

SVKM's NMIMS Deemed-to-be University
Balwant Sheth School of Architecture, Mumbai campus
Ph.D. – Architecture (Batch-2026)

INSTRUCTION SHEET

1. Introduction:

The NMIMS's Balwant Sheth School of Architecture (BSSA) aims at a diversified model of education, where besides the core training of an architect, a student is given exposure to a range of allied and parallel disciplines and practices. In our times a multi-modal and multidisciplinary professional education allows a student to freely define her/his career and work-life in the coming future.

2. Duration of the programme: Minimum 03 years including coursework & Maximum 06 years.

3. Intake:

Total Number of seats: **10 seats**

Architectural Studies: **5 seats**

Built Environment Studies: **5 seats**

4. Eligibility and Admission Criteria:

It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to check his/her eligibility before applying for the course.

The Master's degree should be passed with at least 55% marks in aggregate OR its equivalent grade 'B' in the UGC 7 – point scale (or an equivalent grade in a point scale wherever grading system is allowed)

A) Ph.D. in Architecture: (Full-time and Part-time)

- 1) Bachelor's degree in Architect or equivalent and Master's degree in architecture / allied Specialization or equivalent from any recognized institution.
- 2) Bachelor's degree in Architecture or equivalent in first class with 10-year experience in teaching / research / professional practice.

OR

- An equivalent degree from a foreign educational Institution accredited by an Assessment and Accreditation Agency which is approved, recognized or authorized by an authority, established or incorporated under a law in its home country or any other statutory authority in that country for the purpose of assessing, accrediting or assuring quality and standards of educational institutions.

B) Ph.D. Coursework – Certificate Programme in Architecture Research Studies:

- 1) Bachelor's degree in Architecture or equivalent and Master's degree in Architecture / allied Specialization or equivalent from any recognized institution.
- 2) Bachelor's degree in Architecture or equivalent in first class with 10-year experience in teaching/research / professional practice.

OR


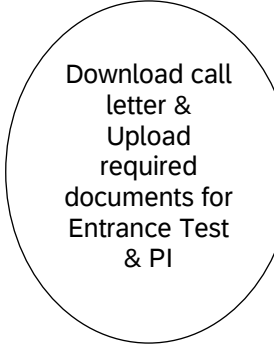
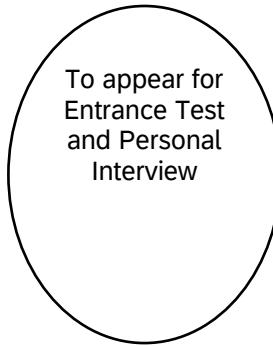
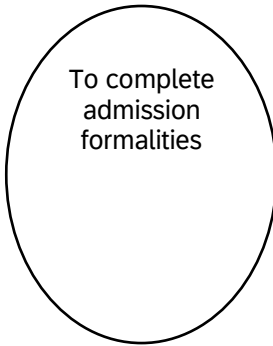
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- A) Candidates working in Industry at an executive or supervisor capacity will be preferred. Full time experience would be considered and should NOT include part time experience, Internship, projects, training period, and trainee –etc.
- B) Candidates working in reputed Research Organizations or Academic Institutions, situated in the close vicinity of Mumbai campus are eligible for admission to the Ph.D. programme if they satisfy the conditions mentioned below-
- Candidates working in an organization, which encourages and facilitates research.
 - The Academic Institution should have at least one running PG programme in any specialization.
 - Candidates should have a minimum of two years of work experience (full time) in research organization, academic institutions or Industry.
 - Candidates should furnish a 'Consent and No Objection Certificate' from his / her Academic Institution and 'MOU' in case of industry or research organization.

Note:

- Candidates appearing or waiting for the final year result are eligible to apply. The candidate must have appeared for all his subject(s) / exams before the commencement of the program. However, their admission would be considered provisional, subject to their meeting the minimum eligibility criteria after their final examination results are announced.
- Candidates whose final mark sheet of the qualified examination is not available at the time of their provisional admission, is required to submit their final marksheet copy as soon as the result is declared. In such case, if the candidate fails to meet the required eligibility criteria, then his/her admission will be cancelled and the fees will be refunded as per NMIMS refund rules.
- Candidates are required to submit mark sheets of all degrees, degree certificates and AIU certificate (by the candidate who has completed their studies at foreign country) at the time of admission.

- Candidates who have obtained their degree by doing a part-time course or through distance learning, correspondence courses, externally, open school from recognized University are eligible to apply and register as per UGC guidelines.
- All admitted students will have to complete Ph. D. course work as prescribed by the SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University). On successful completion of Ph.D. course work student will be eligible for registration for Ph.D. programme.
- The admission information handout's eligibility requirements will serve as the only document for program eligibility. The school's brochure or prospectus will only be used as a guide and not be used to refer to eligibility.

