INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY

Information Brochure
(For Foreign Nationals)

Ph.D. and Postgraduate Programme
for Foreign Students
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	Admission in **Postgraduate** program for foreign nationals will be offered once a year.
	    For admission, the application last date is <u>31 March</u> and the admission offers will be made by <u>31 May</u>. The applications will be considered for the July semester of the calendar year.

6.	Please refer to the Institute website https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/toadmission.jsp for details and other important announcements.
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2. GENERAL INFORMATION

2.1 THE INSTITUTE

The Indian Institute of Technology Bombay (IIT Bombay) is one of the highest Institute of Technology in the country set up with the objectives of making available facilities for higher education, research and training in various fields of Science and Technology. The Institute was established in 1958. It is located at Powai, Mumbai in a campus extending over 220 hectares amidst picturesque surroundings with Vihar and Powai lakes on either side.

At present, Postgraduate (M.Tech., M.Des., M.B.A., M.Sc., M.P.P., M.A.), and Doctoral (Ph.D.) programmes are offered in various academic units of IIT Bombay. The academic division of IIT Bombay can be visited at https://www.iitb.ac.in/en/education/academic-divisions.

Programmes offered in various academic units are given below:

Programmes	Discipline [Academic Unit : Department, Centre, Interdisciplinary Group]
M.Tech./M.Tech.+Ph.D. (Dual Degree)	Aerospace Engineering, Biomedical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Civil Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Earth Sciences, Educational Technology, Electrical Engineering, Energy Systems Engineering, Environmental Science & Engineering, Geoinformatics and Natural Resources Engineering, Industrial Engineering & Operations Research, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering & Materials Science, Materials, Manufacturing and Modeling, Systems and Control Engineering, Technology and Development, Urban Systems
M.Des.	Industrial Design Centre (IDC)
M.B.A.	Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management
M.B.A. (Executive)	Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management
M.Sc.-Ph.D. (Dual Degree) in Energy	Energy Science and Engineering
M.P.P.	Centre for Policy Studies
M.S. by Research	Computer Science & Engineering, Data Science and Artificial Intelligence
M.A.+Ph.D. (Dual Degree) in Philosophy	Humanities & Social Sciences
M.A. by Research	Humanities & Social Sciences
Ph.D.	Aerospace Engineering, Biosciences and Bioengineering, Chemical Engineering, Chemistry, Civil Engineering, Climate Studies, Computer Science and Engineering, Digital Health, Earth Sciences, Educational Technology, Electrical Engineering, Energy Science & Engineering, Environmental Science and Engineering, Geoinformatics and Natural Resources Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences, Industrial Design Centre, Industrial Engineering & Operations Research, Machine Intelligence and Data Science, Management, Mathematics, Mechanical Engineering, Metallurgical Engineering and Materials Science, Nanotechnology & Science, Physics, Policy Studies, Systems & Control Engineering, Technology and Development, Urban Systems

The Institute on an average admits more than **1500** students (national and international)

for different Postgraduate and Doctoral programmes every year. Students from 20 foreign countries are undergoing training in various programmes. In addition to these academic programmes, the Continuing Education Programme (CEP) organizes short, intensive courses in specialized topics both for practicing engineers as well as for teachers from engineering colleges; and also conducts seminar and conferences on current scientific and technological developments. Further, teachers from various engineering colleges also join the Institute for postgraduate and doctoral programmes under Quality Improvement Programme (QIP).

2.2 RESEARCH FACILITIES

All the Academic Units of the Institute have well equipped research laboratories and workshop facilities. In addition, there are a number of central facilities such as Central Workshop, Central Library, Computer Centre, and SAIF (Sophisticated Analytical Instrument Facility). The Central Library has more than 290 thousand books, a large collection of back volumes of periodicals, standard specifications and other literature. It subscribes to over 1500 current journals in Science, Engineering, Humanities and Social Sciences. The Computer Centre provides high-end networked computing facilities.

