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ADMISSION TIME Shiv Nadar University in Noida offers inter-disciplinary degrees

Class 12 board results have started to come out and students are pondering which colleges can offer them the best in academics. If you are looking for admission in a research-led university, Shiv Nadar University (SNU) could be one of the choices to explore. It offers a complete tuition fee waiver for economically backward students.

Having started two years ago in Greater Noida, SNU is a multi-disciplinary university with schools of engineering, natural sciences and humanities and social sciences. It plans to start its schools of management and entrepreneurship and education, among others, in the next year.

A research fellow at the university will earn ₹45,000 per month, courtesy The Shiv Nadar Foundation, an initiative by HCL chairman Shiv Nadar. Depending on their merit, students enrolling for the four-year (8 semesters) UG programme at SNU can apply for scholarship at the university.

In UG engineering, one can avail a maximum scholarship of ₹340,000, and in social and natural sciences ₹6 lakh. Students are selected on their aggregate Class 12 percentage and their rank in JEE (Main). Students aspiring to study humanities and natural sciences will be considered on the basis of their score in English along with two other best scored subjects. All students have to sit for written admission test and individual assessment when short-listed.

Students planning to take admission at SNU have to write a statement of purpose. Only those who get first class in BA and MA programmes and get through the junior research fellowship (JRF) can apply for the PhD courses.

The residential campus of the university can house 8,000 undergraduate and postgraduate students and 750 faculty members and research fellows.

Inter-disciplinary education, an approach, which many prestigious Indian universities, including Presidency University and Delhi University are slowly adopting, is followed here.

“A student can take up subjects like chemistry and English literature together here,” said Rupamanjari Ghosh, director, School of Natural Sciences, SNU. Admissions at the university are on now.

World-class faculty members is one of SNU’s highlights. It includes Nikhil Sinha, director emeritus US-India Business Council and member of FICCI’s higher education committee as the vice-chancellor; ace physicist Rupamanjari Ghosh, noted sociologist Dipankar Gupta and former director of IIM-Calcutta Shekhar Chaudhuri.