BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY & SCIENCE, PILANI
ACADEMIC GRADUATE STUDIES AND RESEACH DIVISION

Admission to the Ph.D. Program under the Aspirant Scheme

The BITS Pilani Ph.D. Aspirant Scheme is aimed to provide avenues for Doctoral research to professionals of high standing and proven competence drawn from Industries, R&D organizations, Government organizations: an opportunity that professional finds to fulfill his/her aspiration of doing Ph.D. in their area of interest.

The operational guidelines for admission to the Ph.D. Aspirant program are given below. Once admitted, students pursuing Ph.D. are governed by the Academic regulations of the Institute pertaining to the Ph.D. program (for all students).

Operation of "Ph.D. Aspirant" Program at BITS Pilani

This document outlines the admission process and operation of "Ph.D. Aspirant" program of BITS Pilani. Every candidate admitted under the scheme will be governed by the Rules and Regulation of BITS Pilani.

Minimum eligibility criteria for admission

1. Candidate should be working in an organization that collaborates with BITS Pilani through Practice school/ Research/WILP activities

2. Candidate should hold a Higher Degree (M.E. / M.Tech. / MBA / M.Phil. / M.Pharm. etc.) of BITS Pilani or its equivalent with a minimum of 60% marks.

3. Candidate should mandatorily choose a faculty member of BITS Pilani as Supervisor. The co-supervisor however can be from BITS Pilani or the organization of the candidate.

4. Candidate should obtain No Objection Certificate from his/her organization.

Admission Process:

1. The Admission notification remains open on Admissions Office website (**https://www.bitsadmission.com/phdmain.aspx**), throughout the year.

A candidate aspiring for admission will download the application form from the BITS Pilani Admissions website and submit the completed application form to the Admissions office along with all other relevant documents, including a Demand Draft for the application fee (in favor of BITS Pilani) by post to "The Admission Office, Birla Institute of Technology and Science, Pilani. Pilani Campus, Rajasthan – 333031, India."

2. The Admissions Office assigns an application no. and sends the forms to Dean, AGSRD.

3. The forms are then forwarded to the concerned Department for evaluation by the Department Research Committee (DRC). Candidates may contact the respective Department HODs with regard to Ph.D thrust areas and other related information.

4. Following the Department recommendations, the applications are reviewed by the Academic

Governing Committee (AGC).

5. Based on the recommendations of the AGC, Dean AGSRD will announce the results to all candidates

6. A communication is sent to all the shortlisted candidates by, Dean AGSRD:

   ➢ Based on his or her choice, the candidate is assigned to a particular campus for further monitoring. Contact details of concerned HoD/ DRC convener are communicated for choosing sub-area associated with and date of PhD qualifying examination. It is to be noted that passing the Ph.D. qualifying examination is mandatory to formalize the admission offer.

   ➢ The last date by which a candidate has to clear Ph.D. qualifying examination (two semesters following the semester in which application is short listed) is also communicated.

7. After passing the Ph.D. qualifying examination, a formal offer of admission will be sent by the Admission Office to the candidate. Candidates failing to pass the Ph.D. Qualifying examination (as per the Academic Regulations) stand rejected.

8. A Separate communication will also be sent to the candidates who will be placed in "pending" category. This is generally for candidates who do not satisfy criteria 1 of eligibility criteria. In such cases, these candidates are given time to establish a collaboration of their organization with BITS Pilani, following which their application is reviewed again for admission.

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