Criteria for CSIR UGC NET Application Form

| Criteria | Four-Year UG Degree Holders | Master's Degree Holders |
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| Minimum Marks | 75% (70% for reserved categories) SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy layer) / Differently - Abled, Economically Weaker Section (EWS) | 55% (50% for reserved categories) Other Backward Classes (OBC) belonging to Non-Creamy Layer/Scheduled Caste (SC)/Scheduled Tribe (ST)/Persons with Disability (PwD)/Third gender category. The Ph.D. degree holders whose Master's level examination have been completed by 19 September 1991 (irrespective of date of declaration of result) shall be eligible for a relaxation of 5% in aggregate marks (i.e. from 55% to 50%) for appearing in CSIR UGC NET. |
| | For General - 30 years | For General - 30 years |
| JRF Age Limit | For SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PwD/PwBD/Women 30 years + (5 years relaxation). | For SC/ST/OBC-NCL/PwD/PWBD/Women — 30 years + (5 years relaxation). Research: Relaxation will also be provided to the candidates with research experience, limited to the period spent on research in the relevant / related subject of post-graduation degree, subject to a maximum of 5 years, on production of a certificate from appropriate authority, which should be a recognized Indian university / Institute of National Importance / foreign university which is duly approved / recognized / accredited in its own Country / Public Sector Undertaking of Government of India / State Government in India. The research should not have been carried out towards completion of graduation or post-graduation degree(s). Ex-Servicemen: A relaxation of upto 5 years is provided to the candidates who have served in the armed forces subject to the length of service in the armed forces upto the first day of the month in which the concerned CSIR UGC-NET is, conducted, i.e., 01.12.2025. Total age relaxation on the above ground(s) shall not exceed five years under any circumstances. |
| Assistant Professor | Not eligible | No upper age limit for the post of Assistant Professor. Only minimum qualification criteria (percentage marks + degrees) apply. |
| PhD Admission | Eligible | No upper age limit for Admission to Ph.D. Only minimum qualification criteria (percentage marks + degrees) apply. |