The Institute has many research collaborations with leading universities in USA, Europe, Japan, and other East Asian countries. As part of these collaborations, the postgraduate students get opportunities to carry out joint research projects with faculty and students from them.

The location of IIT Bombay, in close proximity to several leading R&D Centers and major industrial establishments, offers excellent opportunities to interact with them and plan research programmes in collaboration with them. The Industrial Research and Consultancy Centre (IRCC) coordinates collaborative projects with industry and other research organizations such as BARC, TIFR and CSIR labs. The Institute is actively collaborating with several organizations of other countries on a bilateral basis.

2.3 STUDENTS AMENITIES

The Institute is fully residential and has 18 hostels for students. Each hostel is an independent entity with its own mess facilities, recreation areas, etc. However students may be permitted to have their own arrangements for accommodation outside campus. Some flatlets are available for married research scholars.

Extra-curricular activities are provided by the Students' Gymkhana. These activities include Sports, Cultural programmes, and Social Service. Various clubs of the Gymkhana encourage individual talents of students in hobbies such as painting, modeling, music, photography, aeromodelling and fabrication of electronic devices. A swimming pool is an additional facility. A well-planned Student Activities Centre (SAC) routinely organizes several vibrant extracurricular events.

2.4 PH.D. PROGRAMME

With extensive infrastructural facilities and a sound research base, the Institute offers Ph.D. programme in a wide range of areas in Engineering, Sciences, and Humanities & Social Sciences. The broad objectives of the Ph.D. programme are to contribute to expanding the frontiers of knowledge and to provide research training.

The academic programme leading to the Ph.D. degree is broad-based and involves a course credit requirement and a research project leading to thesis submission. The Institute also encourages research in interdisciplinary areas through a system of joint supervision and

interdepartmental group activities. The Institute undertakes sponsored research and development projects from industrial and other organizations in public as well as private sector.

Facilities for research work leading to the Ph.D. degree are available in the respective departments Centres, Interdisciplinary Groups.

2.5 POSTGRADUATE PROGRAMME

The Institute offers Postgraduate (M.Tech., M.Des., M.B.A., M.Sc., M.P.P., M.A.) programmes in various disciplines. The aim of the programme is to train the students in deeper theoretical knowledge which will enable them to tackle practical complex problems of design and development in industrial fields, as well as pursue further academic achievements through research. For fulfilling this aim, the programme structure provides sufficient flexibility in coursework and thesis project.

3. ADMISSION

3.1 ELIGIBILITY, PROCEDURE, AND SCHEDULE FOR APPLICATION

Students holding foreign passports (including persons with OCI or PIO cards) will be eligible to apply for the academic units: Departments, Centres, Schools, and Interdisciplinary Groups.

3.1.1 Eligibility for Ph.D. Programme

For Engineering disciplines, a 4-year bachelor's degree is the minimum qualification. For graduates in Science disciplines, a Masters degree or equivalent is a must for applying. Persons who are in the final year of their degree are also eligible to apply.

In addition to the above eligibility criterion, the applicant must satisfy the general eligibility criteria specified for the respective Departments / Centres / Schools / Interdisciplinary Groups, and the eligibility criteria for admission (available at https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp under Research Programmes).

3.1.2 Eligibility for Postgraduate Programme

For admission to the 2 year M.Sc. and M.Sc.-Ph.D. Dual Degree programs, interested student have to appear for the Joint Admission Test for M.Sc. conducted by the IITs. For more details visit: https://jam.iitb.ac.in/.

For admission to M.Tech., M.B.A., and M.Des. Programmes, a 4-year bachelor's degree/ M.Sc./ M.B.B.S./ M.Pharm. is the minimum qualification.

In addition to the above eligibility criterion, the applicant must satisfy the general eligibility criteria specified for the respective Departments / Centres / Schools / Interdisciplinary Groups, and the eligibility criteria for admission (available at https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/toadmission.jsp under PG Programmes).

