Centre for Urban Science and Engineering (CUSE) Ph.D. Admissions Spring 2023

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Ph.D. programme at CUSE. Please note that, in this cycle, CUSE will accept candidates in the specific research areas of urban water management, building science, transportation planning and urban geomatics.

The process for Ph.D. admissions at CUSE for Spring 2023 will be as follows:

- 1. Shortlisted candidates will receive a call letter for a written test which will be in the form of a short-duration take-home assignment conducted online.
- 2. Your email ID provided in the application will be used for all communication.
- 3. The online written test (50 marks) will be assigned early in the morning on Saturday, 12 November 2022 via email. This test will contain take-home type of questions to assess your analytical skills, comprehension, understanding of research problems, and writing skills.
- 4. You have to submit the answer file via Google form by 9:00 PM on the same day, 12 November 2022. Submissions received after this deadline will not be considered for evaluation.
- 5. Candidates will be shortlisted for an interview (50 marks) based on the marks obtained in the written test following the category-wise reservation norms. The short list will be announced **about a week later.**
- 6. The list of shortlisted candidates for the interviews will be displayed on following link:

https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp

7. Interviews will be conducted in person at IIT Bombay on 5-6 December 2022. The venue will be:

Head's Conference Room.

CUSE, 2nd Floor, Old CESE Building, Opposite Victor Menezes Convention Centre, IIT Bombay, Powai, Mumbai 400 076

The schedule of interviews will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates closer to the interview date. Since train reservations may be unavailable closer to the interview date, **applicants may consider booking tickets for the interview dates right away** with the possibility of cancelling them in case they do not make it to the shortlist.

- 8. The candidates shortlisted for interview are advised to refer to the research areas of the core and associate faculty of CUSE (https://cuse.iitb.ac.in/phd/) before the interviews. They are also encouraged to contact (through email) prospective research supervisors, including those who are offering specific research topics in the current round, well before their interview. Candidates should prepare a research proposal for each of the selected (at the most two) research topics to present at the time of interview, if so requested. Each research proposal should be written in about 500-1000 words highlighting the research need, proposed methodology, design of experiments (if any), expected contributions, and a few key references.
- 9. The final selection will be made based on the candidates' respective performances in the written test and interview together, in relation to category-wise reservation norms.
- 10. The results of the final selection will be displayed on following link

https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp

11. We will be sending all the instructions from this email ID: cuseadmissions2022@gmail.com. All queries related to Ph.D. admissions are to be sent to this email ID with a copy to cuseadmissions2022@gmail.com. All queries

Please note that this letter should be read in conjunction with any other communication that you will receive from the academic office of IIT Bombay.

Wishing you all the very best for the admissions process!

Head, Centre for Urban Science and Engineering (CUSE)

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