

Part-I of Ph.D. Admission Regulations Modified by Senate

Part-I: ADMISSION PROCESS

A.1 Academic Session

An academic session will have two semesters. The first semester will normally commence in July (Autumn semester), and the second in January (Spring semester).

Ph.D. students with Institute Assistantship will normally be admitted twice in every Academic Session, in the Autumn and Spring semesters. In addition, throughout the year departments/centres may process admission of candidates with external funding.

A.2 Admission Categories

A.2.1 Full-time Research Scholar (FTRS)

- a. Institute Assistantship Research Scholar (IARS)
- b. Externally Funded Research Scholar (EFRS)
 - Fellowships
 - Foreign Nationals
 - Project Funded
- c. In-Service External Research Scholar (ISERS)

A.2.2 Part-time Research Scholar (PTRS):

- a. In-Service Internal Research Scholar (P-ISIRS)
- b. In-Service External Research Scholar (P-ISERS)

A.3 Eligibility for Admission

The eligibility conditions specified herein are the minimum. Departments/Centres may prescribe higher or additional requirements. Reservation will be applicable as per the extant policies of the Government of India and prescribed by the Senate.

1. Master's degree with a minimum Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) of 6.0 on a 10 point scale, or 60% marks for the General (UR) category. However, candidates with M.Sc/M.A/M.Com must, in addition, have either a valid GATE score or must have qualified JRF/NET.

For SC/ST or PwD candidates the minimum CGPA requirements may be relaxed to 5.50 on a 10 point scale or to 55% marks.

2. B.Tech/B.Arch/B.Pharm degree or equivalent with a valid GATE/GPAT score and a minimum CGPA of 7.50 on a 10 point scale or 75% marks, irrespective of the category. For graduates from Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTIs), the minimum CGPA requirement is relaxed to 7.0 on a 10 point scale or 70% marks.

3. CGPA or percentage of marks in aggregate, in case marks are awarded, of all years/semesters will be considered. If the CGPA is awarded on a scale other than a 10 point scale, proportionate concession to a 10 point scale will be considered.

4. The requirement of a valid GATE/GPAT/JRF/NET score is not applicable to candidates in ISERS or P-ISIRS or P-ISERS category.

5. Bachelors and Masters from IITs with a CGPA 8.0 and above on a 10 point scale are exempt from the requirement of GATE/GPAT/JRF/NET.

6. Candidates pursuing Master's programs in Engineering or Architecture/Planning in the institute having CGPA 8.50 and above, shall have a choice of lateral entry to the Ph.D. program after completing first two semesters of the Master's program.

7. GATE/GPAT/JRF/NET, if applicable, shall be valid at the time of registration.

8. Candidates with MBBS/BDS degree from an Indian university/institute should have a minimum CGPA of 6.0 on a 10 point scale, or 60% in the qualifying degree, irrespective of the category. They are exempt from the GATE/GPAT/JRF/NET requirement.

9. Candidates with MS/MD degree from an Indian university/institute are exempt from the minimum CGPA as well as the GATE/GPAT/JRF/NET requirements.

10. Candidates with a medicine degree from an overseas university/institute should have qualified the Foreign Medical Graduate Examination conducted by the National Board of Examination.

11. Candidates with Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)/Person of Indian Origin (PIO) status will be treated at par with Indian nationals in the General category.

A.3.1 Additional Provisions for EFRS Candidates

a. Fellowships

These candidates can apply through rolling advertisement as available on the institute website. However, they need to apply within six months of the declaration of the results. If the advertisement for the IARS category is in process, they will be considered along with the IARS candidates.

b. Foreign Nationals

Foreign nationals will be considered at par with General category candidates for minimum CGPA requirements. These candidates will be provided with support for English language proficiency, if required.

c. Project Fellows

Candidates employed in a project at the institute may be considered under EFRS category if they fulfil the minimum eligibility criteria. The project duration should be at least 2 years and at the time of registration funding for at least 12 months should be available.

A.3.2 Additional Provisions for ISERS/P-ISIRS/P-ISERS Candidates

At the time of registration, the candidates should have at least two years' experience in a Government/ Semi-Government organization/ Public Sector Undertaking, AICTE/UGC recognized educational institute, or a registered company with an annual turnover of more than Rs. Twenty Crores. They should have permission from the employer for pursuing the Ph.D. program with adequate leave of absence to complete the course work requirements. This requirement of leave of absence is waived off for candidates working within 100 km of the institute. Candidates in P-ISIRS category should, in addition, be regular employees of the institute.

A.4 Admission Procedure

A.4.1 Procedure

Departments/Centres may prescribe higher or additional short-listing criteria beyond the minimum specified in section A.3. Thus, short-listing criteria may be different in different specializations within a department/centre. Admission will be on the basis of performance in the written test and/or interview. Candidates who are residing abroad, may appear for interview through video conferencing.


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Selected candidates who are unable to produce the proof of qualifying degree at the time of registration may be admitted provisionally. They should provide the same by the due date specified by the institute, failing which their admission shall be cancelled.

A.4.2 Admission under Quality Improvement Program

These admissions shall be governed by QIP norms.

A.5 Thesis Supervisor

Every research scholar shall be assigned a thesis supervisor. Details of the supervisors of all the students admitted during a semester shall be communicated by the departments/centres to the Academic Office latest by the end of the semester.

A.6 Financial Assistance

The Institute may provide financial assistance in the form of teaching or research assistantships, referred to as Institute Assistantships. Assistantships are awarded for a period of up to five years.

A student is expected to devote up to ten hours per week towards job(s) assigned by the department/centre. The renewal of assistantship is contingent on the student's satisfactory performance in the academic program and in the discharge of assistantship duties.

After the expiry of project funding, project fellows may be offered Institute Assistantship. The duration of support shall be for a maximum period of five years which will include the duration of project funding. These assistantships will be over and above any limit/quota of Institute Assistantships for the departments/centres.

Financial assistance from the institute will not be available to candidates who are recipients of fellowships from UGC/ CSIR/ DST/ ICMR/DBT, etc. and candidates registered under ISERS/P-ISIRS/P-ISERS category.

Tuition fee waivers may be available as per the policies of the institute.

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