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Ph.D. Programme 2008–09

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Areas of specialization: The specific areas of research in which students may be admitted for the year 2008–2009 are the following:

- History and philosophy of science (with special interest in biology)
- Indian philosophy, Indian psychology
- Cognitive science
- Consciousness studies
- Agroecology and biosecurity
- National security and strategic studies
- Economics (especially urban economics and agrarian transition)

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(URL: <http://www.nias.res.in>)

Eligibility: The scholarships are open to those who have completed/are completing a Master's/ M.Phil. degree in any relevant subject in natural sciences, engineering, mathematics, social sciences, humanities and the arts, and with a consistently proven academic record (minimum 55% marks). Some research and/or field experience in the concerned areas may be preferred, but is not essential. Candidate who have passed the NET/SET examinations or qualified for JRF/DST/CSIR/ICSSR fellowships will be preferred.

Fellowship: Candidates admitted to the NIAS Ph.D. Programme will be entitled to fellowships, which will be available initially for three years. The fellowship amount is fixed at Rs 12,000 per month for the first two years and Rs 14,000 per month for the third year, with an additional 30% per month as house rent allowance.

How to apply: Applications should be made on plain paper, including a curriculum vitae, copies of mark sheets and degree certificates and a clear statement of purpose detailing the research interests of the candidate and explaining why she/he would like to join NIAS. Explicit mention must be made of the research areas for which the application is being sent. Applications should be sent (**preferably by e-mail**) on or before **10 April 2008** to:

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The candidates e-mail address, postal address and contact phone numbers (landline/mobile) should be included in the application.

Selection procedure: After preliminary screening of applications, selected candidates will be invited for a written test and an interview. The dates will be informed later by e-mail.

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