

Admission Notification for M. Sc. (Food Technology) 2025-27 Batch under the aegis of AcSIR



CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute (CSIR-CFTRI), Mysuru (a constituent laboratory of Council of Scientific & Industrial Research, New Delhi), came into existence during 1950, with the great vision of its founders, and a network of inspiring as well as dedicated scientists, who had a fascination to pursue in-depth research and development in the areas of Food Science and Technology. The Institute has geared up its R&D and the impact of globalization has given very good dividends, with a large number of externally funded projects from national and international agencies. The present scenario in the country is very vibrant, with rising capital investment in food industry, which has consolidated CSIR-CFTRI, to evolve its capabilities and to position itself as a global R&D one-stop center with a firm commitment in delivering its R&D outputs to population through adaptable, affordable and appropriate technologies. The role of CSIR-CFTRI has always been on a high pedestal in the areas of Human Resource Development and R&D partnerships, cherished through the international linkages with institutions, such as the Institute of Food Technologists (USA), United Nations University (Tokyo), erstwhile European Economic Commission (Belgium), National Science Foundation (USA) and many more. CSIR-CFTRI is an ISO 9001:2015 and ISO 14001:2015 certified Institute and is a NABL accredited laboratory (ISO 17025: 2017) for chemical and biological testing of food and allied products.

The M.Sc. (Food Technology) academic programme at CSIR-CFTRI, is conducted in association with Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR), since 2016. M.Sc. Food Technology course was started in the year 1964 as a part of International Food Technology Training Centre (IFTTC), in this prestigious Institute. The vision of pioneers was to bring about revolutionary impact in the area of Food Science and Technology through training high quality manpower. CFTRI alumni, who are spread across India and the globe, are pillars and torch bearers of the food industry, contributing to its progress and advancement. AcSIR has been established by an Act of Parliament as an Institution of National Importance. AcSIR, as an institution of higher education, operates in 'Hub and Spoke' model with its headquarters at CSIR-HRDC Campus, Ghaziabad, and all the CSIR laboratories including CSIR-CFTRI as its Research Institution. In the year 2025, AcSIR has been ranked 13th in the overall SCIMAGO Institutional Rankings among universities, ranked 11th in "overall institutional output" by NATURE Index among research institutions, and has been ranked 11th in the National Institution Ranking Framework (NIRF)- of Ministry of Education, Government of India, in the "Research Category". AcSIR is ranked 9th by the *Center for World University Rankings (CWUR)*, which is a leading consulting organization and publisher of the largest academic ranking of global universities.



M.Sc. Food Technology is an interdisciplinary course aimed to foster the food industries with highly trained food technologists. The extensive course curriculum amalgamated with hands-on-experience, equip the students to address contemporary challenges and answer future challenges, in the food sector. Additionally, the in-depth knowledge gained by mandatory internship in industry for three months in the first year, and research investigation work in the second year, gives the students an opportunity to understand and innovate, to processes and products, through R&D. The system of entrance examination has been adapted to admit students to this course.

Apart from the regular seats, there is also an intake of two seats from the Defence ministry and two seats for Industry sponsored candidates. This year, two seats have also been reserved for foreign nationals who are interested to join this course, at the Institute. The details are given below:

Total No. of seats = 36

30* + 2 (Defense personnel) + 2 (Industry Sponsored, subject to availability of suitable candidates) + 2 (Foreign candidates)

Important Dates

Date	Day	Event
May 13, 2025	Tuesday	Start of Online Application
June 23, 2025	Friday	Closure of Online Application
July 03, 2025 onwards	Thursday	Admit card can be downloaded
July 13, 2025	Sunday	Entrance Examination
August 01, 2025	Friday	Candidates can view the result after logging in
August 14, 2025	Thursday	Admission to 2025-27 batch
August 18, 2025	Monday	Commencement of the classes

*Regular seats as per AcSIR Guidelines.

If the Final Marks/Grade Card is not available by closure date, then the same can be submitted through e-mail to hrd@cftri.res.in latest by **July 25, 2025**.

Eligibility Criteria for admission to the course

1. A Bachelor's Degree in Science / Agriculture / Engineering / Technology with a minimum of 55% marks for General/ EWS/ OBC candidates/ Defence Personnel and 50% for SC/ST/PwD students from a recognized University (candidates waiting for final year results can appear for the entrance test, however, admission will be subjected to the above criteria).
2. **Industry Sponsored Candidates:** - Bachelor's Degree in Science / Agriculture / Engineering / Technology with a minimum of 55% marks. **Two** years of industrial experience in a Food and/or allied industry is mandatory. Industry sponsored candidates have to submit an authentic certificate of sponsorship from the sponsor industry (format for sponsorship certificate).
3. **Defense Personnel:** - Candidates presently serving and nominated by the Ministry of Defence, will be considered.
4. **Foreign Candidates:** - 2 seats for foreign nationals who are interested in joining the M.Sc (FT) course. The eligibility criteria is a Bachelor's degree in Science / Agriculture / Engineering / Technology, with English as the language of instruction. The candidates should have scored a minimum 60% marks or above, equivalent to Indian Universities.

