

**Subject: Guidelines for Lateral Admission of BS-MS (Dual Degree) Students into Ph.D. programme of IISER Bhopal**

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### **Guidelines for Lateral Admission of BS-MS (Dual Degree) students into the Ph.D. programme at IISER Bhopal**

- 1) Students who have completed four years of BS-MS (Dual Degree) program at IISER Bhopal
  - a. with an aggregate CPI > 8 at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> semester and
  - b. with a CPI > 8 in their major subject (Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology) at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> semester

will be eligible to apply for lateral admission to the Ph.D. program at the end of their BS-MS degree.

For entry to the Ph.D. program in Earth and Environmental Sciences (EES) a 5<sup>th</sup> year student must have an overall CPI > 8 and a minor in EES at the end of 8<sup>th</sup> semester.

In addition to the above, individual departments may impose additional requirements (e.g. minimum grade that should be obtained in professional courses of that particular discipline chosen by the concerned student).

- 2) There can be additional departmental screening in the form of interview(s). The timing of conducting this screening/selection process is left to the discretion of individual departments.
- 3) The departments will intimate the list of selected candidates to the Academic Section on or before the end of mid-semester break of the 10<sup>th</sup> semester of that particular batch.
- 4) For candidates shortlisted thus for lateral admission, the last date for fee submission shall be the same as that for external candidates in that year.
- 5) The candidates admitted to the Ph.D. program through this mode of entry should complete a minimum of 16 credits through course-work within the first two semesters of the program.
- 6) The protocol for allotting a guide will be decided by individual departments.
- 7) Financial support shall commence from the date of registration into the Ph.D. program and the support shall be at par with that given to institute fellows. However, if a lateral entry student chooses to commence his research work following the completion of the BS-MS program, he/she shall be paid arrears for the duration of his stay prior to registration.

Each Department shall send a list of lateral entry students eligible for arrears along with the duration of arrears due to the academic office within two weeks of Ph.D. registration.

- 8) Each department should preferably limit the intake of Ph.D. students through this mode to around 30%. Thus, depending on the number of sanctioned Ph.D. positions, each department should declare the number of positions available for lateral admission that year.
- 9) Each department should get the specific criterion for admission and the proposed number of students for lateral admission confirmed/modified by the Senate before the end of each academic year.