- GATE score is desirable for students who have completed their bachelor's degree from an Indian institute.
- GRE/GMAT score is desirable (GMAT score is compulsory for the candidates applying for M.B.A. program).

3.1.3   Procedure for Application

The application Form and related information is available on the institute's International Relations website https://www.ir.iitb.ac.in/en/students/how-to-apply. Applicants are required to submit the application **ONLINE** through admission portal link https://portal.iitb.ac.in/intadm/login. It is advised to take a print of the application submitted and keep the same for your record.

All applications are scrutinized by the respective departments of IIT Bombay. In case a candidate is found suitable for admission, an offer letter will be available on admission portal issued by the Academic Office, IIT Bombay.

For admission to the Ph.D. program under Foreign Teaching Assistantship (FRN-TA), a non–refundable application fee is INR 1500 is to be paid by Online Payment System and the applicant does not have to submit the printed copy of the application. **Applications without online payment details will not be considered.**

The Departments / Centres / Schools / IDPs will be free to hold virtual interviews with the prospective candidate in case it is recommended by the Admission Committee.

3.1.4   Schedule for Admission

Admission in Ph.D. program for foreign nationals will be made twice a year. For admission in Autumn Semester, the application last date is March 31 and the admission offers will be made by May 31. For admission in Spring Semester, the application last date is October 31 and the admission offers will be made by November 30.

Admission in Postgraduate program for foreign nationals will be offered once a year. For admission, the application last date is March 31 and the admission offers will be made by May 31. The applications will be considered for the July semester of the calendar year.

Semester	Degree Programme	Application Deadlines (every year)
Autumn	M.Tech., M.B.A., M.Des., and Ph.D.	1 January - 31 March
Spring	Ph.D.	1 September - 31 October

3.2 APPLICATION CATEGORIES AND FINANACIAL AID

Foreign Nationals can seek admission to various Postgraduate and Research Programmes under the following categories at IIT Bombay. All applications are scrutinized by the respective departments of IIT Bombay. In case the applicant is found suitable for admission, an offer letter will be sent to him/her from the Academic Office, IIT Bombay.

3.2.1   Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR) Scholarship (Government of India)

Students desirous of admission under this Fellowship Programme are required to apply through the Indian High Commission/Embassy as the case may be, in their respective Countries. The Commission/Embassy will send the application to Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR), Government of India and then ICCR will forward the application/s to the Academic Office at IIT Bombay for consideration. In case the student is found suitable for admission, an offer letter will be sent to him/her through ICCR, New Delhi. ICCR scholarship provides a monthly stipend and tuition fee waiver. For more details,   visit   the   website   of   ICCR: http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/home/getAllSchemeList

3.2.2 Study in India (SII) Scholarship (Government of India)

The Study in India (SII) program has designed a framework to award scholarships and tuition fee waivers for meritorious students applying for Master's or Ph.D. programs at IIT Bombay. For more details, visit the website of SII: https://studyinindia.gov.in/scholarship-and-fee-waivers

3.2.3 Doctoral-fellowship in India for ASEAN (DIA) (Government of India)

There is a special scheme for scholars from ASEAN countries to apply for Ph.D. fellowships in IITs. The scheme aims to strengthen the deep and historical relations between India and ASEAN countries. Applicants may apply online and the selected ones will get a chance to finish their Ph.D. with funding at par with their Indian counterparts from the Government of India. The funding includes a monthly stipend and an annual research grant for up to 5 years of their Ph.D. programme. For more details, visit the website of ASEAN: https://asean-iit.in/

3.2.4 Foreign Government Sponsorships

The candidate may apply through the online application portal. In case the candidate is found suitable for admission, an offer letter will be sent to the candidate or the sponsoring authority as the case may be.

