Centre for Rural Development and Technology
Indian Institute of Technology Delhi

Minimum Shortlisting Criteria for PhD Programme (I Sem 2021-22) at CRDT

National Candidates

The PhD admission process at CRDT will be comprised of a four-stage evaluation process.

- **Stage–I**: Screening of candidates based on minimum academic qualifications & marks/CGPA, and required experience, as applicable
- **Stage–II**: Evaluation and ranking of Statement of Purpose (SoP) to be submitted by candidates screened in Stage–I
- **Stage–III**: Issue of interview call letters to candidates shortlisted in Stage–II based on their SoP scores
- **Stage IV**: Conduct of Interview and Issue of Offer Letter to candidates (after due process with PG Section)

In **Stage-I**, list of candidates who meet the minimum academic qualifications and marks/CGPA, and required experience (as applicable) and they will be intimated by email to submit their SoPs to PhD Coordinator (Admission) at the Centre within five working days. The template for preparing their SoP will be emailed to all screened candidates.

In **Stage–II**, the SoPs will be critically evaluated and ranked by the concerned research groups/interview panels and candidates who receive more than the cut-off score will be shortlisted for interview.

In **Stage III**, Interview call letters would be emailed to shortlisted candidates to appear in the final interview - only those candidates who secure more than the cut-off score (60/100) in Stage II.

In **Stage IV**, CRC would conduct Interviews and candidates successful in these interviews would be issued an Offer Letter for admission to PhD Programme at CRDT (after due process with PG Section)

In the whole process, the weightage of SoPs submitted by candidates after Stage-I forms a critical criterion for receiving a call letter for the final interview. Therefore, merely meeting the minimum eligibility criteria and experience as applicable (as advertised), will not assure that a candidate will be called for the interview.

A candidate will receive a call letter for interview only if she/he meets (a) minimum academic qualifications and marks/CGPA, and required experience (as applicable), and (b) minimum of 60 percent for the statement of purpose (SoP). Meeting both (a) and (b) criteria are essential for appearing in the interview.

**A. Criteria for Regular Candidates**

The CGPA criteria with qualifying requirement in a national level examination for regular candidates in different categories are reformatted and finalized as summarized in Table 1.
Table 1: CGPA criteria with qualifying requirement in a national level examination for regular candidates in different categories

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<th>Qualifying degree</th>
<th>Minimum performance in the qualifying degree for General/OBC-NCL/EWS Category</th>
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<td>BTech/BE or Equivalent</td>
<td>80% marks or 8.0 CGPA on 10.0 point scale</td>
<td>75% marks or 7.5 CGPA on 10.0 point scale</td>
<td>GATE (Score ≥ 450 for Gen/OBC-NCL/EWS, and ≥ 400 for SC/ST/PH)/CSIR/UGC/ICAR/ICMR/DST Inspire, etc</td>
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<td>MSc/MBA/ or Equivalent</td>
<td>75% marks or 7.5 CGPA on 10.0 point scale</td>
<td>70% marks or 7.0 CGPA on 10.0 point scale</td>
<td>GATE (Score ≥ 450 for Gen/OBC-NCL/EWS, and ≥ 400 for SC/ST/PH)/CSIR/UGC/ICAR/ICMR/DST Inspire, etc</td>
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<td>MA</td>
<td>60% marks or 6.0 CGPA on 10.0 point scale</td>
<td>55% marks or 5.5 CGPA on 10.0 point scale</td>
<td>CSIR/UGC/ICAR/DST Inspire, etc</td>
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<td>MTech/ME or Equivalent</td>
<td>75% marks or 7.5 CGPA on 10.0 point scale</td>
<td>70% marks or 7.0 CGPA on 10.0 point scale</td>
<td>NIL</td>
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1. CRC decided to consider only those candidates whose qualification and research area are corresponding with the expertise available at the Centre.

2. The requirement of qualification in GATE/National Level Examination is waived for the following categories of applicants:
   (i) Students registered currently in Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTIs) pursuing B. Tech/BE/Integrated MTech/Integrated MSc programmes, who have completed six semesters or more, and have secured CGPA of 8.000 or above (on a 10 point scale). Such students must obtain a CGPA of 8.000 or above at the time of graduation, and before they formally register for the PhD programme (80% aggregate marks if marks is the primary mode of evaluation);
   (ii) Graduates of CFTIs (in the programmes marked under (i)) with a final graduation CGPA of more than 8.000 (80% aggregate marks, if marks is the primary mode of evaluation);
   (iii) MA or M Sc graduates from IITs with CGPA 8.000 or above.

B. Criteria for Part-time Candidates
The CGPA criteria for part-time candidates in different categories will be the same as the regular candidates defined in Table 1. However, the requirement of qualifying in a national is waived. Experience required for admission to part-time candidates is presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Experience required for admission to part-time Ph.D. Programmes

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<th>Qualifications</th>
<th>Work experience (Post Qualification)</th>
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<td>ME/MTech/MS(R)/MD or Equivalent</td>
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<td>BE/BTech/MSc/MA/MBA/MBBS or equivalent from CFTIs/ Central Universities</td>
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<td>BE/BTech/MSc/MA/MBA/MBBS or equivalent, and working in IIT Delhi* (Project or Regular) *Through proper channel</td>
<td>1 Year</td>
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<td>BE/BTech/MSc/MA/MBA/MBBS or equivalent from institutions other than CFTIs/Central Universities</td>
<td>2 Years</td>
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part-time candidates are required to submit a “No Objection Certificate” (NOC) on a proper letterhead from the appropriate authority in the organization clearly stating the following:

1. The candidate is permitted to pursue studies on a part-time basis.
2. He/she will be fully relieved from duty and permitted to reside at the institute for the period of required residency that is essential for completing the course work (this is not a requirement for candidates who are working in NCR or organizations located within a distance of 50 km from the Institute).
3. That his/her official duties permit him/her to attend required classes as per the Time Table of IIT Delhi.
4. That his/her official duties permit him/her to devote sufficient time for research.
5. Facilities for research in the candidate’s field of research are available at the candidate’s place of work, in case the proposed PhD. research plan requires him/her to use these facilities when the candidate is physically present at this place of work.

Template of this NOC is available on the IIT Delhi PG admissions website. Kindly note that lack of confirmation and clarity on one or more of the above points in the NOC may make prevent the applicant’s application being processed, even if he/she qualifies in the interview/screening.

C. Criteria for Sponsored candidates

The CGPA criteria for the sponsored candidates in different categories will be the same as the regular candidates defined in Table 1. However, the requirement of qualifying in a national is waived.

Sponsored (full-time) candidates seeking admission to a PhD programme on the basis of study leave must submit a “Sponsorship Certificate” on a proper letterhead from the appropriate authority in the organization clearly stating the following:

1. for the period of his/her studies in the programme, the candidate would be treated as on duty with usual salary and allowances; and
2. that he/she will be fully relieved and granted study leave for a minimum period of 3 years (2 years for M. Tech, and equivalent degree holders).

Foreign National Candidates

CRC decided that the minimum performance (CGPA) in qualifying degree as 8.00, and other requirements as per the institute guidelines for admission of foreign nationals. Shortlisting and interview process will be followed as per procedures decided for national candidates.

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Shortlisting criteria for PhD - Full-time / Part-time / Sponsored national & international candidates for admission to Ist Sum (21-22) at CRDT is submitted for approval P.I. Reg. 12.5.21

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