

Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani.

Academic Graduate Studies and Research

Full-time & Part-time PhD Admission, Sem-II, 2020-21 (Starting 8th March 2021)

Frequently Asked Questions

- **What are the eligibility criteria for admission to the PhD programme?**

The minimum eligibility criteria of the Institute for admissions to the PhD programmes is

- M.E./M.Tech./M.Pharm./MBA/M.Phil. or an equivalent Degree with a minimum of 60% aggregate in the qualifying examination.
- M.Sc./B.E./B.Pharm. or an equivalent degree with a minimum of 60% aggregate in the qualifying examination.
- For admissions to Humanities and Social Sciences, candidates with an M.A. degree and a minimum of 55% aggregate may apply.

- **I do meet the minimum eligibility criteria. Is my application shortlisted for Test/Interview?**

Meeting the minimum eligibility criteria does not guarantee that the applicant will be shortlisted for Test/Interview or admitted into the PhD programme. Departments may set specific admission criteria for shortlisting over and above the minimum eligibility criteria.

- **I have shortlisted for test/interview. What is the next step to admission to the PhD programme?**

Shortlisted candidates will have to appear for an interview in one of the campuses, i.e., Pilani, Goa, & Hyderabad. This semester the interviews will be conducted in online mode. Only, shortlisted candidates will be called to attend the online interview. **It may be noted that the final decision on admitting candidates to the PhD programme will be taken by the Admission Committee and will be binding to all.**

- **Final examination of the qualifying degree is pending. Am I eligible to apply for PhD programme?**

Yes, you are eligible to apply for the PhD programme. You may upload a self-declaration form (format available in **Annexure A**) in place of the marksheet/certificate of the qualifying Degree before final submission of the application form. If you are selected for the admission to the PhD programme of BITS Pilani, you must have appeared in all the examinations pertaining to your qualifying degree before you report to your campus (reporting date will be declared on the admission website).

- **How do I know Departmental offerings (Full-time/Part-time) in a particular campus?**

This information is available in the Admission Brochure and also on the main page of the Admission website.

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- **I am planning to apply for Part-time PhD programme. The organization is closed due to lockdown and I cannot obtain the NOC. Am I eligible to apply for PhD programme?**

Yes, you are eligible to apply for the PhD programme. You may upload a self-declaration form (format available in **Annexure B**) in place of the No Objection Certificate (NOC), before final submission of the application form. You will have to ensure to provide the NOC at the time of the admission test (the date of which will be declared in the admission website).

- **What is the fee structure for PhD programme?**

Fee structure for Academic Year 2020-21 will be made available on the Admission website.

- **What is the meaning of Campus preference?**

If any candidate wishes to apply in a discipline at more than one campus, he or she is eligible to do so through a single application form. Candidates will be shortlisted based on an order of preference (starting with the first) provided by them in the application form. An application not short-listed based on the first preference of a candidate would then be considered for admission based on his / her second preference and so on (only if subsequent preferences are indicated in the application form). If your application is being shortlisted by the Campus of your second preference, you will have to appear for the Admission Test in that particular campus, i.e., your second preference. This information will be communicated to you along with the result of shortlisting. Candidates not shortlisted in any of the campuses of his or her preference will be rejected and not be considered further in the admission process.

- **I am interested in a particular sub-area to pursue PhD at BITS Pilani? Is PhD programme offered in this sub-area?**

You may identify the Department(s) relevant to the particular sub-area. You may even directly communicate to the concerned Head of the Department and/or the Faculty member for further academic information.

- **I am not shortlisted for Admission Test. I would like to get the application fee to be returned. What is the process?**

Application fee once paid is non-refundable.

- **Can I apply in more than one Departments?**

One candidate can only apply to one Department. Certainly, the candidate is allowed to apply in more than one campus.

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Annexure 'A'

Self-declaration Letter

Date: _____

I, _____ am applying for admission to the Ph.D. Programme (I-Sem., 2020-21) at BITS Pilani. Due to the prevalent COVID 19 situations in the country and subsequent lockdown, I am not in a position to upload the following certificate/mark sheet/document along with the application form.

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I confirm that I will furnish the above documents (in original) when appearing for the Admission Test, should I be shortlisted for the same. I understand that I may not be allowed to appear for the test in the absence of these documents.

Signature of the Candidate

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Annexure 'B'

Self-Declaration Letter

Date: _____

I, _____ am applying for admission to the Part-time Ph.D. Programme (I-Sem., 2020-21) at BITS Pilani. Due to the prevalent COVID 19 situation and subsequent lockdown, I am not in a position to upload the No Objection Certificate (NOC) from my employer along with the application form

I confirm that I will furnish the above documents (in original) when appearing for the Admission Test, should I be shortlisted for the same. I understand that I may not be allowed to appear for the Test in the absence of this document.

Signature of the Candidate