BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy

SPECIAL ADMISSION ITERATION UNDER BITS-RMIT HIGHER EDUCATION ACADEMY

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Applications Now Open for BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy Programs

BITS Pilani (an Institution of Eminence in India) has entered a partnership with RMIT University, Australia, to develop a Higher Education Academy called BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy. The BITS-RMIT Academy offers collaborative degree programmes at the international level.

Students admitted under this collaboration will have the unique opportunity to immerse themselves in diverse cultures and gain a truly global perspective. In this 4-year collaborative 'dual degree' programme, students will spend the first two years along with a summer term at BITS Pilani campuses before getting transferred to RMIT campuses in Australia for the remaining two years (i.e., years 3 and 4) of their study period. Our innovative curriculum combines the strengths of both academic environments, offering an outstanding education that would prepare them for success in today's rapidly changing world. With state-of-the-art facilities, inspiring faculty, and a wide range of extracurricular activities, this collaboration would be the perfect place to launch students' productive academic and professional journeys.

It is planned to admit students in the following four undergraduate programmes from two leading universities from the Academic Year 2023-24 Programs onward. **A limited number of seats are available through Special Admission Iteration for the following programs:**

- B.E. Civil by BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus and Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Infrastructure) (Honours) by RMIT University
- B.E. Mechanical by BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus and Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) (Honours) by RMIT University

- B.E. Electronics and Communication by BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus and Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic & Computer Systems Engineering) (Honours) by RMIT University
- B.E. Electrical and Electronics by BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus and Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering) (Honours) by RMIT University

1. Eligibility Requirement for Admission:

The eligibility requirement for admission to all the four programmes offered by BITS-RMIT Academy mentioned above are given as under:

Admissions will be made purely on merit. The merit position of the candidate for admission will be based on the score obtained by the candidate in the BITSAT-2023. Thus it is essential that applicant undertakes the BITS Admission Test (BITSAT) and achieves a score that meets or exceeds the relevant cut-off score for admission to the BITS-RMIT programmes. In addition to BITSAT score, applicant must also fulfil the minimum eligibility requirement for admission prescribed by both BITS Pilani and RMIT Australia as mentioned below.

(a) BITS Pilani minimum eligibility requirement

Applicant should also fulfil the minimum eligibility requirement of BITS Pilani for admission as follows:

(i) The applicant has passed the 12th examination of 10+2 system from a recognized Central or State board or its equivalent with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics (PCM) and adequate proficiency in English; Also, the applicant has obtained a minimum of aggregate 75% marks in PCM in 12th examination, with at least 60% marks in each of the PCM subjects.

(ii) The applicant undertakes the BITS Admission Test (BITSAT) and achieves a score that meets or exceeds the relevant cut-off score for admission to the BITS Award, as determined by BITS from time to time.

(b) RMIT Australia minimum eligibility requirement

Applicant should also fulfil the minimum eligibility requirement of RMIT Australia for

admission as follows:

(i) One of the following must be achieved:

Successful completion of one of the following secondary qualifications in India:

1. All India Senior School Certificate (AISSC) 10+2 with a minimum average of 65%*

2. Indian School Certificate (ISC) with a minimum average of 65%*

3. State Boards of Education Higher Secondary Certificate, (HSC) with a minimum average of 70%*

*Overall average for graded academic subjects, excluding work experience, physical and health education, art, religious and general studies.

(ii) Successful completion of the AISSC; ISC; State Board HSC Mathematics/ HSC Mathematics with a minimum grade of 60%.

(iii) Where an applicant does not have an Indian secondary qualification, they must meet the RMIT criteria for their respective country of secondary education study as approved by RMIT and notified to BITS by RMIT (listed on the RMIT website under entry requirements by country, from time to time).

(iv) English Language Entry Requirements

Applicants must meet one of the RMIT's English Language proficiency requirements as follows:

1. Applicants are required to provide evidence of English language proficiency for admission into this Academy Program in accordance with the requirements published on RMIT's website from time to time.

