

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ) by Foreign National Candidate

Question: How and when can a foreign national candidate apply for admission?

Answer: Application form is made available on JNU website at <http://www.jnu.ac.in/Admission/FN-Form-Regular.pdf> for admission to various programme of study for the Monsoon Semester beginning July.

Question: Whether a foreign national candidate can apply without appearing in entrance examination conduct by the JNU for admission?

Answer: Foreign national candidate who is present in India during the period of entrance examination conduct by the University has to appear in the entrance examination for which online application form is made available on JNU websites at <http://www.jnu.ac.in> and <http://www.jnuonline.in>. In case a foreign national candidate is not available in India to appear in entrance examination, he/she can apply under “in absentia” category for which separate application form is available on JNU website at <http://www.jnu.ac.in/Admission/FN-Form-Regular.pdf>. Candidate can take a print of the application form under “in absentia” category, fill in capital letters and send with a Bank draft of US dollar 25 in favour of “Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi” alongwith all documents as indicated in the application form. Application form is also made available at JNU Admission Branch on payment of US dollar 25 or Indian Rupees 1250. In case the foreign national candidate applying under “in absentia” category is found available in India or in a country where JNU has a examination centre, his/her admission will be cancelled ipso facto.

Question: What are eligibility requirements for admission?

Answer: The admission of foreign national candidate is subject to fulfilling minimum eligibility requirement as prescribed for Indian candidate and subject to equivalence of qualification at par with Indian standard. In case at a late stage, it is found that the eligibility conditions are not fulfilled, the offer of admission is treated as cancelled ipso facto.

Question: Where can I get information about eligibility criteria/conditions for admission of foreign national candidate?

Answer: Information about eligibility criteria/conditions for admission to various programme of study available at JNU website <http://www.jnu.ac.in/Bulletin of Information for Guidance of Foreign Nationals.pdf>

Question: What are the documents required at the time of registration?

Answer: In the event of selection, the following documents are to be produced, in original, as well as one copy of each document, for verification at the time of registration

- a. All relevant certificates/degrees/marksheets of the qualifying examination in support of the eligibility conditions as prescribed by the University for Admission.
- b. In case the certificates/degrees/marksheets of the qualifying examination are in a language other than English, the same should be got translated into English language and produce at the time of registration.
- c. Valid passport and Student Visa/Research Visa, as the case may be
- d. Health Certificate (Medical Fitness Certificate) and Health Insurance Documents.
- e. 8 passport size photographs.
- f. Bank Statement indicating sufficient fund in his/her account or Bank Statement of parent(s) with a letter indicating that they will financially support during the study in JNU.
- g. In case candidate is in service, a permission letter/leave sanction order from employer for the duration of programme of study applied for.

Question: How much tuition fees payable by foreign national student?

Answer: Foreign students admitted to various programme of study including casual students are required to pay fees and incidental charges as per the following rates in US dollar or in Indian Currency as per the prevalent exchange rates:

Courses in Sciences Disciplines – Tuition fees US dollar 750 plus incidental charges US dollar 100 per semester and for courses in Humanities & Social Sciences- Tuition fees US dollar 500 plus incidental charges US dollar 100 per semester.

Question: When the tuition fees and other charges are payable for admission?

Answer: Tuition fees and other charges like incidental charges, hostel charges, etc are payable at the time of admission/registration. However, cost of application form i.e. US dollar 25 is payable through Bank Draft in favour of “Finance Officer, Jawaharlal Nehru University” with the application form.

Question: In which currency a foreign national has to pay tuition fees and other charges?

Answer: Foreign national candidate has option to pay tuition fee and Incidental charges either in US dollars or in Indian Rupees. Other charges like hostel fees are, however, payable in Indian Rupees.

Question: From where can I get details of courses for master’s degree programme?

Answer: Details of courses are available on JNU website in each School/Centre. For example, a list of courses for M.A. in Politics (with Specialisation in International Relations) is available at http://www.jnu.ac.in/Academics/Schools/SchoolOfInternationalStudies/CCPPT_Courses.pdf

Question: What is the duration of programme of study?

