

1.(a) Faculty-Student Ratio with emphasis on Permanent Faculty (FSR) – 20 Marks

This assessment will be based on the ratio of number of regular faculty members in the institute and total sanctioned/approved intake considering all UG & PG programs.

Regular appointment means faculty on full-time basis with no time limit on their employment. However, faculty on contract basis for a period of not less than three (3) years, on gross salary similar to those who are permanent can also be included.

Faculty members with Ph.D. qualifications and NET or SLET-qualified with Master's degree will be counted.

Visiting faculty (with a Ph.D.) who are visiting the institution on a full-time basis for at least one semester can be included in the count for that semester.

The benchmark is set as a ratio of 1:15 for scoring maximum marks.

Assessment metric for "Faculty-Student Ratio" will be the same for universities and colleges.

$$\mathbf{FSR=20 \times [15 \times (F/N)]}$$

Here,

N: Total number of sanctioned seats in the university considering all UG and PG programs, including the Ph.D. program.

$$\mathbf{F = F_1 + 0.3F_2}$$

F₁: Full time regular faculty of all UG and PG programs in the previous year.

F₂ : Eminent teachers/ faculty (with Ph.D.) visiting the institution for at least a semester on a full-time basis can be counted (with a count of 0.5 for each such visiting faculty for a semester) in the previous year. Expected ratio is 1:15 to score maximum marks.

For F/N < 1: 50, FSR will be set to zero.

Data Collection

From the concerned universities in prescribed format through an online interface to be developed on NIRF website. As mentioned in the preamble, the university will be eligible for ranking, if all relevant, and

updated data about the faculty members (in the previous three (3) years) is available on a publicly visible website. The data will be archived and also maintained by the ranking agency.

Data Verification

By the Ranking Agency on a random sample basis.