

About NIAS

Admission, NIAS Doctoral Programme 2026

The National Institute of Advanced Studies (NIAS) was conceived and founded in 1988 by the late J.R.D. Tata, who sought to create an institution to conduct advanced multidisciplinary research. The objective is to nurture a broad base of scholars, managers and leaders who would respond to the complex challenges that face contemporary India and global society, with insight, sensitivity, confidence and dedication. For more details visit www.nias.res.in.

NIAS is looking for exceptionally motivated students, interested in pursuing interdisciplinary research in the following areas: conflict and security studies, natural sciences and engineering, social sciences, humanities, and the arts. Unencumbered by the constraints of traditional disciplinary doctoral research, NIAS doctoral students have a unique opportunity to broaden their intellectual horizons, even beyond the limits of the domains listed here. NIAS not only values such cross-pollination of ideas but encourages and strongly supports its students in developing interdisciplinary approaches to problems that span multiple academic disciplines. This interdisciplinary ethos is also reflected in the work of its faculty and research scholars over the years.

Instructions for the Ph.D. Application:

- **Applicants should clearly mention the research area listed under a particular School for which they would like to apply. The school-wise list of advertised areas will appear in the form when the applicant selects the school to which they would like to apply.**
- **All applications must be submitted online; offline applications will not be considered under any circumstances.**
- **Postgraduate students awaiting their results or appearing in their final master's degree examinations this year, can also apply. However, if selected, their admission to NIAS will be provisional, subject to their being awarded the master's degree, with the necessary marks or grades, as specified.**
- **For any query, please write to niasphd@nias.res.in or admin@nias.res.in**
- **The last date for receiving applications, with all required documents, submitted online, is 25 April 2026.**
- **Eligible candidates will be invited for an online written test and, if selected, for interviews, to be held subsequently.**