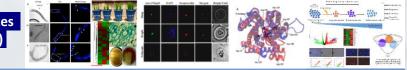
# **DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES**

## BITS Pilani, Pilani Campus- at a Glance

## Ranked 2<sup>nd</sup>in Life Sciences among Indian Institutes (WUR: 251-300), Times Higher Education (THE) World University Subject Rankings 2022.



The Department of Biological Sciences at the BITS Pilani was formed by merging the existing Botany and Zoology Department in the year 1969. The Department of Biological Sciences, is looking for bright and dedicated young scholars interested in research. The department is pursuing R & D projects sponsored by various government funding agencies and industries. In last 10 years, the Department has produced over 100 PhDs (both On-Campus & Off-Campus) in different areas of Biological Sciences. The graduating PhD students have found positions in both industry and academia in India and abroad. Positions are open in different research thrust areas in the Department.

## **Research Thrust Areas of the Department**

- **Environmental & Microbial Biotechnology**
- Parasitology and Vector Biology
- **Cancer Biology and Chronic Diseases**
- Plant Biotechnology
- **Biochemistry and Enzymology**
- **Bioinformatics and Computational Biology**

## **Departmental Infrastructure**

- Teaching Labs: Microbiology, Genetic Engineering, Biology Lab, Microscopy, Biotechnology, Green House, Animal Tissue Culture Lab , Plant Tissue Culture Lab.
- Research Labs: Malaria & Systems Biology, Environmental & Microbial Biotechnology, Plant Biotechnology, Plant Informatics, Biochemistry & Enzymology, Bioinformatics, Cancer Biology, Cardiovascular Diseases, Insectary (Plasmodium), Fly Lab (Drosophila), Algal Research Lab.

## **Major Instrumentation Facilities**

ApoTome Fluorescence Microscope, FPLC, GeneGun, ICP-OES, Fluorescence Microscopes, Ultra-centrifuge, Biological Safety Cabinet, Plant Growth Chamber, CO2 Incubator, HPLC. In addition, institute has Central Analytical Lab (CAL) and Sophisticated Instrumentation Facility (SIF) that includes several high end equipment like, SEM, XPS, AFM, Flow Cytometer, Confocal Microscope etc.

#### **Faculty Strength**

Senior Professors / Professors (09), Associate Professors (08), Assistant Professor (02)

## **Funding Support**

DBT, DST-SERB, DST-FIST, ICMR, DRDO, UGC, CSIR, ICAR, DST-INSPIRE, Aditya Birla Group, BITS Internal Grants

#### **Research Outcomes**

- Publication in peer reviewed journals in academic year 2022-23- ~ 45Research published in Journals like- Carbohydrate Polymer, Cells, Diabetologia, Bioinformatics, Life Sciences, Communication Biology, etc.
- Average Impact Factor (2018-2022) ~ 4.69
- Patents applied (2018-2022): 07
- Extramural Research Funding (2018-2022) ~ 17 Crores
- Current PhD student strength- as on 2023 # 66

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## **Programs Offered**

M.Sc. Biological Sciences {Integrated / Dual First Degree} M.E. Biotechnology Ph.D.

## PhD Eligibility and Application Procedure

Ph.D. Admissions fo

I<sup>st</sup> Semester 2023-24

are open

Last date for submitting

online applications

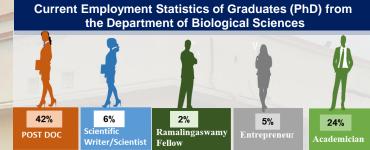
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The applicant should possess Master's degree (M.Sc./ M. Tech. or M.E./ M. Phil/ MD in any Biological Science discipline or M. Pharma/ B. E. or B. Tech. Biotechnology with a minimum of 60% aggregate.

- a) Fellowship: Candidates with CSIR-NET JRF, DBT-JRF, ICMR-JRF UGC- JRF/ DST- Inspire fellowships will be given preference. Fellowship holders can apply throughout the year.
- b) Financial Support: Candidates joining the PhD programme, will be considered for Institute Fellowship as per the Institute rules.
- c) Interested candidates should apply using prescribed application forms available at https://www.bitsadmission.com/phdmain.aspx

## Selected Student Achievements

Prime Minister's Fellowship, EMBO, DST-SERB, WoS-A/B, CSIR / ICMR -SRF, Newton Bhabha Fellowship, Khorana Scholarship, etc.



Selected Recruiters and Academic Destinations of ME and PhD Students of the Department of Biological Sciences

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- Stanford University
- **Boston University**
- Carnegie Mellon University
- Washington University
  - Georgia Tech University
- University of Edinburgh
- University of Dayton
- Max-Planck-Gesellschaft



✓ Australian National University

Ministry of AYUSH, India

**Biocon Biologics** 

Syneos Health

Innomagine

PharmaAce

Datazymes

University of California, USA

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