Answer: The duration of Bachelor degree (undergraduate) programme is three years (six semesters). Master degree programme is two years (four semesters). M.Phil/Ph.D is an integrated programme of study. After completion of M.Phil programme of study in two years (four semesters), a student is allowed to continue Ph.D degree programme without applying afresh. The maximum period for completion of M.Phil/Ph.D integrated programme is six years plus one year grace period.

Question: What type of visa requires for admission to various Degree programmes?

Answer: Candidate selected for admission to Bachelor's Degree, Master's Degree and M.Phil Degree programme is required to produce 'Student Visa' at the time of admission/registration. M.Phil/Ph.D, Pre.Ph.D/Ph.D and M.Tech/Ph.D are integrated programme of the University. Hence, on completion of M.Phil, Pre.Ph.D or M.Tech programme successfully, the students will have to submit Research Visa to continue their Ph.D programme in the University. Candidate selected for admission to Direct Ph.D programme is required to produce Research Visa.

Question: When a foreign national candidate has to apply for Student/Research Visa?

Answer: On receipt of admission letter from JNU, candidate can apply for Student/ Research Visa, as the case may be.

Question: Whether a foreign candidate has to contact a professor to be a Supervisor or Guide before applying to M.Phil/Ph.D programme of study?

Answer: There is no such requirement at the time of applying for admission. Student is assigned a Supervisor or Guide at the time of admission/registration.

Question: What kind of Medical Fitness Certificate require with the application form?

Answer: A Medical Fitness Certificate indicating that the candidate is medically fit and there is no communicable disease which renders him/her unfit to study in India is sufficient from the authorised doctor or hospital.

Question: When the classes start?

Answer: The classes are started in July every year.

Question: What is the period of semesters and vacations?

Answer: Academic calendar (Academic Year) starts from Monsoon Semester beginning 22nd July every year with the following semesters and vacations:

Monsoon Semester from 22nd July to 5th December

Winter Break from 6th December to 5th January

Winter Semester from 6th January to 12th May

Summer Vacation from 13th May to 21st July

Question: Whose bank statement is required and how much money should be available in account?

Answer: A certificate from the Bank or Bank Account Statement of the applicant to the effect that sufficient funds are available in the account of the applicant to sustain his/her studies in India for the duration of the programme is required with the application form. In case parent of the candidate is financially supporting to study in JNU, then a certificate from the Bank or Bank Account Statement of the parent or guardian is required alongwith a letter from parent/guardian.

Question: Whether foreign national students will be provided hostel accommodation?

Answer: Foreign national students are provided hostel accommodation at the time of registration. However, due to shortage of hostel accommodation, it may sometime take few days to allot accommodation. It is suggested that on receipt of admission letter, candidate may write to Dean of Students of the University to explore the possibility of hostel accommodation at the earliest.

Question: Whether separate hostel accommodation is available for foreign national students?

Answer: There is no separate hostel accommodation for foreign national students. Foreign national students are allotted room in any hostel available at the time of admission/registration.

Question: How far is the hostel from study place?

Answer: All hostels are very near to study place at a walking distance of not more than 5-10 minutes.

Question: What is casual studentship?

Answer: In case a foreign national student wishes to join JNU for a limited period i.e. one semester or two semesters to audit the courses and to strengthen knowledge on a particular field of study, he/she can apply for casual studentship for which form is available at http://www.jnu.ac.in/Admission/FN-Form_casual.pdf. Casual students are not awarded any degree/diploma/mark-sheet from the University.

Question: How can a foreign national candidate apply for casual studentship under exchange programme for one or two semesters?

Answer: You have to contact to the Head of International Students Exchange Department of your University and ask whether they have any agreement (Memorandum of Understanding) with Jawaharlal Nehru University, New Delhi. If your University has an agreement with JNU, then, apply on a form available at http://www.jnu.ac.in/Admission/FN-Form_casual.pdf and enclose a copy of agreement, passport, medical fitness certificate and recommendation letter from your

University indicating that you have been sponsored to study in JNU under exchange agreement. In case your University do not have an agreement with JNU and you wish to apply for casual studentship, then apply as Self Supporting student. Same form will be applicable.

Question: Whether a casual student under exchange programme is awarded credits for the courses?

Answer: Casual students under exchange programme is awarded credits by the concerned Centres/Schools for the courses they appeared in examination subject to maximum four courses in one semester.