

Advertisement for Admission to Ph.D. Programme AY 2026-27 Semester-I (August 2026)
Additional Intake for PhD Admissions for the Department of Biological Sciences

The Department of Biological Sciences is conducting an additional intake (second call) for PhD admissions for AY 2026–27, Semester I (August 2026), specifically in the areas of Comparative Genomics, Bioinformatics, Computational Structural Biology, Structural Biology, and Neurobiology. Applicants holding a Master's degree in Bioinformatics, Biophysics, Biochemistry, Biotechnology, Computer Science, Neurobiology, Physics, Biomedical Engineering, or any other relevant interdisciplinary disciplines are encouraged to apply.

The candidate MUST have qualified for CSIR/UGC-JRF/ or any other external fellowship.

Detailed information about the research areas of Faculty Members in the above-mentioned disciplines in the Department of Biological Sciences can be obtained from the department website at <https://bio.iiserbpr.ac.in/>.

A. Application Procedure:

Applicants are requested to use the following Google Form link to fill out and submit the application form online: <https://forms.gle/H6G9ZKNdocRcVMAW7>

In case of any query, candidates may contact the Office of the Department of Biological Sciences (office_bio@iiserbpr.ac.in; dpgc_bio@iiserbpr.ac.in) for issues related to the online application.

B. Eligibility Criteria for Admission:

1. M.Sc./MCA/M.Tech. Degree in the relevant discipline with a minimum of 60% marks or CGPA/CPI of 7.0 on a 10-point scale. (Overall percentage/ CGPA/CPI; not only in the majoring subject)
2. A relaxation of 5% of marks, or an equivalent relaxation of grade, will be allowed for candidates belonging to SC/ST/PwD categories.
3. If the transcript/grade sheet issued by the Institute/University reports:
 - a. Only marks and percentages will be considered.
 - b. Only grades, CGPA/CPI will be considered. If CGPA/CPI is reported on any scale other than 10 (eg. 4 point/ 8 point scale), an equivalent CGPA/CPI will be calculated as per the following formula:
$$\text{CGPA/CPI in a 10 point scale} = (\text{CGPA/CPI Obtained} \times 10) / \text{PS}$$

PS = Point scale used by the Institute/University.
 - c. Both marks and CGPA/CPI
The percentage equivalent of CGPA/CPI, as indicated on the transcript/grade sheet, will be considered if absolute grading is followed.
 - d. CGPA/CPI ONLY will be considered if relative grading is followed.

or

C. Reservation Policy:

The norms of reservation for different categories shall be adopted as laid down by the Ministry of Education, Government of India.

D. Age relaxation:

Applicants' age should not exceed more than 28 years at the time of joining. Age relaxation of 3 years will be given to OBC (Non-Creamy Layer) candidates, and 5 years to SC/ST/PwD/Female candidates.

Important Instructions

Selection mode: The interview shall be conducted in offline mode.

- All communication with candidates will be done by email only.
- Kindly check the Institute website periodically for updates, if any.
- Candidates who are appearing or are about to appear for final examinations of the qualifying degree programme are eligible to apply for Ph.D. programmes. However, their final selection is subject to their successful completion of the qualifying degree with the above-mentioned requirements at the time of admission. A provisional degree certificate is mandatory at the time of admission.
- Selection will be based on interviews of short-listed candidates. Shortlisted candidates will be called for an interview. **The interview date will be communicated to shortlisted candidates by email and will also be available on the Institute website.** TA will be paid to SC/ST candidates appearing for the interview as per the Govt. of India norms.
- Mere fulfillment of the eligibility criterion does not entitle a candidate to be called for the test and interview.

Important Dates:

Milestones	Date
Opening date of online Application	June 5th, 2026
The closing date for filling out the online application form	June 17 th , 2026
Announcement of shortlisted applicants for the interview process	June 18 th , 2026
Last date for issuing PhD interview call letters	June 23rd, 2026
Date of test/interview (Tentative):	2-7 th July, 2026

Whom to contact:

In case of any query, the applicants may contact the offices of the department/school to which they are applying to:

Department	Email ID
Biological sciences	dpqc_bio@iiserbpr.ac.in ; office_bio@iiserbpr.ac.in ; hod_bio@iiserbpr.ac.in