# **Admission Open for Master of Science in Conservation Biology**

The College of Natural Resources, Royal University of Bhutan, Lobesa, Punakha, is pleased to announce that the admission is open for Master of Science in Conservation Biology, commencing February 2022.

**Criteria:**

1. Applicants should have completed BSc. in Forestry, Wildlife, Life Sciences, and Environment Science awarded by a recognised University. However, candidates who have completed BSc. in Agriculture, Animal Science and relevant disciplines having at least 50% relevant components of forestry, wildlife, environment or life sciences (zoology, botany etc.) can be admitted upon verification by the admission committee.
2. The applicants should have secured a minimum of 50% aggregate in the B.Sc. programme.
3. The candidates will be have to clear a written exam securing at least 50% mark and will be selected by a selection interview panel.
4. The written exam will also include research aptitude of the applicants.
5. International applicants will have to produce English proficiency test documents such as IELTS, TOEFL etc.
6. Confirmation of candidature will be based on the decision of the Confirmation Panel upon successful completion of mandatory modules, bridging courses and defense of Research Proposal.
7. Interested candidates will have to submit a preliminary research proposal.
8. There are 10 slots for the programme.

**Documents required:**

1. Application form to be filled and sent by e-mail with the other relevant documents. Download the application form from this link: [Application form for MSc admission](https://www.cnr.edu.bt/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Application-form-for-PhD-admission.pdf).
2. Current CV including academic, employment (if any) and publication records (if any).
3. A preliminary research proposal.
4. Recommendation letters from at least two academic and/or professional referees.

**Admission:**

1. Application submission DEADLINE: On or before 10th January, 2022.
2. Entrance examination: 17th -18th January, 2022.
3. Result declaration: 21st January, 2022.
4. Enrolment: 24th February, 2022.

**How to apply?**

Complete documents may be submitted to the Programme Leader, Dr. D. B. Gurung (dbgurung.cnr@rub.edu.bt) with cc to Dean of Research and Industrial Linkage, (stashi.cnr@rub.edu.bt).

Entrance exam schedule for 2022 admission for postgraduate programmes and lateral entry

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There are 20 slots for MDP and 10 for NRM

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| 15.04.2021 | 9:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. | BSc AG, AS, FO, FST | General |
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2. Degree Certificate (Original) for MDP & NRM
3. Diploma Mark sheet (Original)
4. Diploma Certificate (Original)
5. Citizenship Identity Card/Passport
6. Registration fee of Nu.1000

**For inquires contact:**

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