2. Where an English language proficiency test is used for admission, the test must be taken no more than 2 years prior to the applicant's Commencing Date for the Academy Program.

3. Where an RMIT English Worldwide (REW) proficiency certificate is used, the REW certificate must be obtained no more than 2 years prior to the applicant's Commencing Date for the Academy Program.

4. Applicants who have not completed one of the English proficiency tests listed above or as published on the RMIT website from time to time can be deemed to have met the English language entry requirements if they can provide evidence of one of the following:

(a) Completion of the equivalent of 1-year full-time study of a bachelor's degree within the last 2 years where English is the language of teaching and assessment;

(b) An RMIT recognised senior secondary qualification within the last 2 years unless stated otherwise;

(c) The equivalent of 1 semester full-time study of a university postgraduate qualification within the last 2 years where English is the language of teaching and assessment;

(d) Completion of a bachelor degree or higher within the last 5 years where English is the language of teaching and assessment;

(e) **Where applicants have completed at least 6 years of primary and/or secondary education taught and assessed entirely in English in a recognised English-speaking country with at least 2 years of this education at secondary or senior secondary level (or overseas equivalent), they can meet the English language requirements with one of the following:

   i.   at least 2 courses (subjects) or 24 RMIT credit points at Australian undergraduate level (or overseas equivalent),

   ii.   an Australian Qualifications Framework (AQF) accredited award at certificate IV or higher (or overseas equivalent).

  **Note: For applicants who meet these criteria, time limitations as specified above do not apply.

Requirements of English language proficiency

It is essential, candidates aspiring to get admission in the First Degree Pogrammes mentioned above under BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy fulfill one of the following English language proficiency tests:

- IELTS (Academic): 6.5 (no band less than 6.0)

- TOEFL (Internet Based Test - iBT): Overall score 79 (with minimum score of 13 in Reading, 12 in Listening, 18 in Speaking and 21 in Writing)

- Pearson Test of English (Academic) (PTE (A)): 58 (no communication band less than 50)

- C1 Advanced (formerly known as Cambridge English: Advanced (CAE)): 176 with no less than 169 in any component

- C2 Proficiency (formerly known as Cambridge English: Proficiency (CPE)): 176 with no less than 169 in any component

- Please see the RMIT English language requirements page for further information.

- Prior English tests are valid for two years.

- The deadline for submitting English proficiency documents for applicants under special admission iteration is **13 August 2023**.

- Once you have submitted documents, you will not be required to re-take the test to come to Australia.

2. Integrated FD programmes to which admissions will be made on the basis of BITSAT-2023:

(i) At BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus:

- Bachelor of Engineering (Civil and Infrastructure) (Honours) by RMIT and B.E. Civil by BITS Pilani (For details, please click here).
- Bachelor of Engineering (Mechanical Engineering) (Honours) by RMIT and B.E. Mechanical by BITS Pilani (For details, please click here).

(ii) At BITS Pilani, Hyderabad Campus:

- Bachelor of Engineering (Electronic & Computer Systems Engineering) (Honours) by RMIT and B.E. Electronics and Communication by BITS Pilani (For details, please click here).
- Bachelor of Engineering (Electrical Engineering) (Honours) by RMIT and B.E. Electrical and Electronics by BITS Pilani (For details, please click here).

3. How to apply

To be eligible to apply, you must meet the following criteria:

- You have evidence of your English Language Proficiency Tests for admission to RMIT University, OR you have booked a test and expect to receive your results before **13 August 2023**. For more information, see the [BITS-RMIT How to Apply webpage](#).

- You have appeared and have a valid scores in BITSAT-2023.

If you meet these criteria, please complete and submit your application as soon as possible but no later than Sunday **6 August 2023 (5.00 PM IST)** at the application portals of both the Institutions:

- BITS application and your preference indication at https://www.bitsadmission.com by paying the requisite fee of Rs. 1000/-

- RMIT application at https://rmit.servicenow.com/rmitapply/. No application Fee. [More details are here](#).

