
Admission of foreign students to programs at IIT Bhilai



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1. Introduction

The term 'Foreign national/candidate/student' in this document is referred to:

- Person with a foreign passport or
- Person of Indian origin (PIO) or
- Overseas citizen of India (OCI).

The scope of this document is to provide regulations/procedures pertaining to admission of candidates falling under either of these categories to various programs of IIT Bhilai.

2. Eligible programs

Foreign nationals are admitted at IIT Bhilai under two categories:

1. Degree studentship
2. Non-degree studentship

The regulation of admission under both the categories are briefed out in the following sections.

2.1 Admission as Degree student

Foreign nationals are eligible to apply for the following programs as a *degree student* at IIT Bhilai:

- **BTech:** 4-year Undergraduate degree program
- **MTech:** 2-year Postgraduate degree program
- **PhD:** Research based Doctoral degree program with a nominal duration of 3 years

Students admitted to BTech or MTech programs are eligible for program upgradation as per the terms mentioned in academic handbook. After successful completion of the program, the student shall get a degree from IIT Bhilai as per the procedures given in the Academic Handbook

2.1.1 Admission/Eligibility Criteria

The admission criteria are given below for foreign nationals as degree students at IIT Bhilai. The criteria are program dependent.

1. For undergraduate program (**BTech**):

Foreign candidates wishing to pursue their BTech program at IIT Bhilai have to appear for Joint Entrance Exam (JEE) - Main and JEE – Advanced. Detailed eligibility criteria and other application procedure for JEE examination can be obtained from <https://jeemain.nic.in/> and <https://jeeadv.nic.in/>

Those qualified foreign candidates who opt for the BTech will be admitted to BTech program at IIT Bhilai on supernumerary seat basis.

2. For postgraduate program (**MTech**):

Candidates fulfilling either of the following criteria are eligible for admission to MTech program at IIT Bhilai.

- i. Qualifying degree (as notified in MTech admission brochure time to time) from India/Abroad and with valid GATE score. Such candidates may apply online through admission portal.
- ii. Qualifying degree (as notified in MTech admission brochure time to time) from IITs with a CGPA of 8.0 or above. Such candidates may apply through the online admission portal.
- iii. Qualifying degree (as notified in MTech admission brochure time to time) from universities abroad / forwarded by ICCR with GRE score / TOEFL. Such candidates may download the application form and submit the duly filled application along with the academic record and letters of reference to Academic section, IIT Bhilai. In case of ICCR scholarship, candidates may submit their application through the Indian High commission/Embassy as applicable in their respective countries to ICCR, GoI and ICCR may forward the application to IIT Bhilai.

Institute fellowship may be provided for exceptional candidates.

3. For Doctoral program (**PhD**):

Candidates fulfilling either of the following criteria are eligible for admission to PhD program at IIT Bhilai:

- i. Qualifying degree (as notified in PhD admission brochure time to time) from India. Such candidates may be considered on par with the Indian candidates applied under similar category. Such candidates may apply through the online admission portal.
- ii. Foreign nationals with degree obtained in foreign countries must meet the minimum educational requirements, (i.e.) Master's degree in respective engineering/science discipline with good academic record. Candidate should possess either a valid GATE score or qualified in NET (CSIR / UGC) / NBHM or equivalent with GRE score /TOEFL. Such candidates may download the application form and submit the duly filled application along with the academic record and letters of reference to Academic section, IIT Bhilai. In case of ICCR scholarship, candidates may submit their application

through the Indian High commission/Embassy as applicable in their respective countries to ICCR, GoI and ICCR may forward the application to IIT Bhilai.

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2.1.2 Fees admissible

Foreign nationals selected as a degree student in any academic program at IIT Bhilai would be required to pay fees as per the following criteria:

1. Tuition Fee:
 - a. For students from SAARC countries: 1000 USD per regular semester.
 - b. For students from non-SAARC countries: 2000 USD per regular semester.
2. Other Fee:
 - a. Other charges, as applicable to non-foreign students of the Institute.
 - b. Any other fee, specific to foreign students (such as International students' association fee, etc.), as deemed by the Institute.

2.2 Admission as non-degree student

Foreign nationals registered as a regular student in a recognized institute abroad are eligible to apply at IIT Bhilai for *non-degree studentship*. Such candidates must be officially sponsored by the institute where he is a registered student. Such students may carryout research, take courses for credit or otherwise as per the terms of IIT Bhilai as mentioned in the academic handbook (Section 8.5).

2.2.1 Admission/Eligibility Criteria

Candidates applying for non-degree studentship must be a registered student in a recognized Institute abroad. Such candidate may submit the application to Dean of Academic Affairs, who will recommend for such admissions along with the recommendations of the concerned DUGC/DPGC for the approval of the Chairperson Senate. The Chairperson's decision will be final in this regard.

A non-degree student may be admitted for a maximum period of one year only. The strength of non-degree students in any program shall not exceed 10% of the approved strength of the program in the corresponding discipline. At any given time, non-degree students from any institute shall not exceed 5% (with a minimum number of 1 student) of the approved strength of the program in the corresponding discipline.

2.2.2 Fees admissible

Non-degree students registered at IIT Bhilai to carryout research work would not require to pay any tuition fee. Foreign students carrying out course work at IIT Bhilai would require to pay tuition fee at the rate as follows:

- i. Candidates from SAARC countries: 25 USD per credit registered.
- ii. Candidates from other countries: 50 USD per credit registered.

Accommodation to non-degree students would be provided in Hostels within the campus, subjected to payment of hostel fee and other expenditure as admissible.

3. General Terms

1. Foreign candidates should hold a valid foreign passport.
2. The applicant should have completed 17 years of age and there is no maximum age limit for foreign nationals to admit in IIT Bhilai.
3. Student at the time of admission should have a valid student visa for BTech / MTech program and research visa for PhD program. In case of candidates from restricted countries, the candidate / respective embassy should forward the clearance and No Objection Certificate from the Ministry of Human Resource Development, Department of Secondary & Higher Education to the Academic section of IIT Bhilai, before joining the institute.
4. The Visa/residential permit should have a minimal validity required for completing the program at the time of registration.
5. The Academic rules and regulations applicable to Indian students with regard to eligibility and evaluation are similarly applicable to foreign students.