

ANNOUNCEMENT

XXI M.SC. COURSE IN WILDLIFE SCIENCE

1st August, 2025 to 31st July 2027



भारतीय वन्यजीव संस्थान
Wildlife Institute of India

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The Wildlife Institute of India (WII) is a premier national institute for training and research in the field of wildlife conservation and management. The Institute's idyllic ambience, state of the art infrastructure and faculty of repute provide a vibrant academic atmosphere. The Institute constantly provides an enriching and learning experience to its students.

THE COURSE

The M.Sc. Course in Wildlife Science at the Institute is widely acclaimed both nationally and internationally. This course aims to impart theoretical knowledge on concepts, principles, approaches, analytical skills and field techniques in Wildlife Science. Students of high caliber, motivation and having passion for wildlife and conservation are selected for this course. The course is currently affiliated with the Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR), an 'Institution of National Importance'. This course is open to both Indian and foreign nationals. Applications are invited for admission to this 2-year residential course (four semesters) commencing on 01st August 2025 at WII, Dehradun.

NUMBER OF SEATS

Twenty (20) students will be admitted to this course, which includes 15 Indian and 05 foreign nationals (with preference to SAARC countries). The break-up of seats is as follows:

General — 07; OBC — 04; SC — 02; ST — 01; EWS — 01; Foreign — 05.

In case of 5 foreign candidates are not selected, these seats will be offered to Indian candidates as per the reservation policy of Government of India..

ELIGIBILITY

- Bachelor's degree in Life Science, Medical Science, Engineering, Veterinary Science, Agriculture, Forestry, Pharmacy, Social Science and Computer Science or degrees recognized as equivalent thereof.
- Minimum of 15 years of formal education (either 10+2+3 or 11+2+2).
- Candidates who have completed the graduation degree in any of the above disciplines with a pass certificate (50% in aggregate at the field of studies mentioned above for general category and OBC candidates and 45% in aggregate for SC/ST candidates), or who have appeared OR will be appearing at the qualifying (final) bachelor's degree examination and whose result is still awaited may also apply. However, Consolidated Marksheet/Graduation Pass Certificate/Provisional Degree Certificate needs to be provided before **October 2025**.

AGE LIMIT

Not more than 25 years as on **March 31, 2025** with relaxation of 3 years for OBC and 5 years for SC/ST candidates. For in-service candidates working in Forest and Wildlife Departments, and Foreign Candidates, the age limit is 35 years as on **March 31, 2025**.

SELECTION PROCESS

Indian Candidates: Eligible Indian candidates will be required to appear for an online National Eligibility Test (NET) in any one of the 14 Centres (Thiruvananthapuram, Chennai, Hyderabad, Bengaluru, Bhopal, Mumbai, Delhi, Lucknow, Dehra Dun, Ranchi, Kolkata, Guwahati, Aizawl and Jammu) on **April 20 (Sunday) at 1000 hrs.** The NET will be for 2-hours duration for 100 marks, with objective types questions and essays, covering general aptitude, knowledge, analytical and language skills, basic mathematical and quantitative skills, knowledge about basic biology, ecology and conservation issues. Shortlisted candidates based on NET screening will be called to take a Personality and Aptitude Test (PAT)/interview to be held Dehradun on **May 19-22, 2025.** Shortlisted candidates belonging to “General Category” will be interviewed on **May 19-20, 2025,** while shortlisted reserved category (SC/ST/OBC) candidates will be interviewed on **May 21-22, 2025.** The selection to the course will be made on the basis of combined merit of marks obtained in the NET and PAT.

The selected candidates including wait-listed candidates are required to confirm their joining in the course i.e. acceptance of selection offer positively on or before June 16, 2025, failing which, the wait listed candidates in appropriate lists will be offered the seat.

Foreign Candidates: All eligible foreign candidates will be interviewed through online mode following which their final selection will be made. For foreign nationals, the tentative interview date through web conferencing is **April 22, 2025.** The foreign candidates will inform the preference of the interview date through email communication and provide complete contact details. The final merit list will be based on marks in the Graduation degree and marks obtained in online interview.

COURSE FEE

The fee structure for the entire course is as follows:

Indian nationals	-	Rs. 6,00,000
Foreign nationals	-	US \$ 13,800

SCHOLARSHIPS

Subject to fund availability, the Institute provides full scholarship to eight Indian students based on their selection merit. The scholarship covers academic fee, hostel accommodation and a monthly stipend. The breakup of the scholarships is: General - 03; OBC – 02, SC - 01; ST – 01 and EWS - 01.

Other candidates (Indian & Foreign) selected for the course will be treated as self-sponsored. The students are required to pay the course fee in four equal instalments prior to commencement of each semester.

HOW TO APPLY

- Details for online registration and NET would appear on the WII's website (<https://wii.gov.in/>) as well as AcSIR website (<https://acsir.res.in/>) latest by **14th February, 2025.** The online registration

process will open on **14th February, 2025** and will close on **31st March, 2025**. Students are advised to see the detailed advertisement for admission procedure, how to apply, important dates etc. at the following link (<https://wii.formsubmit.in/>).

- All eligible candidates are advised to follow the latest updates on the WII and AcSIR websites for online registration of applicants, submission of application and payment of application processing fee, etc.
- Foreign candidates are advised to follow the latest updates on the WII's homepage or on (https://wii.gov.in/masters_wildlife_2_years) for online registration of applicants, submission of application, etc.

IMPORTANT DATES

Dates	Indian Candidate	Foreign Candidate
14 th Feb 2025	Details of online registration and NET available in WII and AcSIR websites	Details of online registration available in WII and AcSIR websites
14 th Feb 2025	Online registration opens	Online registration opens
31 st March 2025	Online registration closes	Online registration closes
11 th April 2025	Declaration of result of eligible candidates for NET examination on WII and AcSIR websites	Declaration of result of shortlisted candidates for PAT examination on WII and AcSIR websites
20 th April 2025	Online NET Exam	-
22 nd April 2025	-	Video conference/skype interview of shortlisted foreign candidates
09 th May 2025	Declaration of NET results and shortlisted candidates for interview/PAT	Declaration of result of selected foreign candidates
16 th May 2025	-	Intimation of confirmation by email about joining the course
19 th May 2025	Personality and Aptitude Test at WII, Dehradun	Confirmation of funding/sponsorship document
30 th May 2025	Declaration of final result of selected candidates	-
16 th June 2025	Last date for intimation of confirmation by all candidates (first list as well as wait list) to course director by email about joining the course	
30 th July 2025	Reporting at WII for Joining the course	Reporting at WII for Joining the course
01 st August 2025	Formal start of the course and classes	

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