

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

Ph.D. FORESTRY ADMISSION NOTIFICATION – 2026.

Applications are invited for admission to the Ph.D. Forestry programme at the Forest College & Research Institute (FCRI), Mulugu, for the academic year 2026-2027.

1. Admission Categories and Seat Availability

Admissions are notified under two categories: Regular Candidates (total of 10 seats) and 3 seats under the in-service category.

2. Regular Candidates

2.1 Eligibility Qualifications

- (i) Candidates must hold a Master's degree from an ICAR/UGC-recognized university or an equivalent recognized qualification.
- (ii) Candidates must have secured a minimum OGPA of 7.0 out of 10.00 in the Master's degree programme. For SC/ST/PH candidates, the minimum required OGPA is 6.0 out of 10.00.
- (iii) Eligible candidates may select a field of study from the disciplines listed in the seat distribution table below. Equivalence of degrees will be determined in accordance with UGC Public Notice No. F.9-3/2016 (CPP-II), dated 19 July 2016.

2.2 Mode of Selection

- (i) Candidates must have appeared for ICAR -AICE-JRF/SRF Forestry (2026).
- (ii) Preference for candidates who have qualified and awarded UGC -JRF, CSIR - JRF, DBT-JRF, DST INSPIRE-JRF, GATE etc., in addition to appearing in the ICAR entrance mentioned above. Candidates must produce a valid award certificate at the time of original certificate verification.
- (iii) Selection will be based on the combined performance in the Master's degree (40%) and entrance examination score (60%).

2.3 Discipline-wise Seats and Eligible Qualifications

Ph.D. Discipline	Eligible Postgraduate Qualification	Seats
Silviculture and Agroforestry	Forestry / Silviculture and Agroforestry / Agroforestry / Silviculture / Plantation Technology	2
Forest Biology and Tree Improvement	Forestry / Forest Biology and Tree Improvement / Tree Breeding and Improvement / Forest Genetic Resources	2
Forest Products and Utilization	Forestry / Forest Products and Utilization / Wood Science and Technology / Pulp and Paper Technology / Medicinal and Aromatic Plants	1
Forest Resource Management	Forestry / Forest Resource Management / Natural Resource Management and Conservation	2
In-Service Category	-	3
TOTAL		10

3. In-Service Candidates

3.1 Eligible Categories

- (i) Direct-recruit Assistant Conservator of Forests (ACF) cadre and above State Forest Service officers, Indian Forest Service (IFS) officers, faculty members without a Ph.D., Agricultural Research Scientists (ARS), and other relevant in-service professionals possessing an M.Sc. Forestry or an equivalent degree.
- (ii) For Forest Service officers, an M.Sc. Forestry-equivalent degree awarded by the Indira Gandhi National Forest Academy (IGNFA) or another recognized State Forest Service ACF training academy/institution will also be considered valid for eligibility.

3.2 Service Requirements and Employer Permission

- (i) Candidates must fulfil the minimum continuous-service requirements and other eligibility conditions prescribed by the rules and regulations of their respective parent departments or ministries.
- (ii) Permission/NOC from the employer must be submitted as required.

3.3 Educational Qualifications

- (i) For officers other than direct-recruit Assistant Conservators of Forests and direct-recruit Indian Forest Service officers, a Master's degree in Forestry or an equivalent degree with at least 55% aggregate marks, or an equivalent grade on a point scale where a grading system is followed, is required.
- (ii) For direct-recruit Assistant Conservators of Forests and above, and direct-recruit Indian Forest Service officers, induction training is considered equivalent to M.Sc. Forestry, as stated in the notification.

3.4 Age Limit

The maximum age limit for in-service candidates will be governed by the rules and regulations applicable in their respective parent departments.

4. Application Procedure

4.1 Regular Candidates – Online Application

- Candidates must complete the prescribed online application for the relevant discipline through the college website: www.fcridhyd.in.
- The online application and document-upload window is from 20 October 2026 to 4 November 2026.
- Application fee: ₹2,000 for General Category candidates and ₹1,000 for SC/ST/PH candidates, payable online.
- The deadline for submission without a late fee is 4 November 2026, by 5:00 PM. Applications with a late fee of ₹500 will be accepted until 10 November 2026, by 5:00 PM.

4.2 In-Service Candidates – Offline Application

In-service candidates must submit the completed application form, a No Objection Certificate (NOC), service particulars, attested copies of academic certificates and a Demand Draft for ₹2,000 drawn in favour of "Forest College and Research Institute", payable at Mulugu (V&M), Siddipet District. The application and enclosures must reach the Office of the Dean, FCRI, Mulugu, Siddipet, Telangana – 502 279, on or before 4 November 2026.

5. 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.

6. General Rules and Conditions

1. Candidates admitted to the Ph.D. Forestry programme are not permitted to pursue another degree or diploma concurrently.
2. Admission is provisional and is liable to cancellation if it is found to violate applicable rules or regulations, or if incorrect or false information has been furnished. Further action may be taken under relevant Acts, rules and guidelines.
3. Hostel accommodation is available, subject to institutional rules and availability.
4. **Research expenses:** Candidates are personally responsible for all field and laboratory investigation expenses incurred during the two-year research component of the Ph.D. program, though the institute will endeavor to provide essential minimal support where feasible.

7. Important Dates and Contact Information

Particulars	Details
Regular candidate application window	20 October – 4 November 2026
Regular application deadline without late fee	4 November 2026, 5:00 PM
Regular application deadline with late fee	10 November 2026, 5:00 PM (late fee ₹500)
In-service application deadline	4 November 2026
Website	https://www.fcridhyd.in
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Email	fcridadmissions@gmail.com

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