

## **FAQs – Ph.D. Admissions 2025**

**Question 1. Which departments are offering Ph.D. admissions under the Second Call 2025?**

**Ans.** The following departments are open for admission under the second call:

- Food Science and Technology (FST)
- Food Business Management and Entrepreneurship Development (FBM&ED)
- Agriculture and Environmental Sciences (AES)
- Interdisciplinary Sciences (IDS)
- Food Engineering (FE)

**Question 2. What is the total number of Ph.D. seats available in the second call?**

**Ans.** A total of **57 seats** are tentatively available across all departments. Please note that the number of seats may increase or decrease based on applicant performance, departmental demand, and RET/interview results. Kindly refer NIFTEM-K website [www.niftem.ac.in](http://www.niftem.ac.in).

**Question 3. What is the last date to apply for the second call?**

**Ans.** The last date for submission of online applications against Call-2 is **20th June 2025 (Friday)**.

**Question 4. When will the list of shortlisted candidates be announced?**

**Ans.** The list of provisionally selected candidates will be uploaded on **24th June 2025 (Monday)**.

**Question 5. When will the RET and interviews be conducted?**

**Ans.** RET will be conducted as per the following Schedule.

- RET: Stage-1, Stage-2 & Stage-3 (Interview) will be held on **1st July 2025 (Tuesday)**.
- The list of provisionally selected candidates will be uploaded on **4th July 2025 (Friday)**.

**Question 6. I already applied under the First Call. Do I need to apply again for the Second Call?**

**Ans.** No, the candidates who applied/appeared in response to the First Call **do not need apply again**. However, they must **send a consent email** confirming their willingness to be considered under the second call at: **admission@niftem.ac.in**.

**Question 7. Can I update any information submitted in the First Call?**

**Ans.** Yes. If you need to update details such as degree awarded, mode of admission award of NET/JRF/SRF etc., please email the updated documents to [admission@niftem.ac.in](mailto:admission@niftem.ac.in).

**Question 8. If I qualified RET Stage-1 in the First Call, do I need to appear for it again?**

**Ans.** No. Candidates who cleared RET Stage-1 on **9th June 2025** need **not appear again for RET Stage-1**. However, they must appear for **RET Stage-2 and the RET stage-3(interview)** as the case may be.

**Question 9. Is the second call (call-2) open for Industry/Academia Sponsored candidates also?**

Yes, the Second Call is **open for Industry/Academia Sponsored candidates**. Such candidates are **required to appear only for RET Stage-3 (Interview)** as per the Ph.D. admission guidelines notified in the admission brochure.

**Question 10. What is the process for Industry/Academia sponsored candidates or those with JRF/SRF/National Fellowships?**

**Ans.** These candidates are **required to appear only for RET Stage-3 (Interview) on the date mentioned in the Admission notice.**

**Question 11. Where can I find the RET syllabus and admission process details?**

**Ans.** All details related to mode of admission, RET syllabus, and the Ph.D. admission process are available in the **Admission Brochure 2025** on the official website: [www.niftem.ac.in](http://www.niftem.ac.in)

**Question 12. I had successfully submitted my Ph.D. application against the First Call (notified on 22-04-2025) but did not appear for any of the RET stages. Do I need to apply again for the Second Call?**

**Ans.** No, you do **not need to apply again**. However, you must send a **consent email confirming your willingness** to be considered for the Second Call to **admission@niftem.ac.in**.

Your application will be considered for Call-2 based on the consent received and need to follow admission process as per the details given in admission brochure and call-2 notification.

**Question 13. I already applied under the First Call and appeared for the admission process but was not selected. Do I need to apply again for the Second Call?**

**Ans.** No, you **do not need to apply again**. Your application will automatically be considered for the Second Call. However, you must send a **consent email** confirming your willingness to participate in the Second Call to: [admission@niftem.ac.in](mailto:admission@niftem.ac.in).

The selection process of these kinds of candidates is to be followed as mentioned in response to Question no. 7 above.

**Question 14. Is there any specific requirement for Industry/Academia Sponsored candidates?**

**Ans.** Yes, **Industry/Academia Sponsored candidates** must fulfill the following requirements:

- A **sponsorship letter/ No Objection Certificate (NOC) from the employer is mandatory**, clearly stating that the candidate will be permitted to pursue the Ph.D. program at NIFTEM-K.
- Such candidates are **exempted from RET Stage-1 and Stage-2** and are required to appear for **RET Stage-3 (Interview) only**.

**Question 15. Is a No Objection Certificate (NOC) mandatory for Industry/Academia Sponsored candidates to appear in the interview?**

**Ans.** Yes, a **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** is **mandatory** for all **Industry/Academia Sponsored candidates**. The NOC must clearly state that the employer has **no objection** to the candidate pursuing a **Ph.D. at NIFTEM-K**.

**However**, candidates whose **NOC process is still underway** must submit a **proof of request** made to their employer (e.g., acknowledgment or application copy).

Such candidates will be **allowed to appear for the interview (RET Stage-3)** based on this proof, but they **must submit the original NOC at the time of joining** the Ph.D. program at NIFTEM-K.

Otherwise their candidature will be considered null and void.

All other eligibility criteria and documentation must be met as specified in the **Ph.D. Admission Brochure 2025** available at [www.niftem.ac.in](http://www.niftem.ac.in).

**Question 16. Will the RET examination be conducted in online mode?**

**Ans. No**, the RET examination will **not be conducted in online mode**. It will be held in **offline (physical) mode** at the NIFTEM-K campus.

*Candidates are advised to regularly check the official website ([www.niftem.ac.in](http://www.niftem.ac.in)) for detailed schedule, venue, and related instructions.*

**Question 17. Is there any possibility of a change in the RET schedule for Call-2?**

**Ans.** As of now, the RET for Call-2 is scheduled to be conducted on **1st July 2025**.

However, **any changes in the schedule (if necessary)** will be notified through the **official NIFTEM-K website** ([www.niftem.ac.in](http://www.niftem.ac.in)) and/or via **registered email**.

Candidates are advised to stay updated by regularly checking official communication channels.