3.2.5 German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) In-Region Scholarship Programme

Scholarships are granted by the DAAD to the Graduates and Postgraduates from Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal, and Sri Lanka to pursue Master's or Ph.D. courses at IIT Bombay. DAAD provides monthly stipend and tuition fee waiver. For more details, visit the website of DAAD: http://daad.de/go/en/stipa57540129

3.2.6 Foreign Teaching Assistantship (FRN-TA)

Students who wish to pursue Ph.D. at IIT Bombay can also apply under the Institute TA category. The teaching assistantship (TAship) is for a maximum duration of 5 years or up to the thesis submission, whichever is earlier. The monthly rate of assistantship is INR 31000/- for the first two years and an enhanced assistantship of INR 35000/- for the remaining period.

Financial Support is dependent on the qualifying degree and satisfying the requirement of TAship. Students under this category are entitled to financial support as per Ministry of Education (MoE) norms. As per MoE directives, the employees of any organizations with or without pay are not eligible for admission under TA category. Students getting assistantships from the Institute may join projects sponsored by external agencies and obtain corresponding fellowships in lieu of TAship. TAship as applicable to FRN IITB-TA students will be available from the Institute upon admission to Ph.D. programmes of the Institute. For more details, visit the website of IIT Bombay: https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/foreignnational.jsp

3.2.7 Self-finance Category

The International Students, who wish to join under Self-finance Category, are required to apply through the online portal.

Financial undertaking is required to submit under this category as follows:

- A letter of recommendation from the Govt. certifying that the fees will be paid by the

Govt., or
- A copy of the student's bank statement showing a balance of at least US $ 10000 (in case of the 2-year post graduate program) or US $ 20000 (in case of a Ph.D. program)

NOTE: The competent Committees of the Departments are the ultimate decision makers in accepting the students.

3.3 DOCUMENTS REQUIRED

Foreign students applying for the Ph.D. Programmes are required to submit the following documents:

1. Application form as available on the Academic homepage/ Dean (International Relation's Office):
   a. For Ph.D. Application Form: https://www.ir.iitb.ac.in/sites/www.ir.iitb.ac.in/files/basicpage/Ph-D-App-form.pdf
   b. For M.Tech. Application Form: https://www.ir.iitb.ac.in/sites/www.ir.iitb.ac.in/files/basicpage/M-Tech-M-Phil-App-form.pdf
   c. For M.Des. Application Form: https://www.ir.iitb.ac.in/sites/www.ir.iitb.ac.in/files/basicpage/M-Des-Application-Form_International_2022.pdf
2. Personal Particulars of Foreign Scholars coming to India. (**Appendix-1**)
3. Bio-Data / Curriculum Vitae / Resume.
4. Copy of the grade transcripts with the explanation of the assigned grades. (Certified English translation is required, if the document is in other language)
5. Statement of purpose.
6. Two/Three recommendation letters – at least one recommendation should be about the student's academic performance issued by a faculty member.
7. Documentary proof to illustrate fluency in English language. (Any ONE of the following)
   a. A note on mark sheets or a letter from the home university stating that the medium of instruction is English; OR
   b. A document from the University/English language instructor/a national agency, indicating the proficiency level of English as suitable for Tertiary education; OR
   c. A pass in any ONE of the following tests will be required:
      i. The Test of English as a Foreign Language (TOEFL), administered by the Educational Testing Service in the US, in which scores of at least 580 overall and 4.0 in the Test of Written English are required. The computer based test requires scores of at least 240 overall and 4.0 in essay writing. The internet based test requires scores of at least 95 overall with a minimum score of 20 in writing.
      ii. The International English Language Testing Service (IELTS) test, administered by the British Council, in which scores of 6 or more in each section and an overall score of 6.5 are required.
      iii. Duolingo score (of 115).
      Test scores more than two years old will not be accepted for consideration.
8. Copy of the passport. (page showing your nationality and personal details)
9. Financial undertaking (Applicable only for self-finance candidates):
      i. A letter of recommendation from the Govt. certifying that the fees will be paid by the Govt., or
      ii. A copy of the student's bank statement showing a balance of at least US $ 10000 (in case of the 2-year post graduate program) or US $ 20000 (in case of a Ph.D. program).

