

GOVERNMENT OF TELANGANA
FOREST DEPARTMENT
FOREST COLLEGE & RESEARCH INSTITUTE (FCRI)

Mulugu (V&M), Siddipet District – 502 279

(Accredited by ICAR & ICFRE)

(Affiliated to Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University, Mulugu)

No. 2454/2026/A4

Date: 19.10.2026

M.Sc. FORESTRY ADMISSION NOTIFICATION – 2026

Applications are invited for admission to **16 seats** in the two-year M.Sc. Forestry postgraduate degree programme (four semesters) for the academic year 2026–2027.

1. Mode of Admission and Eligibility Criteria

- (i) Candidates must possess a B.Sc. (Hons.) Forestry degree with a minimum OGPA of 7.0 out of 10.0. For SC/ST/PH candidates, the minimum required OGPA is 6.5 out of 10.0.
- (ii) Candidates must have qualified in the ICAR-AIEEA-PG Entrance Examination 2026.
- (iii) Weightage will be assigned in the ratio of 50:50 to the candidate's performance in the ICAR-AIEEA-PG Entrance Examination and academic record at the undergraduate level.
- (iv) In the event of a tie, the tie will be resolved in the following order: marks in the ICAR-AIEEA-PG Entrance Examination, academic record at the undergraduate level, and date of birth.
- (v) Statutory reservations will be implemented in accordance with the guidelines issued by the Government of Telangana.

2. Allocation of Seats and Reservation

- Of the total seats, 85% are reserved for local candidates and 15% are unreserved.
- As per G.O. Ms. No. 15 of the Higher Education (TE) Department, dated 27 February 2025, 85% of seats in each course in educational institutions in the State shall be reserved for local candidates of the Osmania University (O.U.) area, as specified in the Andhra Pradesh Educational Institutions (Regulations and Admissions) Order, 1974, as subsequently amended. The remaining 15% shall be unreserved seats, for which the following categories of candidates are eligible:
 - (i) All candidates who are eligible to be declared local candidates of the O.U. area.
 - (ii) Candidates who have resided in the State for a total period of ten years, excluding periods of study outside the State; or candidates whose parent has resided in the State for a total period of ten years, excluding periods of employment outside the State.
 - (iii) Candidates whose parents are employed by the State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities, or other similar quasi-public institutions within the State.
 - (iv) Candidates whose spouses are employed by the State or Central Government, Public Sector Corporations, Local Bodies, Universities, educational institutions recognised by the Government, a university or other competent authority, or similar quasi-Government institutions within the State.

Note: The guidelines issued by the Government of Telangana from time to time shall be followed, including the reservation provisions applicable to the 15% unreserved quota.

Important: If qualified candidates are not available in a category, unfilled vacancies shall be filled by candidates from other categories on merit, following the sliding procedure prescribed under the applicable State Government rules.

3. Department-wise Seat Distribution for 2026–2027

The specializations for the 16 seats will be allotted based on candidates' preferences and merit.

Department	No. of Seats
Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	04
Forest Products and Utilization	02
Forest Resource Management	07
Silviculture and Agroforestry	03
TOTAL	16

4. Application Procedure and Important Dates

Online application: The prescribed application form must be completed online through the college website, <https://www.fcridhyd.in>, from 20 October 2026 to 4 November 2026.

Application fee: ₹1,000 for SC/ST/PH candidates and ₹2,000 for all other candidates. The fee must be paid online.

Last date for payment without late fee: 4 November 2026.

Last date with late fee: 10 November 2026, up to 5:00 PM. A late fee of ₹500 will apply.

5. General Rules

- (i) Students admitted to M.Sc. Forestry are not permitted to pursue any other degree or diploma concurrently.
- (ii) Admission to M.Sc. Forestry is provisional and is liable to cancellation if it is subsequently found to be contrary to applicable rules or regulations, or if any information furnished at the time of admission is incorrect or false. Action may also be taken under the relevant Acts, rules and guidelines.
- (iii) Hostel accommodation is available.
- (iv) Candidates are personally responsible for all field and laboratory investigation expenses incurred during the one-year research component of the M.Sc. program, though the institute will endeavor to provide essential minimal support where feasible.

6. Contact and Further Information

Website: <https://www.fcridhyd.in>

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Email: fcridadmissions@gmail.com

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