We encourage you to apply as soon as possible as the application process may take several days. Please note that it is mandatory to apply at the application portals of both the Institutions as mentioned above latest by **6 August 2023 (5.00 PM IST)**.

At the BITS Pilani portal, the completed application form with the details of their 12th marks and preferences to different degree programmes along with the required application fee has to be submitted online at the BITS admission website on or before **the deadline mentioned at the end of this document.**

As far as RMIT University is concerned, applicants have to apply at https://rmit.servicenow.com/rmitapply/

Additionally, you are required to also re-access the application portal on the following day to:

- Complete the selection task for the purpose of Genuine Temporary Entrant (GTE) assessment, as required by RMIT's Simplified Student Visa Framework (SSVF) guidelines.

Refer to the [BITS RMIT application guide for step-by-step instructions](#) on how to submit your application through the RMIT application system.

Important notes for applying via RMIT University application portal

As the processing time and vacant seats for this special round are very limited, so please make sure you follow all steps and submit <u>all of the following required supporting documents with your application</u>:

1. **Secondary school certificate**
2. **Secondary school transcript**
3. **English proficiency test results**

4. Fee structure:

Tuition fees in years one and two of the dual degrees are payable to BITS Pilani.

Annual tuition fees for students commencing 2023 are:

- **Year 1 (2023) INR 750,000**

- **Summer Term after Year 1 (2024): INR 131,250**

- **Year 2 (2024) INR 787,500**

Other additional non-tuition fees can be found on the [BITS Admission website](#).

For courses undertaken in Melbourne in years 3 and 4, students pay standard international students fees for the programs.

- **Year 3 (2025): 43,200AUD (2024 rate) ***

- **Year 4 (2026): 43,200AUD (2024 rate) ***

* RMIT may adjust tuition fees at the beginning of each calendar year. RMIT may increase tuition fees by no more than 7.5% each calendar year (subject to rounding). Information

regarding other costs such as amenities fees, Overseas health insurance and costs of living can be found on the RMIT Australia program guide

Future Leaders Scholarship

BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy students are eligible for the RMIT Future Leadership Scholarship for components of the program delivered at RMIT Australia. The scholarship value is a 20% tuition fee reduction for the program duration outlined in your offer letter for courses delivered at RMIT in Melbourne.

5. Important Timelines:

Important Timelines for the students admitted through Special Iteration is given below:

Event	Date
Announcement of Special Admission Iteration for First Degree Programmes under BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy	July 28, 2023 (Friday)
Deadline to apply for admission with 12th marks and programme preferences along with the requisite application fee of Rs. 1000. English Proficiency Tests (e.g., IELTS, TOEFL, etc.) score/exam details, etc. are also to be filled in the application form.	August 06, 2023 (Sunday) (5.00 PM)
Announcement of admission assignment after Special Iteration	August 11, 2023 (Friday) (5.00 PM)
Deadline for payment of fee/advance fees.	August 14, 2023 (Monday) (12.00 PM)
Reporting of candidates selected for admission in **Special Iteration** under BITS-RMIT Academy at their respective campuses and their Document verification and completion of other Admission formalities.	August 17, 2023 (Thursday)

Event	Date
Commencement of First Semester 2022-23 and Registration of Courses (subjects) for First Semester 2023-24 at respective Campuses for students admitted in **Special Iteration**. A separate information will be provided through email.	August 17, 2023 (Thursday)
Class work for First Semester 2023-24 begins as per the registration of courses.	August 19, 2023 (Saturday)

Need help?

If you have any questions about your application, please contact bitsrmit.fd@pilani.bits-pilani.ac.in

Important link

For the BITS-RMIT programme flayer **Click here.**

For fee details of BITS-RMIT Higher Education Academy programmes **click here.**

For details of BITSAT-2023, please visit **BITS Admission website.**

You should also refer **BITSAT-2023 Brochure.**

If you have any further questions, please refer **Frequently Asked questions.**