Course Fee

The course will span for four semesters. The course fee per Semester is as follows:

Types of candidates	Academic Fee Structure per semester	Hostel Fee
Regular Candidate	Rs.31,000/-	As per the norms
Industry Sponsored Candidate	Rs.62,000/-	As per the norms
Defense Personnel	Rs.62,000/-	As per the norms
Foreign Candidate	\$1500	Equal to the other candidates in INR

Application Fee (Non- refundable):

Application fee for the **General/OBC/EWS/Defence/ Industry sponsored** candidates is **Rs. 2000/-** (inclusive of GST @ 18%), and for the **SC/ST/PWD** candidates is **Rs. 1000/-** (inclusive of GST @ 18%).

Payments may be made through SBI Collect and copy of e-receipt of the same **must be uploaded** with the application.

Reservation Guidelines

Reservations will be as per guidelines given by AcSIR. Candidates claiming reservations under specific categories are required to provide attested documents as proof in support of their claims as per the format of Government of India.

Reservation for Persons with Disabilities (Divyangjan) is governed by Rights of Persons with Disabilities Act, 2016 (RPWD Act 2016).

Admissions reserved for OBC category are available to OBC candidates belonging to "Non-creamy layer". The criteria for Non-Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL) will be as per the notification of Government of India. The OBC category candidate should submit the OBC certificate in format prescribed by Govt. of India, having "Non-Creamy Layer" clause.

Candidates belonging to OBC category but coming under "**CREAMY LAYER**", are not entitled for any relaxation/reservation available to OBC category and should indicate their category as General in the application. Such candidates are considered in the general (GEN) category, i.e. unreserved category and they will be eligible only for the OPEN seats. Candidates claiming reservations in OBCs category should also be listed in the current updated **CENTRAL list of OBCs** (www.ncbc.nic.in). **OBCs present in the state list but not covered in the central list of OBCs (as per the list in www.ncbc.nic.in) are not eligible to claim the reservation.**

Reservation for Economically Weaker Section (EWS) in selection is governed by Government of India notification No. 20013/01/2018-BC-II, dated January 17, 2019 and issued by the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment. The benefit of EWS reservation will be given only to those General category candidates who satisfy the condition given in the above notification.

Provision of reservation for candidates belonging to EWS/OBC/SC/ST/PwD will be as per the Government of India instructions issued from time to time.

Examination Pattern and Examination Centres

Multiple Choice Question (MCQ) based entrance Examination will be conducted at Mysuru, Guwahati, Ghaziabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Pune, Hyderabad, Kolkata, Bengaluru in coordination with respective CSIR laboratories / Centres at these places. Candidates will have to provide **three** options while filling the application form. In most cases, the first choice of centre opted by the candidate will be assigned to the applicants. However, Examination authority reserves the right to change the centre due to operational reasons. This will be intimated to all the applicants well in advance.

SELECTION PROCESS

- Candidates shall be ranked exclusively based on their performance in the Entrance Test subject to reservation as described above.
- There will be negative marking for every wrong answer in the MCQ test. **One fourth of the mark** will be deducted from the total score assigned to the question. However, if the question is left unanswered (i.e. no answer is marked by the candidate) there will be no negative marking.
- While deciding merit, in case of a tie, the candidate answering higher number of questions correctly will get the preference in the order of (a) Total Questions (b) Mental Ability (c) General Awareness.

Any misrepresentation of your credentials may lead to the cancellation of the application at any stage. Any dispute(s) with regard to the selection / admission process will be under Mysore Court Jurisdiction only.

Documents to be uploaded

- (1) One recent passport size colored photograph
- (2) Candidate signature
- (3) All Semester marks / Grade cards of qualifying exam
- (4) Proof of Date of Birth
- (5) Certificate for the claim of reservation (If any)
- (6) Parent / Guardian's latest Income Tax Return filed or income Proof
- (7) Proof for remittance of application fee through SBI collect (E-receipt /Transaction reference)
- (8) Experience and sponsor certificate for industry candidates
- (9) Nomination and sponsor Certificate for Defense candidates
- (10) Nationality proof for foreign candidates

For further correspondence, kindly contact

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CSIR-Central Food Technological Research Institute
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For online application, please visit www.cftri.res.in

Any update regarding entrance examination will be hosted in the Institute website (www.cftri.res.in)