

# Frequently Asked Questions

## 1. When will the admission window open?

- The admission window is open from February 11, 2026, to view the admission schedule, please visit <https://iisc.ac.in/admissions/important-dates/>

## 2. What are the eligibility criteria for applying for the PhD program?

- Details can be found here: <https://iisc.ac.in/admissions/research-programmes/#ffs|ffs-tabbed-133>
- **Basic Qualification for Eligibility:** MSc or equivalent degree in any branch of Sciences or BE / B Tech or equivalent degree in any discipline or 4-year Bachelor of Science programmes

Note: BCD does not offer a MTech. (Research) degree.

## 3. What is the selection procedure?

- Candidates are shortlisted for the interview based on their qualifying degree. Final selection is determined by their performance in the interview.

## 4. Is it same (affiliated) or how it is different from Centre for Brain Research?

- This is a Ph.D. degree program offered by IISc. There is no affiliation to CBR.

## 5. Will you be considering GATE scores for admission purposes?

- There are several modes of admissions (including GATE), as mentioned here:

1. <https://www.iisc.ac.in/admissions/entry-modes-into-iisc/>
2. <https://www.iisc.ac.in/admissions/faq/>

## 6. Could you provide insights into the duration of the course?

- The duration of this PhD program is the same as other PhD programs at IISc, which takes about 5-6 years.

## 7. Interview is based on interdisciplinary background or any specific topics?

- The interview will be based on the project proposal provided for each admission session. This proposal will be available on the BCD webpage prior to the interview, and candidates will be notified via email once it is posted. <https://brain-computation.iisc.ac.in/new-phd-programme-in-brain-computation-and-data-science/>