Frequently asked questions regarding Ph.D.admissions 2025-2026

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Dear Candidates,

The following FAQs regarding Ph.D. Admissions 2025-2026 in EFL University are consolidated, as below for the reference of all concerned.

1. **I have already submitted my application in response to the Notification dated 25.06.2025for NET/JRF qualified candidates. Do I need to submit my application again?**

   Response:**No.** You need not submit the application again. You will be directly called for theinterviewbased on application submitted by you in response to the Notification dated 25.06.2025.

2. **Whether the candidates qualified in the NET JRF will be given preference over candidates qualified in entrance test?**

   Response:**No such preference exists.** The candidates who qualify in the entrance test will be called for interview based on the merit in the entrance test whereas the eligible candidates who had qualified NET/JRF and applied against the notification dated 25.06.2025 will be directly called for the interview.

3. **I have already submitted my application to the Notification dated 25.06.2025 for NET/JRF qualified candidates. However, I would also like to appear for the Entrance Examination now.**

   Response: As mentioned, candidates those who have applied in response to the notification dated 25.06.2025 will be directly called for interviews. However, if any of those candidates who wishes to appear in the Entrance Test and qualifies for the interview, such candidates may choose whether to appear the interview as a NET/JRF candidate or Entrance test qualified candidate at the time of their reporting for interview. **The option once exercised will be final.**

4. **How the final merit list will be prepared for admissions as shortlisted candidates from both channels i.e., NET/JRF and Entrance Test appear for the Interviews together?**

   Response: The final merit list for admissions will be prepared based on the total marks scored by the candidates out of 100. Seats will be offered to the candidates in the order of their merit following the rules of reservation.

   The Entrance Test and Interviews will have a weightage of 70 and 30 respectively. As the NET/JRF candidates will be directly called for the Interviews the marks scored by them in the Interviews out of 30 will be scaled to 100 while preparing the merit list.

5. **My JRF was valid at the time of submitting application, in response to the notification dated 25.06.2025. However, it has expired now. Will I be called for interview based on my previous application?**

Response:**Yes**. Candidates those who had a valid NET/JRF as on the last of date of application for the notification issued on 25.06.2025 will be called for the interview. **However, the validity of JRF for claiming fellowship from the funding agencies vests with the students, if admitted.**

6. **I have qualified for NET JRF now i.e. after last date of application defined in the notification dated 25.06.2025. Can I apply as a NET JRF candidate to the current notification?**

Response:**No**. The current notification is in continuation to the notification issued on 25.06.2025 and is exclusively for the non-NET candidates. However, you can submit application as a non-NET candidate. Further, you can also claim your fellowship from the funding agency if admitted.

7. **I am in the last semester of qualifyingdegree currently. Will I be eligible to apply for current notification?**

Response:**Yes.** You will be eligible to apply to the current notification as a non-NET candidate provided that youhad appeared forthe end semester examinations of the qualifying examination before the date of admission prescribed in the admission schedule.

8. **Can I apply for more than onePh.Dprogrammeas per the notification ?**

Response:**Yes**. You can apply for up to 2 Ph.Dprogrammesas per the notificationprovided, you fulfill the eligibility criteria prescribed in the prospectus for both the programmes. Please check the Prospectus for the same.

9. **I belong to OBC- NCL and would like to submit my application under this category. In which format should I submit my OBC Certificate?**

Response:Candidates belonging to OBC-Non-Creamy Layer category have to submitthe OBC-NCL certificate in the Government of India format issued on or after 1st April 2025. Candidates applying in this category are instructed to ensure that they possess OBC-NCL certificate in Govt. of India formatbefore submission of their application. (Please refer SampleOBC-NCL Certificate 1, Sample OBC-NCL Certificate 2)

10. **I belong to EWS category and would like to submit my application under this category. In which format should I submit my EWS Certificate?**

Response:Candidates belonging to EWS category have to submit the EWS certificate in the Government of India format issued on or after 1st April 2025. Candidates applying in

this category are instructed to ensure that they possess EWS certificate in Govt. of India format before submission of their application. (Please refer Sample EWS Certificate)

11. **I belong to SC/ST category and would like to submit my application under this category. In which format should I submit my Certificate?**

Response:The SC/ST Certificate issued by the concerned authority of a state is generally valid across the country for life time except in certain conditions as in the orders issued by the Government of India and honorablecourt from time to time.

12. **Will I get the test centre of my choice?**

Response:Candidates will be generally allotted the test centre they have chosen as the 1st option in the entrance examination application. However,if there is a need to change the test centre due to unforeseen circumstances/not meeting the minimum required number of candidates at the centre etc. then the test centre chosen at option 2 or as decided by the University will be allotted.

13. **I have submitted my application and later found some error in my application. Can I correct it?**

Response:Yes. Candidates will be permitted to correct errors in the application when the edit window for the application is open. You may also submit correction request via email to research@efluniversity.ac.in.

Candidates may also submit any questions/queries not addressed here in the form at the following link. Valid queries will be duly responded to.

➔ **Submit a Query/Questions**

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