

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY HYDERABAD**  
**DEPARTMENT OF LIBERAL ARTS**  
**Ph.D. Admission Brochure**  
**January 2024 session**

Indian Institute for Technology Hyderabad (IITH) invites applications for admission to the Ph.D. program in the Department of Liberal Arts.

**Areas of Specializations**

For the January 2024 admissions, we invite applications in the following areas:

- Anthropology and Sociology (MoE, JRF)
- Cognitive Sciences (JRF, GATE, DBT, Inspire and any other national fellowship)
- Development studies: (MoE, JRF, External, Other fellowships) - (Sub-fields: Agrarian Change and Village Studies, Development Economics, Gender and Development, Health Economics, Labor Economics, Migration Studies)
- Economics (MoE, JRF)
- English (MoE, JRF)

**Categories for Admission**

1. MoE/Institute Fellowship: This is a full-time program; candidates should not be employed in any organization.
2. UGC-JRF, ICMR-JRF and other fellowships from external funding agencies: This is a full-time program; candidates should not be employed in any organization.
3. External category: This category is for working professionals with two years of work experience.

**Eligibility Criteria for PhD Admission**

**1. MoE/Institute Fellowship**

- 55% marks or equivalent CGPA in the Master's degree in the subject or allied areas.
- For obtaining MoE/Institute fellowship, a candidate must have qualified the UGC-NET or GATE or an equivalent qualifying examination.
- Shortlisted candidates must pass a written test and/or interview conducted by the Department of Liberal Arts, IITH.
- Candidates must also provide evidence of passing the UGC-NET/equivalent qualifying examination.
- Failure to provide final proof of the qualifying degree (Masters degree, etc.) at the time of registration at IIT Hyderabad will lead to the cancellation of the applicant's admission.

**2. UGC-JRF or Comparable Fellowship**

- 55% marks or equivalent CGPA in the Master's degree in the subject or allied areas.

- Shortlisted candidates must pass a written test and/or interview conducted by the Department of Liberal Arts.
- Candidates must also provide documentary evidence of qualifying for UGC-JRF/equivalent fellowship.
- Failure to provide final proof of the qualifying degree (Master's degree, etc.) at the time of registration at IIT Hyderabad will lead to cancellation of the applicant's admission.

### 3. External

- 55% marks or equivalent CGPA in the Master's degree in the subject or allied areas.
- Shortlisted candidates must pass a written test and/or interview conducted by the Department of Liberal Arts.
- Those employed (full-time/part-time) in any organization should produce a no-objection certificate from their employer to be eligible to write the written test and/or appear for the interview.
- Candidates should have a minimum experience of two years following the Master's degree.
- Failure to provide final proof of the qualifying degree (MA, MSc, etc.) at the time of registration at IIT Hyderabad will lead to cancellation of the applicant's admission.

### Procedure for Submitting the Application

- Please fill in and submit the **online application form** available on the Institute website: <https://www.iith.ac.in/>
- Applicants are required to select the appropriate category (1. MoE/Institute Fellowship; or 2. JRF or other external funding; 3. External) as their first choice based on their eligibility in the application form. **Your application must clearly specify the category and discipline under which you are applying.**
- Please ensure that the application form is complete in all respects. Upload all relevant documents, including relevant certificates from the qualifying exam, UGC-NET or UGC-JRF certificates (or other comparable certificates), when the online application form asks for them.

### Selection

- Mere fulfillment of the minimum educational qualifications does not necessarily entitle applicants to a call for written test/interview. The Institute reserves the right to call only the requisite number of PhD candidates based on qualification and suitability.

### Fellowship

- Candidates selected under **MoE/Institute Fellowship category** will obtain monthly fellowships as per IIT Hyderabad norms. Candidates selected under External category will not be provided Institute fellowships. Candidates selected under other funding categories will receive fellowships as per the guidelines of those funding agencies.

### Reservations

- The reservation of seats in admissions under SC, ST, OBC, EWS categories and for persons with disability (PwD) will be as per Government of India rules.

**Other Relevant Information**

- Shortlisted candidates will be required to submit a letter of recommendation sent from their teacher/advisor at the educational institution last attended.

**Tentative date for the exam/interview**

- **The admission-related exam/interview will tentatively be scheduled between 11th to 20th November 2023.** Shortlisted candidates will be informed about the exact schedule of the exam/interview via email. They are also advised to check the Institute website regularly for updates.

**Contact:** For all queries regarding the application process, please email [applications\\_laphd@iith.ac.in](mailto:applications_laphd@iith.ac.in)