

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY AND SCIENCE, PILANI

Policy and operational procedures for PhD students enrolled in BITS Pilani collaborative dual degree PhD programs (Cotutelle Programs)

This policy and operational procedures are applicable to the PhD students enrolled in the BITS RMIT PhD Program and other similar dual degree PhD programs.

General

PhD students are admitted to a BITS Pilani campus under the full-time student category. In general, the first year of the study is conducted at the BITS Pilani campus. The PhD student would travel to RMIT, Melbourne, Australia, in second year. The duration of work stay at RMIT is normally 12 months. The student returns to their BITS Pilani campus in the third year and continues till the submission of the thesis. This is a four-year PhD program, and the thesis has to be submitted before completion of four years from the date of admission.

The student would make his/her own travel arrangements to Australia. BITS Pilani and RMIT will bear the expenses related to economy-class airfare from and to the nearest airport.

Academic

All the coursework applicable to regular full-time PhD students is also applicable to PhD students joined under the BITS RMIT PhD Program.

When the PhD student travels to RMIT, he/she is not required to pay tuition fees to BITS Pilani for two semesters. However, the student would register for the PhD Thesis course with 10 units. The BITS supervisor will provide the grade based on the progress made by the student while studying at RMIT.

Fellowship and teaching assistantship

PhD student will be provided with an institute fellowship when he/she is at BITS Pilani. The total duration of the fellowship available is four years, counted from the day of admission inclusive of semester drops, if any. Among the four years, BITS will provide fellowship for three years (normally, in years 1, 3, and 4 of the study) and RMIT will provide fellowship for one year (normally, 2nd year of the study). The PhD student will not be provided with any fellowship of BITS Pilani while he/she is at RMIT. The fellowship will be resumed after the student returns to BITS Pilani.

PhD student would be assigned with teaching assistantship responsibilities while at BITS Pilani in accordance with the existing guidelines of graduate teaching assistantship. In general, student is expected to contribute to about 6-8 hours per week towards teaching assistantship.

All the other academic regulations applicable to a PhD student of BITS Pilani are also applicable to PhD student enrolled in BITS RMIT PhD Program.

The above policy is also applicable to ASCRIN Program offered in collaboration with La Trobe University (except where the specific agreement mentions otherwise) and any other Cotutelle programs that would be initiated in future, unless specified otherwise.

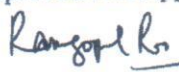
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