

INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANTS

1. Read the Instructions carefully before filling the Application form. Details of PhD aspirant scheme is provided in document "Operation of PhD Aspirant scheme"
2. Before filling carefully read the Guidelines for submitting application under 'Ph.D. Aspirants' scheme. Only professionals of high standing and proven competence may apply through this route, which provides for permission to appear in the Ph.D. Qualifying examination even before admission formalities are completed. On successful completion of the qualifying examination, the candidate has to immediately seek admission. Schedule of fee in force at the time of admission shall be applicable to such candidates.
3. You should send duly filled application form alongwith application fee of Rs 2090/-, through your organization to

Dean (admissions)
BITS Pilani,
BITS campus, Vidya Vihar
Pilani (Raj)
333031

The application fee is to be paid by Demand Draft, Drawn in favour of BITS, Pilani, Payable at Pilani.

4. For Ph.D aspirant candidates, at least one faculty member from BITS, Pilani should act as either co-supervisor or supervisor
5. This scheme is meant for candidates from organizations which are having collaboration with BITS Pilani. If candidate's organization is currently not having any collaboration then it is essential to establish collaboration with BITS Pilani before the application can be considered.

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTING APPLICATION FOR Ph.D. OFF-CAMPUS PROGRAMME UNDER Ph.D. ASPIRANTS' SCHEME

A . Information and Documents to be submitted for Ph.D Qualifying Examination

1. Candidates holding a Higher degree of BITS or its equivalent (M.E./M.Pharm/M.Phil./M.S./MBA) and opting to take qualifying Examination on selected two areas based on proposed area of research:
(Each candidate has to indicate two areas for qualifying examination from amongst the areas of research of the respective department. Please visit the respective department website for more details on areas of research.)
 - (a) Marksheet & List of courses and syllabus of each course prescribed for the fulfillment of the higher degree.
 - (b) List of Prescribed textbooks for each course.
 - (c) Final examination question papers for each course.
 - (d) Two areas chosen for the qualifying examination from amongst the areas of research of the respective departmentHigher degree by Thesis or Research alone is not adequate for the Qualifying examination.

B. Additional Information to be provided for deciding overall suitability

1. The proposed place of work and certificate stating availability of facilities for research work by the Organisation.
2. Tentative details of proposed topic of research and supervisor in the format given below:
 - i) Name of the candidate
 - ii) Organisation and Place of work
 - iii) Name of the Proposed Supervisor, his qualification, designation & Organisational affiliations.
 - iv) Proposed topic of research
 - v) Background of proposed research
 - vi) Methodology/Work Plan
 - vii) Literature references
 - viii) List of Instruments & equipments needed for research work

- ix) Are these facilities for research work ensured by the Organisation? (Attach certificate.)
 - x) Other details, if -any
3. i) Proposed supervisor's consent and his biodata
- ii) Consent of supervisor's Organization permitting him to act as supervisor
 - iii) Nature of his association with the candidate's Organisation, if working in a different Organisation

C. Interview

Potential candidates may be called for a face-to-face interaction at BITS campus, for which they will be duly informed. They should attend this interaction on the specified dates. No correspondence will be entertained for change of dates of interaction.

No TA/DA is paid for attending the interaction. Accommodation in the Institute visiting faculty and student's hostel may be provided on payment basis.

D. General Information

- (a) The Ph.D. Aspirants Scheme is aimed to provide avenues for doctoral research to professionals of high standing and proven competence drawn from Industries, R&D organizations, Government departments etc. having collaboration with BITS Pinali, without being disturbed from their work places. This scheme is not the traditional external registration scheme.
- (b) Candidates holding only integrated first degree of BITS or equivalent do not normally qualify for admission to Ph.D. under Aspirants scheme unless such candidates have at least 10-15 years of professional experience and are able to submit technical reports and published papers prepared by them in their professional capacity.
- (c) Candidates holding a first degree and with inadequate experience are advised to apply for admission to M.S. degree programmes of the Institute offered through distance learning.
- (d) Ensure that all items given in the checklist of enclosures in Part II are submitted along with the application.