

Admission Notification for M. Sc. (Food Technology) 2026-28 Batch
under the Aegis of
Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR)



CSIR–Central Food Technological Research Institute (CFTRI), Mysuru, is a premier constituent laboratory of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), New Delhi, established in 1950. Rooted in a legacy of scientific excellence, the Institute has delivered over 1,000 technologies to the food industry — from affordable fortified foods that have helped fight malnutrition in rural India to cutting-edge preservation techniques that have extended shelf life and reduced food waste at a national scale. CSIR-CFTRI holds an impressive portfolio of patents and has incubated numerous food startups, directly shaping the landscape of India's food processing sector. The Institute has grown into one of India's most distinguished institutions dedicated to food science and technology research, innovation, and outreach.

The M.Sc. Food Technology course in this prestigious Institute was started in the year 1964 as a part of International Food Technology Training Centre (IFTTC). The vision of its pioneers was to bring about revolutionary impact in the area of Food Science and Technology through training high quality manpower. The course is presently conducted in association with Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR), since 2016.

About AcSIR

The Academy of Scientific & Innovative Research (AcSIR) is an Institution of National Importance, established by an Act of Parliament and the largest doctoral research institute in India. AcSIR is dedicated to fostering world-class research and training in science, technology, engineering, mathematics, and medical research (STEMM). It leverages the extensive infrastructure and expertise of 78 associated research institutes, including National Institutes of the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (CSIR), the Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR), and the Department of Science and Technology (DST), etc. Research at AcSIR spans various faculties in STEMM by fostering scientific talent and driving cutting-edge research, AcSIR aims to significantly contribute to India's scientific and societal progress. The NIRF Ranking by the Ministry of Education ranked AcSIR at 09th position in 'Research Institutions' category in 2025. As per Nature Index Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) Rankings, AcSIR occupies the 11th rank among Universities in India and 14th rank in SCImago ranking (2026) among educational Institutes in India. As per the Centre for World University Rankings (CWUR) 2025, AcSIR has achieved a position in the top 3.5% globally and has secured the 9th rank nationally.



M.Sc. Food Technology is an interdisciplinary course. It aims to foster the food industries with highly trained food technologists. The extensive course curriculum amalgamated with hands-on-training from experienced researchers with wide range of expertise which equip the students to address contemporary problems 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 a national level entrance examination has been

adopted to admit the students to this course.

Apart from the regular seats, there is also an intake of two seats from the Defense ministry, two seats for Industry sponsored candidates and two seats reserved for foreign nationals who are interested in joining 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 nationals) (*Regular seats as per AcSIR Guidelines.)

Degree Awarding and Registering body: The Degree will be awarded by Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR) for more information visit <https://acsir.res.in/>

Important Dates

Date	Day	Event
May 05, 2026	Tuesday	Start of Online Application
June 25, 2026 till 05:00PM	Thursday	Closure of Online Application
July 02, 2026 onwards	Thursday	Admit card can be downloaded
July 12, 2026	Sunday	Entrance Examination
August 03, 2026	Monday	Candidates can view the result after logging in
August 14, 2026	Friday	Admission to 2026-28 batch
August 17, 2026	Monday	Commencement of the classes

If the Final Marks/Grade Card is not available by closure date, then the same can be submitted through e-mail to msccordinator.cftri@csir.res.in latest by **July 30, 2026**.

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 Nationals:** - 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.32,000/-	As per the norms
Industry Sponsored Candidate	Rs.64,000/-	As per the norms
Defense Personnel	Rs.64,000/-	As per the norms
Foreign National	\$1500	Equal to the other candidates in INR

Application Fee (Non- refundable):

- Application fee for the **General/OBC/EWS** candidates is **Rs. 2000/-** (inclusive of GST @ 18%).
- Application fee for the **SC/ST/PWD** candidates is **Rs. 1000/-** (inclusive of GST @ 18%).
- Application fee for the **Defence/ Industry sponsored** candidates is **Rs. 2500/-** (inclusive of GST @ 18%).
- Application fee for **Foreign nationals** is **\$150**.

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 Disability (PwD) (one seat) will be under horizontal reservation of seats irrespective of their category status.

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 OBC category should 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) 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, Ghaziabad, Thiruvananthapuram, Pune, Hyderabad, Kolkata, and 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.

- c. 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
Mysuru – 570 020
Email: msccordinator.cftri@csir.res.in
(Office Hours Monday to Friday 09:30AM to 05:00PM)

**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)