5. Admission process

Ph.D. in Architecture			
Step 1	Step 2	Step 3	Step 4
			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visit www.nmims.edu • For registration click on “Apply Now” and create an account. • Candidate will get the registration number on their registered email ID to fill and complete the application form. • Before filling the online form, please read all the instructions carefully mentioned in the instruction handout, important dates and Terms & Condition given in the online application form. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Candidates, who register successfully, only will be confirmed for Entrance Test & Personal Interview. • Candidates are required to download the call letter from login dashboard. No separate call letter will be mailed or posted. • Upload mentioned documents for Entrance Test & Personal Interview. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Entrance Test and Personal Interview will be held at Mumbai Campus only. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Selected Candidate has to confirm his / her provisional admission by filling up e-admission form, uploading required document and paying fees within given timeline. • Only those candidates who complete the process by paying fees will be provisionally admitted to the program.

6. Online registration & Payment of Registration Fees:

- Online registration available at www.nmims.edu
- Registration Fees is non-refundable / non-transferable.
- Online Registration Fee of Rs. 2,500/- plus GST if applicable (Please refer online registration for payment details)
- Before filling the online registration form, please read all the instructions carefully mentioned in instruction sheet, important dates and Terms & Conditions given in online application form.

7. Call letter & Upload of Documents:

Candidates who are registered successfully will be called for Entrance Test and Personal Interview. They can check / download their call letter from login dashboard and upload below mentioned document using the link given in application form / call letter before the deadline.

- Attested copies of Graduation Mark sheet (All Years) and Degree Certificate (Convocation certificate)
- Attested copies of Post-Graduation Mark sheet (All Years) and Degree Certificate (Convocation certificate)
- UGC-NET (including JRF)/UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF)/SLET/GATE/GPAT examination or other equivalent examinations certificate (if appeared)
- Statement of Purpose (Format attached). SOP should described "Area of Research"
- Work Experience certificate (as applicable for Industry / Research Institutes / Academic Institute candidates) (If the work experience certificate is in more than one company a separate work experience certificate signed by the employer stating clearly the nature of work experience is to be submitted. The work experience certificate must contain the date of joining, designation, date of relieving (if applicable) and the level at which the designation is covered in the organization. If the current designation or the designation at the time of leaving the organization (as applicable) is/was different than the designation at the time of joining then in such case candidate must provide the copy of the appointment letter.

It is important and primary requirement to upload the mandatory documents before Entrance Test

No Candidate will be permitted to attend admission test unless he / she uploads the application along with SOP in time AND completes the selection process successfully.

8. 1) Selection Process for Ph.D. in Architecture: (Full time and Part time)

The candidate must have passed Entrance Admission Test conducted by NMIMS University.

OR

The candidate has qualified UGC-NET (including JRF) / UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF) / SLET / GATE / GPAT examination of the apex bodies in higher/technical professional education or other equivalent examination.

A) Entrance Test (Time: 90 minutes / Total: 100 Marks), will be conducted at Mumbai campus only.

Section A: 50% of Research Methodology

Section B: 50% Area / Domain Specific

The candidate must have qualified entrance test with qualifying marks as 50% conducted by the NMIMS University. Only entrance test qualified candidate would be called for Personal Interview process.

NOTE: The candidate qualified in UGC-NET (including JRF) / UGC-CSIR NET (including JRF) / SLET / GATE / Teacher Fellowship holder or have passed M.Phil. Programs are exempted from NMIMS entrance test. However, they have to appear for Personal Interview.

B) Personal Interview (Total 30 Marks)

- Personal Interview will be held at Mumbai campus only.
- Presentation based on SOP will be followed by Personal Interview
- During interview candidates are expected to discuss their research Interest / area
- Final merit list will be based on entrance Test & Personal Interview marks.

C) Weightage

- Entrance Test : 100 marks (70%)
- Personal Interview : 50 marks (30%)

2) Selection Process for Certificate Programme in Architecture Research Studies: (Full time and Part time)

Weightage:

- Graduation Percentage (100 Marks)

9. Program Fees:

Effective fees for all Ph.D. students will be Rs. 50,000/- p.a.

Annual fees: Rs. 2,50,000/-

Annual Scholarship: Rs. 2,00,000/-

Scholarship form is available on the website <https://architecture.nmims.edu/academics/admissions/>

The duly filled scholarship form (hardcopy) should be submitted at following address along with the copy of registration form, copy of SOP, complete resume, admission form and the admission offer letter copy (which is available on student's dashboard):

Dean – Balwant Sheth school of Architecture

SVKM's Narsee Monjee Institute of Management Studies, 7th floor, Mithibai College Building. V. L. Mehta Road, Vile Parle (W), Mumbai – 400 056, India.

