Kotak School of Sustainability
Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Shortlisting Criteria for PhD Interviews (2026-27 Semester-II)

PhD applications are shortlisted based on satisfying all the listed criteria:

1. All candidates should satisfy the minimum eligibility criteria

2. Master's degree in Arts/MBA is not considered.

Minimum Eligibility Criteria

The applicant must have a master's degree in Engineering/ Pharmacy/ Medicine/ Veterinary Science with marks/CPI not below the specified minimum[1].

Those applicants may also be considered who have

A bachelor's[2] degree in Engineering/Pharmacy/ Medicine/Veterinary Science or a 4-year bachelor's degree[2] in science with a minimum of 75 percent marks/7.5 CPI

or

A master's degree in Science/Computer Applications or an allied area while satisfying each of the following criteria:

(a) a minimum of 65 percent marks/6.5 CPI in the master's degree

(b) first division in bachelor's degree

(c) JRF/GATE[3] AIR within the top 5% of the number of candidates that appeared for the relevant paper (if the master's degree is not from IITs/IISERs/NITs with a minimum CPI of 8.0).

[1] The specified minimum marks/CPI (Cumulative Performance Index), implies a minimum of 55 percent marks /5.5 (on a 10 point scale) as long as it is not less than the minimum pass marks/CPI; otherwise, the specified minimum marks/CPI implies the minimum pass marks/CPI.

[2] The candidates with bachelor's degree in Engineering/Design/Architecture or 4-year bachelor's degree in Science must have a valid GATE / CEED / CAT / GMAT / COGJET score or must have qualified JRF/NET, except in the case of the degree from the MOE Funded Technical Institutes (MOEFTIs).

[3] Valid GATE paper codes for KSS include AE, BT, CE, CH, CS, DA, EC, EE, ES, GE, MA, ME, PH, ST, XE (Papers B, H) and can also be found here https://iitk.ac.in/doaa/pgadmission/assets/data/PhD-Gate-Paper-Code.pdf