3.4 VISA REQUIREMENTS

Students admitted for Ph.D. programmes must have a <u>Research Visa</u>. Students admitted for Postgraduate programmes must have a <u>Student Visa</u>.

3.5 MEDICAL FITNESS REQUIREMENT

It is advisable that the students get a general check up done before departure, to ensure that he/she do not suffer from any major ailments. They should get vaccinated against the following diseases, before reporting to IIT Bombay,

 i. COVID-19
 ii. Typhoid
 iii. Hepatitis A
 iv. MMR – 1 dose after age of 15 years
 v. Chickenpox
 vi. dT (diphtheria and tetanus)

Only those students, in whom vaccination is medically contraindicated, would be exempted from these vaccinations on production of medical certificate. They are also requested to submit the "Vaccination Certificate/Vaccination Exemption Certificate" at the time of registration. They may be allowed to register with the partial vaccination, if done. However, he/she will be required to complete the vaccination during the first semester. Registration for the second semester will be subject to complete vaccination as required. Please refer to https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/medical201122june.pdf for proforma of "Vaccination Exemption Certificate".

After admission formalities are completed, Full-Time students will be provided with full medical facilities as applicable to Indian students at IIT Bombay.

3.6 FORMALITIES AFTER FOREIGN STUDENTS JOIN THE INSTITUTE

3.6.1 Payment of Fees and Deposits

Fee structure is available at Institute website https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/foreignnational.jsp. The institute reserves the right to revise the fee structure in subsequent semesters.

Applicants are advised to check possibilities of scholarship given in section 2 of this brochure.

Students may submit their fees through **CASH/ONLINE** transfer. The fee structure and details for online payment will be shared along with the Offer Letter.

If selected, the candidate is required to confirm his/her seat by paying fees, deposits, and hostel rent before the deadline indicated on the offer letter.

3.7 ACCOMMODATION AND STUDENT ACTIVITIES

Hostel accommodation shared with mess facility is available on IIT Bombay campus for students. In addition to the academic infrastructure, facilities for sports and cultural activities are also available.

Students can contact the Office of International Relations (http://www.ir.iitb.ac.in) for more information regarding the stay of International students in India and on the IIT Bombay campus.

3.8 REGISTRATION FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE

After a foreign national has been admitted to the Institute, he/she has to make an application in the prescribed form for Ph.D. Registration. This application will be considered by the Departmental Post- Graduate Committee (DPGC) which will make appropriate recommendations to the Senate regarding (a) the course work prescribed for the candidate, and (b) the date of registration.

The period of validity of Ph.D. Registration for all candidates is FIVE/SIX years from the date of confirmation of registration (Registration is confirmed as per rules, after successfully completion of course credit requirements).

3.9 CONFIRMATION OF REGISTRATION FOR THE PH.D. DEGREE

All Ph.D. Admission are provisional until the "Confirmation of Registration" is completed. This confirmation takes place after completing the prescribed course work (within six months to a year after admission) and only if academic performance criterion set by the academic unit is met. Some academic units (Departments / Interdisciplinary groups / Centres / Schools) prescribe a qualifier examination for the Ph.D. Programme. These must be completed successfully prior to the date of confirmation of registration. Failure to meet satisfactory performance criterion may lead to termination of studentship.

Rules & Regulations is available at: https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/rules.jsp

3.10   SUBMISSION OF THESIS AND AWARD OF PH.D. DEGREE

Subject to fulfilling the course credit requirements and other conditions as may be laid down from time to time, the candidate may submit the Ph.D. thesis after two years from the date of registration (3 years for external candidates). The thesis is examined by two/three referees from outside the Institute. The Senate examines the reports of the referees and on acceptance of the thesis, appoints a Board of Examiners to conduct a *viva-voce* examination at which the candidate is required to defend his/her thesis. On the basis of the report of the Board of Examiners, the Senate decides the student's eligibility for award of the degree of Doctor of Philosophy.

