

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF SCIENCE  
BANGALORE 560012**

**GUIDELINES FOR ADMISSION OF FOREIGN STUDENTS**

**Implementing Unit:**

International Relations Cell (IRC) would be solely responsible for the process of admitting foreign students to IISc.

**Programmes open to foreign students:**

All Ph.D. and M.Sc (Engineering) programmes of IISc

**Basic eligibility criteria:**

For Ph.D. programme: A Masters degree or a four-year undergraduate degree in an appropriate discipline. Eligible disciplines will depend on the Department/Centre the candidate is applying to. (Details will be provided on the IRC website).

For M.Sc.(Engineering) programme: A four-year undergraduate degree in an appropriate discipline. Eligible disciplines will depend on the Department/Centre the candidate is applying to. (Details will be provided on the IRC website).

**Application Procedure:**

An online international student application form will be hosted on the IRC website. The web site will also provide the minimal eligibility criteria for each of the departments admitting foreign research students. A downloadable PDF version of this application form will also be available. Required supporting documents: Transcripts, three recommendation letters from persons familiar with the academic credentials of the candidate, and either a certificate that the medium of instruction was English or TOEFL score. Optional (to be reported if available): GRE scores. Each applicant can select a maximum of 3 Departments/Centres. There will be no application fee.

Applications must be submitted on or before December 31st.

**Application Processing:**

After ensuring completeness of the application forms, and a preliminary screening of the applications, IRC will forward them to the appropriate Departments/Centres before January 15th.

If the Department shortlists a candidate, a Departmental Committee headed by the Chairperson (or her/his nominee) will interview the candidate using the web or the telephone. IRC will provide logistics support to the Departments in conducting the

interview if requested. The Departments should submit a very brief report and submit the list of recommended candidates and those who are not suitable to the IRC before February 15th. If the student is being assigned to a specific supervisor this may also be indicated to IRC. IRC will mail admission offer letters to successful candidates by March 15th. Successful candidates are required to join the Institute by August 1<sup>st</sup> after completing all the necessary formalities.

**Financial Support:**

A maximum of 5 candidates per year will be selected for the academic years 2010-2011 and 2011-2012. This number will increase to 20 per year over a period of 3-4 years. All selected candidates will be offered hostel accommodation and fellowships by IISc. The fellowship amounts will be equal to those for Indian students. Foreign students will pay the same tuition fees, hostel and mess fees as Indian students.

**IRC's Role:**

IRC will handle the foreign student applications only till the offer of admission stage. Once a foreign student is admitted to the Institute, she/he will be subject to the same rules and regulations as Indian students. IRC will only provide help regarding visa matters, police registration etc. Once the program is well established and the number of foreign students increases, a foreign student advisor may be appointed.

**Publicity:**

IRC will prepare a professionally designed brochure and distribute it to key universities abroad.