

## 10. ADMISSION TO Ph.D. PROGRAMME

Students are admitted to the Ph.D. programme, twice a year in August and in January. Admission to the Ph.D. programme is advertised by the Office of Academic Affairs, in consultation with the Departments, between March and April for August session, and between September and October for January session. Students admitted to the Ph.D. programme must have Master's Degree in relevant discipline with a minimum of 60% marks or Cumulative Grade Point Average/Cumulative Performance Index (CGPA/CPI) 7.0 in a 10 point scale. Under special circumstances, exceptionally bright students with B.Tech./B.E/B.S. (4 years) degree are also considered for admission. Students should have also qualified a national level entrance test such as: GATE/NET/DBT/JEST/ICMAR (or any other national level examination) and will be selected through written test and/or interview process. National level examination is exempt for those with B.Tech. from IITs or BS-MS from IISERs with CGPA/CPI more than 8.0 on a 10 point scale. Students who have successfully qualified national level exams such as CSIR-JRF/DBT/UGC/NBHM or equivalent can avail their fellowship from the respective agencies. Such students should start the process of activating their fellowship immediately after joining IISER Bhopal by submission of the completed and relevant forms for the granting agency through the Institute. Students must submit all relevant papers and documents to the Academic Office within 15 days from the date of admission. Students admitted through GATE/JEST/JGEEBILS etc. i.e., who do not have their own source of fellowship are eligible to receive assistantship through Institute. Every student needs to fulfill all academic criteria set by IISER Bhopal at each stage of the Ph.D. Program for continuation of the fellowship.