

## Admission Guidelines into the Ph.D. Forestry program at FCRI

As per the PG admission regulations of ICAR and our affiliating university, Sri Konda Laxman Telangana State Horticultural University, the admission process is modified as given below:

1. The selection process will be solely based on weighted merit considering 60% weightage for the ICAR qualifying exam score conducted in the year (ICAR-AICE-JRF/SRF(Ph.D.)), 20% weightage for the OGPA in M.Sc. (Forestry) in the concerned discipline and 20% weightage for the OGPA in B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry, as per the existing selection criteria of SKLTSHU. All eligible applicants seeking admission in to a particular specialization of the Ph.D. program shall be pooled and assigned ranks based on their overall scores.
2. The reservation roster for admission into the academic year 2023-24 is computed based on the total vacant Ph.D. positions across all departments, which is set at 7.
3. The revised department/specialization- wise seats offered for Ph.D. (Forestry) during the academic year 2023-24at FCRI, based on the availability of accredited teachers is as follows:

S.No.	Discipline	No. of seats
1	Silviculture & Agroforestry	2
2	Forest Biology & Tree Improvement	2
3	Forest Products & Utilization	1
4	Forest Resource Management	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>7</b>

4. To be considered for admission against a Ph.D. seat /vacancy in to a specific department viz a viz., Silviculture and Agroforestry, Forest Biology and Tree Breeding; Forest Products and Utilization and Forest Resource Management, a candidate must have studied and obtained his/her MSc Forestry degree from any ICAR / UGC recognized institutions in the same specialization to which the candidate is seeking admission in the proposed Ph.D. program. Such applicants with a specialization in a particular discipline of Forestry mentioned in their M.Sc. Transcript of marks and provisional certificate will be preferred for seat allotment as compared to those applicants without any specialization.
5. In the case of applicants
  - (i) who hold a Master's degree in subjects other than forestry,
  - (ii) who hold a Master's degree in Forestry, but with no specialization mentioned in the consolidated transcript of marks and in the certificate, awarded prior to the issue of new BSMA guidelines,

In both above cases, the applicants must give a self-declaration form mentioning the faculty/department with which he/she was associated during the MSc Program and the list of specialization courses studied and the title of the MSc. thesis/dissertation work. Based on the specialization courses as well as the M.Sc. thesis work, the specialization will be determined by the admissions committee of the FCRI. In such cases, the candidate will be considered for admission into the specialization deemed suitable by the admission committee and only if there

are unfilled seats in the specialization after seat allocation to other applicants with a specialization degree, irrespective of the merit. Applications not complying with these criteria will be summarily rejected.

6. The order of roster points to be considered for seat allocation for this AY-2023-24 will be as follows:
  - I. Forest Biology & Tree Improvement (FBTI)
  - II. Forest Products & Utilization (FPU) and
  - III. Forest Resource Management (FRM)
  - IV. Silviculture & Agroforestry (SAF)
7. The admissions are contingent on the accreditation of teachers of FCRI by the SKLTSHU for teaching and guiding M.Sc. and Ph.D. students.
8. Dean, FCRI and SKLTSHU reserve the right to modify/cancel the admission, in case of any unforeseen circumstances.

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Officer Incharge,  
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