

**Department of Electrical Engineering**  
**Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur**  
**(PG Admissions – 2026-27, Semester – I)**

**PhD Shortlisting Criteria**

(GN= General, OBC = Other Backward Class, OBC-NCL= OBC-Non Creamy Layer, SC = Scheduled Caste, ST= Scheduled Tribe, EWS= Economically Weaker Section, DAP = Differently Abled Persons)

Candidates are shortlisted for the PhD interviews based on the following criteria:

1. Candidates applying for direct PhD admission with BTech from CFTI (<https://iitk.ac.in/doaa/pgadmission/assets/data/CFTI-list.pdf>)
  - a. Candidates should have a CPI or normalized marks (out of 10) above 7.5
2. Other candidates applying for direct PhD admission with BTech:
  - a. Should have a CPI or normalized marks (out of 10) above 7.5
  - b. Should have a valid GATE score. Definition of valid GATE score is available in. <https://www.iitk.ac.in/ee/data/admissions/2026-27/Eligibility-Criteria.pdf>
3. Candidates with Masters degree in Engineering
  - a. Should have a CPI or normalized marks (out of 10) above the following threshold:

GN/OBC	OBC-NCL/EWS	SC/ST/PwD
6.5	5.85	5.50

4. Candidates applying for direct PhD admission with masters degree in Science or an allied area:
  - a. Should have a CPI or normalized marks (out of 10) above the following threshold 6.5
  - b. Should have first division in bachelor's degree
  - c. JRF/GATE AIR within 5% of the total candidates (this requirement of JRF/GATE AIR is waived for candidates with master's degree in science or allied area from CFTIs with a CPI > 8.0).

**Note:** Candidates, who selected OPTEC or SPCOM or CA as their second preference and satisfy the above shortlisting criteria, have also been called for interview in the respective stream.

Please keep checking your emails for announcements regarding the scheduling of interviews. Interviews will be held on 12 and 13 May 2026 in a hybrid mode. The shortlisted candidates will be given an option to choose the mode of interview.

Please keep checking <http://www.iitk.ac.in/ee/admissions> and your emails for updates and relevant announcements.

**Note:** A candidate, who satisfies the above criteria, may still not be present in the list of shortlisted candidates for any of the following reasons:

1. GATE discipline of the candidate makes him/her ineligible for the stream(s) she/he has applied in case GATE score is required. Details are mentioned at <http://www.iitk.ac.in/ee/admissions>.
2. The stream was not the first preference (refer to announcement dated 19 March 2026 at <https://www.iitk.ac.in/ee/admissions>).
3. Work experience requirement, wherever applicable, is not met as per <https://tinyurl.com/yuwwy3hs>.
4. Application might have been incomplete, or fees may not be paid.

If you meet the shortlisting criteria, but you have not been shortlisted, please send an email to [admissionee@iitk.ac.in](mailto:admissionee@iitk.ac.in) with your full details by 11:00 a.m. on 3 May 2026.