Important Links used in this Information Brochure:

International Relations:	http://www.ir.iitb.ac.in
Detailed Information and How to Apply:	https://www.ir.iitb.ac.in/en/students/how-to-apply
Admission Portal:	https://portal.iitb.ac.in/intadm/login
Institute Academic Page:	https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/toadmission.jsp
Institute Academic Page for foreign national:	https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/foreignnational.jsp
IIT Bombay Rules & Regulations:	https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/rules.jsp
Indian Council for Cultural Relations (ICCR):	http://a2ascholarships.iccr.gov.in/home/getAllSchemeList
Study In India (SII):	https://studyinindia.gov.in/scholarship-and-fee-waivers
Doctoral-fellowship in India for ASEAN (DIA):	https://asean-iit.in/
DAAD In-Region Scholarship Programme:	http://daad.de/go/en/stipa57540129
IIT Bombay Academic Divisions:	https://www.iitb.ac.in/en/education/academic-divisions

PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF FOREIGN SCHOLARS

1.	Full Name (expanding the initials)	
2.	Nationality	
3.	Date & Place of Birth	
4.	Parentage (names of the parents)	
5.	Present address	
6.	Permanent address	
7.	Passport number date and place of issue & validity	
8.	Whether previously in India if so dates & place	
9.	Occupation	
10.	Purpose of visit	
11.	Expected duration of stay (in IIT Bombay)	
12.	Places in India likely to be visited	
13.	Name of the Indian Mission abroad at which the foreigner will apply for visa authorization	
14.	Source of funding and terms/ conditions of funding / appointment	
15.	Whether accompanied by spouse/ dependents, and if yes, provide full personal particulars. (point nos. 1 to 15)	

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE (SoP)
(For Ph.D. Student)

Statement of Purpose (SOP) is your opportunity to share with the admission committee your thoughts and feelings about Postgraduate studies at IIT Bombay including your preparation for the same. Briefly describe past project / research work done by you. Restrict yourself to 500-600 words. The personal SOP will aid the admission committee in evaluating your application.

(i) If you are applying for more than one academic discipline, you may include separate SoP for each discipline.

(ii) If you are applying to Department of Humanities & Social Sciences, Policy Studies, CTARA or CSRE, you need to upload Statement of Purpose as well as research proposal. The Research Proposal for applying to Policy Studies, Technology & Development (CTARA) should contain (a) problem identification, (b) brief review of literature, and (c) proposed methodology. The SOP for CSRE should refer to one or more topics of interest FROM THE LIST of topics announced on CSRE webpage http://www.csre.iitb.ac.in.

(iii) If you are applying to Shailesh J. Mehta School of Management, you are required to submit a research proposal (1500 words) on a topic of your interest in place of Statement of Purpose. The proposal should contain a) problem identification, b) brief review of literature, and c) methodology.

(iv) Candidates applying to IDC are required to submit a Statement of Purpose (SOP) along with a research proposal (~1500 words) that contains (a) the research area, (b) a brief review of the literature, and (c) proposed methodology. The candidates must also submit a recent work or paper related to their area of research. A link to the design portfolio (drive folder/website/online documentation), if available, can be provided along with the SOP document.

(v) Candidates applying to Educational Technology are required to submit a Statement of Purpose containing (a) your interests and motivation for applying to ET (max. 50 words), (b) relevance of your recent and current activities (max. 200 words), and (c) details about your academic interests including (but not limited to) your areas of interest, a problem that interests you, and what you plan on doing after completing your Ph.D. (max. 250 words).

1. **Name:**
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2. **Ph.D. Programme in**
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                           ii)

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(For Postgraduate Student)

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1. **Name:**
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2. **Programme of study:**   **Discipline:**