

Doing PhD while on job

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There is a great interest amongst working professionals to pursue higher studies. Many institutions in India offer flexibility for working professionals to pursue PhD. The links and basic guidelines for some Institutes and Universities have been outlined, which may serve as a guide to the aspirant.

IIT Delhi

http://admissions.iitd.ac.in/app/psft/tmp/V_e8bd94c8-d0b4-467c-abb3-3ea1a8b3f65d/ib20142015pg.pdf

For part-time candidates from outside NCR (or at a radial distance of more than 50 KMs from IIT Delhi), there is a minimum residency requirement of 6 months. DRC/ CRC may specify a higher residency requirement based on the courses recommended as well as the background.

IIT Mumbai

<http://www.iitb.ac.in/academic/rsrchprgm.html>

The candidate is required to be in residence at the Institute to complete the coursework/qualifier examination of his/her Ph.D. Programme.

The minimum residence requirement is one semester for students with M.Tech./M.E. or equivalent and two semesters for students with B.Tech./B.E./M.Sc. or equivalent. Depending on the student's background and the programme requirements, an additional semester may be needed to complete the coursework/qualifier examination.

IIT BHU and FMS BHU, Varanasi

IIT BHU - Students admitted to Ph.D. under External Registration programme will be required to stay on the campus at least as long as it takes to (i) complete the required course work, (ii) pass the comprehensive examination, and to (iii) give the state-of-the-art seminar

<http://www.iitbhu.ac.in/admissions/index.php/admission/phd.html>

FMS BHU

<http://www.bhu.ac.in/fms/phd/index.html>

IIM Lucknow

http://www.iiml.ac.in/?page_id=58

Executive Fellow Program in Management (EFPM) is a part time, non-residential, doctoral program that has been specifically designed to cater to the academic needs of working executives/ managers/ faculty members/ researchers. EFPM Programme is open for candidates based in India or abroad.

IIM Indore

FELLOW PROGRAMME IN MANAGEMENT (INDUSTRY)

<http://www.iimidr.ac.in/iimi/index.php/fpm-admission-industry>

IIT Chennai

<https://research.iitm.ac.in/>

For External Category one semester residential requirement is compulsory to do course work.

For Part-time Category not employed in the Institute is one semester. However, person residing within the commutable distance from IIT Madras will be permitted to do course work without the

residential requirement with the permission of their institution subject to fulfilling the course requirement.

IIT Kanpur

<http://www.iitk.ac.in/ime/phd/admission.html>

The Institute also offers part-time postgraduate programmes leading to the M.Tech/Ph.D. degrees for local professionally employed personnel such as working engineers, scientists and teachers who can, while employed, attend regular classes as per schedule of the Institute.

BITS Pilani

<http://www.bits-pilani.ac.in/university/AcademicResearch/PartTimePhD>

Students will be required to attend classes and appear for evaluation components in order to complete the courses as required for the Ph. D. programme. All existing academic regulations will be applicable to part-time Ph D students, unless specifically mentioned otherwise.

IIT Roorkee

<http://pgadm.iitr.ernet.in/Downloads.aspx>

He / She will be required to reside at the Institute for a period of not less than 6 months during his/her registration for the degree. (This condition of minimum residence period will be automatically waived for candidates who are working in Roorkee or in Organizations / institutions located within a distance of 100 km from the Institute).

IIT Kharagpur

<http://erp.iitkgp.ernet.in/IITKGPAplications/index>

In the case of a sponsored candidate admitted as such to the Ph.D. program, the minimum residential requirement is one year. However, it may be reduced to one semester to be completed at a stretch, preferably immediately after joining, if the Organization he is employed in has R&D facilities, and subject to conditions laid down in para 3.4 of the Regulations as well as the following sub-paras (b), (c) & (d).

IIT Gandhinagar

<http://www.iitgn.ac.in/phd.htm>

Candidates serving in research institutions/industry. The candidates must complete the expected course work requirement by staying full-time on campus. The minimum residential requirement is normally one year. External candidates may furnish their employer's consent at the time of interview. The candidates under this category may require an additional supervision at their parent institutions.

MNNIT Allahabad

<http://www.mnnit.ac.in/index.php/academics/doctoral-prog.html#table2>

External candidates must fulfill one semester of residential requirement at the Institute. These candidates will have one supervisor from the Institute (Internal) and the other from their parent organization (External). While the requirement of Institute supervisor is a must, the external supervisor is optional depending on the availability. Those candidates who are from such organizations/institutes where adequate laboratory facilities are not available (as assessed by the supervisor at MNNIT Allahabad), are required to spend a minimum of 60 days at MNNIT Allahabad, for completing research/laboratory work during the entire programme. These 60 days are additional than the residential requirement of one semester.

IGNOU, New Delhi

http://www.ignou.ac.in/upload/Announcement/Student_Handbook_&_Prospectus.pdf

An M.Phil. degree and a Post-Graduate degree in a relevant discipline with 55 percent marks (50 percent marks for SC/ST and PH candidates) or an equivalent grade from a University or a recognized institution of higher learning; OR Master's degree in a relevant discipline with at least 55 percent marks (50 per cent marks for SC/ST/PH candidates) or an equivalent grade from any University or a recognized institution of higher learning and five years of teaching/industry/administration/professional experience at senior level.

This list is not exhaustive, there are many more Universities and Institutes offering off-campus/external PhD programmes.

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