and conditions

- The admission of the student and the selection of the Research Supervisor would be based on the sole discretion of the Director/ HODs in the laboratory.
- The student's admission to the dissertation work/Internship and their stay in the laboratory is restricted to the time and duration decided at the time of joining and will not be extended.
- During their tenure of the dissertation work/Internship, the candidates have to follow strictly all the rules and regulations, timings of the laboratory. Strict compliance of the safety rules by the students inside the laboratory is a must. The laboratory will not take any responsibility for the safety of the students beyond office hours. Students are advised to take short term accidental coverage insurance during their stay at ICMR-NIN.
- The number of students admitted for the project work is based only on the requirement of R&D sections/Divisions and has no bearing on any quota.
- ICMR-NIN will have the full intellectual property right on the project carried out by the student.
- University/College undertakes the responsibility for any misconduct by the student(s).
- Thesis/dissertation title/cover page will have the title of the work, name of the university where it would be submitted, student's name, her/his registration number (optional), name of ICMR-NIN, scientist as supervisor, Division/Department where the work is carried out at ICMR-NIN, and month and year of submission. This pattern has to be followed strictly by all the students irrespective of the guidelines stipulated for the same from the respective University/College.

- The students are required to prepare their thesis in required number of copies and get all the certificates signed in from their Department /College and finally get them signed by the Research Supervisor at ICMR-NIN. One copy of the thesis/dissertation/report has to be submitted to the Research Supervisor at ICMR-NIN.
- **Following an email confirmation from the Supervisor/Guide at ICMR-NIN about successful completion, a certificate of will be issued to the student for the internship/dissertation work carried out.**
- Any violations on the above would be viewed seriously and non-compliance by the candidates/colleges/University would result in total rejection of the applications from the Department/college in future.
- At the end of the training, candidates should present the project before their scientific group/division at ICMR-NIN for feedback and approval.
- **ICMR-NIN will not provide any stipend for the project training.**