

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Q1: When and how can I apply for the PG programmes at IITK?

A: You can apply through the online portal between 10 am on March 15, 2018 and 5 pm on April 15, 2018.

Q2: What are the documents to be uploaded at the time of filling the application?

A: You need to upload the following documents:

- (a) Photograph (in either jpg or png format).
- (b) Date of birth proof (in pdf format)
- (c) GATE score card or scorecard of any other national level fellowship (in pdf format).
- (d) Qualifying exam score sheet/marksheet/gradesheet (in pdf format).
- (e) Category certificate, if applicable (in pdf format).

Q3: What is the fees to be paid at the time of application submission?

A: If you are a GENERAL category or OBC category candidate then you have to pay Rs.400 per application. If you belong to SC, ST or PwD category then you have to pay Rs.200 per application.

Q4: I want to apply for multiple programmes in the same department (e.g. M.Tech. and PhD). Do I need to pay fee once or twice?

A: You need to pay the fee twice. For each application you need to pay a separate fee.

Q5: I have applied online and uploaded the documents, but have not paid the fees. Can I pay the fees later after shortlisting?

A: Your application is considered incomplete and would be rejected if the application fee is not paid.

Q6: If I am shortlisted would I need to appear for a test and/or interview?

A: Depending on the number of applications received each department may set their own criteria for shortlisting candidates and to call them for test and/or interview. If you are shortlisted you will be informed by the concerned department.

Q7: If I am called for an test and/or interview, would I be paid for travel and other expenses?

A: The letter sent to you regarding shortlisting would clearly spell out these details.

Q8: If I am called for a test and/or interview, can I get accommodation on campus?

A: It is possible for you get accommodation on campus on payment of nominal charges. For details please visit <http://www.iitk.ac.in/dosa>

Q9: I fulfill the eligibility requirements for a programme. Is it assured that I will be shortlisted and called for test and/or interview?

A: Mere fulfilling of eligibility does not assure you of a shortlisting. IIT Kanpur receives many applications and departments are free to set a criteria higher than the minimum eligibility requirements.

Q10: I am a foreign national but hold a OCI/PIO card issued by Government of India. Can I apply online through the application portal?

A: Persons holding OCI or PIO cards are eligible to apply through the application portal.

Q11: How can I pay the application fees?

A: Application fees need to be paid online after completion and uploading of application through use of a credit/debit cards or netbanking from select banks.

Q12: I have made a mistake while filling the online form. Is it possible for me to correct it?

A: Please fill the application form carefully and verify the details before submission. Once you have submitted the form it is not possible for you to revise the form.

Q13: I am an OBC category candidate but do not have an OBC (non creamy layer) certificate. Will my application be treated as an OBC application?

A: All OBC category applications not accompanied by an OBC (NCL) certificate issued after March 2017 will be treated as GENERAL category applications.

Q14: I am in my final year of studies. Can I apply for the PG programmes at IIT Kanpur?

A: You can apply for the PG programmes if you are studying in the final year provided you complete all the requirements for the award of your degree before the date of registration in IIT Kanpur in July 2018. You must have completed all the exams/viva-voce before joining IIT Kanpur and only your final result is awaited. Your admission to IIT Kanpur, if offered would be provisional subject to your submitting your final result by October 5, 2018.

Q15: I am a student at one of the IITs. Can I apply through the online portal?

A: If you are a graduate or are likely to graduate from an IIT, you must apply through the online portal.

Q16: I wish to apply for the Prime Ministers Research Fellowship (PMRF). Do I need to apply through the IITK application portal?

A: If you wish to apply for PMRF, you may do so only through www.pmrfin.in website and need not apply separately to IITK. However, if you wish to be also considered for the regular PhD programme at IIT Kanpur then you must apply through the IIT Kanpur application portal.

Q17: I obtained my B.Tech. from a Centrally funded Technical Institute (CFTI). Can I apply for the PhD programme in engineering without a GATE scorecard?

A: The requirement of GATE score is waived for candidates with bachelor's degree in engineering from the centrally funded technical institutes (CFTIs) provided you have 75% marks or 7.5 CPI in your B.Tech. programme.

Q18: I have an OBC-NCL certificate in a format different than the one given on your website. My certificate is for "OBC-NCL candidates applying for appointment to post under the government of India". Do I need to produce a new certificate as specified format on your site?

A: Your certificate is also valid for applying for admission to IIT Kanpur provided the certificate is valid i.e. issued after March 2017. Do not need the certificate as per the format on IIT Kanpur website.

Q19: The latest marksheet which I have is of 6th Semester, as I have not received my final year marksheet which has the result of 7th and 8th semester. Can I use this 6th semester mark sheet to apply for the PG programmes?

A: Candidates in their final year of study of the qualifying degree can apply for the PG programmes. Please provide details until the 6th semester in the application form. If offered admission, your admission would be provisional subject to your fulfilling the eligibility conditions.