

Phd Aspirants 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 departments: an opportunity that professional finds to fulfill his/her aspiration of doing Ph.D. in the area of excellence.

The PhD admission under the BITS-Pilani Ph.D. Aspirant scheme is for Industry professionals.

Some of the highlights of the Ph.D. Aspirant scheme.

Eligibility:

A working professional is eligible for this, if he/she

- works in an organization that collaborates with BITS Pilani for Practice school/ research/WILP activities.
- hold ME/ MS degree of BITS Pilani or its equivalent with a minimum of 60% marks.
- will choose one of the BITS faculty as the supervisor
- can obtain No Objection Certificate from his/her organization.

Admission process:

- Admission is open throughout the year. A candidate can apply anytime during the year.
- [Application forms](#) are processed four times during a year
- Once shortlisted the candidate will appear for the Ph.D. qualifying examination within two semesters. After clearing the qualifying exam he/she will take the formal admission in the Ph.D. program.

The flexibility of the Aspirant scheme:

- The candidate is allowed to work in his/her organization during the entire Ph.D. program.
- He/ she can choose a Ph.D. holder with proven research competence, from his /her parental organization as co-supervisor. One BITS faculty will act his Supervisor.

Registration:

All the candidates have to register in every semester till the submission of his/her thesis. In the beginning of each semester, all the candidates will sign the registration card confirming their registration for the semester. This card indicates the courses in which he/she is being registered in that particular semester. Registration of candidates will be done by Academic Registration and Counseling (ARC) Division on the day of registration. Semester fee and all other dues are to be cleared before registration in each semester.

Assigning Notional supervisor and DAC members:

Department Research Committee (DRC) will appoint a notional supervisor and two member Doctoral Advisory Committee (DAC) for each admitted candidate for guidance and monitoring.

Topic of Research and Supervisor:

Once a student clears Ph D qualifying examination, he/she, in consultation with his/her notional supervisor and the DAC members will decide upon the topic, the co-supervisor (if required), and prepare and submit a research proposal to Departmental Research Committee.

Duration of Ph. D. programme:

A student must submit his thesis within ten semesters (excluding summer terms) to be counted from the semester next to passing the qualifying examination. If the student fails to submit his thesis within stipulated period he may request the respective DRC for extension of time. Such extension for submission of thesis are limited to a maximum of four semesters. Thus, the duration for submitting

final thesis (including all extensions and semester withdrawals) are limited to 14 semesters. If a candidate fails to submit his/her final thesis during this period, he/she will be discontinued from the programme. The female candidates who have availed maternity leave during this period may be given one extra semester for thesis submission

Pre-submission draft and Seminar:

On completion of research, the Ph.D. student will prepare a draft thesis, and will submit two copies of the same to DRC for preliminary but detailed assessment by DAC members. After assessment, the candidate will give pre-submission seminar in the department where DAC, DRC and other faculty members and students may also be invited. The exact title of the Thesis is also discussed at the time of pre-submission seminar. After the pre-submission seminar, candidate will submit a request for title approval to DRC, for title approval in the required format. The proposed title of the Ph.D. thesis is then approved by the DCC

Thesis submission:

The candidate can submit his/her Ph.D. thesis once the draft thesis has been approved by the DAC and his title is approved by DCC. Thesis along with synopsis and relevant documents are to be submitted to Convener, DRC. The DRC will also finalize a list of 6 to 8 potential thesis examiners, based on a list of examiners submitted by supervisor in the required format. Together with (i) the thesis, (ii) the synopsis, (iii) the reports of the DAC members, (iv) the list of potential examiners, (v) other related documents, the DRC will recommend to the Dean, ARD through the campus-based Associate Dean that the evaluation of the thesis may begin. Semester-wise Registration Programme for Off-campus Candidates (Ph D Aspirants) admitted after clearing qualifying examination

YEAR	FIRST SEMESTER	UNITS	SECOND SEMESTER	UNITS
I	BITS C790T/452T- Independent Study	1	BITS C790T/452T- Independent Study	5
	BITS E793E Practice Lecture Series	1	BITS E661- Research Methodolgy-1	1
II	BITS C790T/452T- Independent Study	1	BITS C790T/452T- Independent Study	1
	BITS C799T- Ph.D. Thesis	10	BITS C799T- Ph.D. Thesis	10
III	BITS C790T/452T- Independent Study	1	BITS C790T/452T- Independent Study	1
	BITS C799T- Ph.D. Thesis	10	BITS C799T- Ph.D. Thesis	10

Note: It is assumed that the topic of research, locale of research work and supervisor are approved by the Research Board in the First semester of admission.

Format for obtaining "Consent & No objection certificate " from employer (To be submitted on official stationary of organization along with application form)

This is to certify that Mr/Ms..... is working in our organization as.....since..... The Organization has no objection if Mr/Ms..... is admitted to part-time Ph D programme of BITS Pilani. The organization will grant leave as and when required and all necessary facilities to the employee in order to complete all components of Ph D programme.

Date:

Signature of Head of the organization with Seal

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