

INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY GUWAHATI
ACADEMIC SECTION

NOTICE

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SUB: CONVERSION OF BTECH/BDES STUDENTS TO PHD PROGRAMME

Under the existing rules and regulations of the Institute, there are provisions for allowing a few outstanding BTech/BDes students to directly join PhD programme every academic year, as indicated below:

- (i) A student of IIT Guwahati who is continuing his/her BTech/BDes studies and having a minimum CPI of 6.5 at the end of sixth semester may be enrolled in the PhD programme of the Department in the beginning of his/her seventh semester of study. Such students can receive dual BTech/BDes and PhD Degree. Both the degrees will be awarded after completion of PhD degree [Ref: APPENDIX – I, Clauses A.1.7 and A.2.8, of existing PhD Ordinances and Regulations].
- (ii) If a student is inducted to the PhD programme while pursuing BTech/BDes, he/she will be allowed to replace the BTech/BDes Projects by PhD level courses or he/she will be allowed to drop the BTech/BDes Projects.

Such a student can drop out of the dual degree programme at any time, but he/she will be awarded a BTech/BDes degree only after he/she passes the PhD comprehensive examination which must be of the Credit Waiver Written Comprehensive Examination (CWWCE) type.

A student not wishing to keep his/her option of dropping out in the middle of the PhD programme, will be able to take the ordinary comprehensive examination if he/she so desires [Ref: Clause 11.9 of existing PhD Ordinances and Regulations].

Procedure:

1. Interested students should submit application to the Chairman, DPPC (the HOD of the concerned department) in standard form available in the Intranet page of the Academic Section

<https://intranet.iitg.ac.in/acad/forms/Forms/pg/BTechBDesToPhDConversion.pdf>

Last date for submission of filled-in applications to respective departments of the applicants is 12th July, 2019. Selected students will be informed about the selection by around 16th July, 2019.

2. The selected students will subsequently register as PhD students. They will continue to pay BTech/BDes registration fee till the time they fulfill requirements for BTech/BDes degree requirements. Subsequently, they will have to pay fee equal to that of Second Semester PhD Registration Fee PLUS an additional amount of Rs.1500/- (being PhD Thesis Fee).
3. The selected students after successful completion of 4th year (i.e. 3 years under BTech/BDes programme plus 1 year under Dual degree programme), shall be entitled to Assistantship as per conditions indicated below:
 - (i) Students having 8.0 CPI will be entitled for PhD level Assistantship without GATE/CEED requirement.
 - (ii) Students, having less than 8.0 CPI will be entitled for PhD level Assistantship subject to fulfillment of GATE/CEED requirements only.

Only a very small number of students will be selected by the departments for conversion to PhD programme based on suitability of applicant. After selection by the departments, such conversion will require the approval of the Director.

Interested students may discuss with their respective BTP Supervisors and HODs and do the needful.

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