Note:

- Scholarship will be provided for up to 05 years or completion of a PhD program, whichever is earlier.
- If the student is found indulging in any unlawful activity, the scholarship will stand cancelled with immediate effect.
- PhD student will not be entitled to avail of the scholarship if he/she re-registers for PhD or take re-admission for the PhD program.

10. Fellowship: Fellowship will be provided to full-time PhD students in line with UGC.

11. Refund Rules:

As per the notification of UGC. Details will be shared at the time of admission.

Note: The above refund rules are subject to revision as per NMIMS University notification (as applicable).

Candidates to refer Important Dates of the respective programme.

12. Important Instructions:

- Candidate has to check the website for all details. Please check the important dates. All announcements from the SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University) will be through its website www.nmims.edu
- For cancellation/ withdrawal of admission: Withdrawal/cancellation means voluntary withdrawal/cancellation by the candidate for any reason. Candidate has to upload cancellation form duly filled and signed, fees paid receipt copy & cancelled cheque (personal account) to the mentioned link: <https://upload.nmims.edu/admission/cancellation/>
- The candidate who is pursuing PhD at SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University), should not take PG / PhD admission in any other University.
- If at any stage, it is found that a candidate does not satisfy the eligibility criteria or the information furnished by him/ her in the application form is incorrect, his/her application for admission to the program, even if selected, will stand cancelled, and fees will be refunded as per the refund rule clause. Candidates' admission will be canceled by the university if he/She does not voluntarily withdraw.
- Candidate's document/s will be verified at the time of admission (if selected), and if found not eligible, admission will be cancelled, and fees will be refunded as per SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University) refund policy.
- The admission information handout's eligibility requirements will serve as the only document for program eligibility. The school's brochure or prospectus will only be used as a guide and not be used to refer to eligibility.

- It is the sole responsibility of the candidate to ascertain whether they possess the necessary and requisite qualifications for admission at SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University), as verification of the documents is done at the time of final admission.
- SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University) has the full right to disqualify a candidate at any stage of the admission process if found ineligible.
- Candidates whose final mark sheet of the qualified examination is not available at the time of their provisional admission is required to submit their final marksheet copy as soon as the result is declared. In such a case, if the candidate fail to meet the required eligibility criteria, then his/her admission will be cancelled and the fees will be refunded as per SVKM's NMIMS (Deemed to be University) refund rules.
- Admission to the program is considered "Provisional Admission" until all required and mandatory documents are submitted by the candidate on or before September 30, 2026, and these are verified and approved. If it is found that the candidate is not eligible at any stage of the program, even after the course has commenced, the candidate will be discontinued from the program, the admission will be canceled, and fees will be refunded in accordance with the UGC refund policy.
- Kindly keep ABC ID (Academic Bank of Credits) details ready before filling the registration form (Please visit the website for creating ID_ <https://abcidcard.co.in/>)
- The admission information handout's eligibility requirements will serve as the only document for program eligibility. The school's brochure or prospectus will only be used as a guide and not be used to refer to eligibility.
- Canvassing in any form will disqualify the candidate.
- All matters of dispute will be subject to the legal jurisdiction of Mumbai only.

13. Contact Information:

In case of any NMIMS Admission-related queries, contact:

- a) Toll-Free No.: 18001025138 – Monday to Friday (except public holidays), Saturday (only 2nd and 4th Saturday) Time: 09:00 - 18:00 hrs
- b) For any support and assistance, kindly log in to the dashboard <https://apply.nmims.edu> & raise a query in my query section.

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Format for preparing SOP

Title: The Title of the project should be concise (with sub-title, if any), reflecting the scope of the investigation.

Aim of the Project: The broad Aim of the project, emphasizing the overall thrust of the proposed investigation, should be clearly mentioned.

Statement of the Problem: The problem to be investigated should be clearly contextualized in the theoretical framework of the discipline.

Overview of Literature: The problem identified should be logically linked to other studies on the theme in the literature, delineating the need for the present investigation.

Conceptual Framework: The concepts to be used, their relevance and applicability to the study and their operationalization should be indicated.

Research Questions or Hypotheses: The research questions to be answered/ addressed need to be unequivocally stated.

Research Methodology:

(a) Coverage: The proposal should clearly indicate the universe of the study, sampling frame, sampling methods, sampling size, units of observation etc.

(b) Data Collection: The proposal should indicate sources of data types of data, tools and techniques for the collection of various categories of proposed data.

(c) Data Analysis: It should indicate the statistical techniques, if any, proposed to be used in data processing, specific packages for data analysis, content analysis, indices/scaling techniques proposed to be used etc.

Implications: The proposal should state whether this research would bring forth any implications for policy making, either for the region concerned or the country, any methodological innovations or contribute to theory building.

References: The proposal should include a 'List of References' mentioned in the text along with other important recent additions to the literature on the theme. The references should indicate the author, title, publisher, and year of publication.