# 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 **October 08, 2021 and November 05, 2021.**

**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 score card of any other national level test (in pdf format), if applicable;
    (d) Qualifying exam scoresheet/marksheet/gradesheet (in pdf format); and
    (e) Category certificate, if applicable (in pdf format).

**Q3:** What are 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. 500 per application. If you belong to SC, ST or DAP categories, then you have to pay Rs. 250 per application.

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

**A:** 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 for test and/or interview. If you are shortlisted, you will be informed by the concerned department.

**Q7:** If I am called for a 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:** In case you are shortlisted and the test/interview is held on campus, it will be possible for you to get accommodation on campus on payment of nominal charges. Details will be made available at an appropriate time.

**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 requirements does not ensure shortlisting. IIT Kanpur receives many applications and departments are free to set criteria higher than the minimum eligibility requirements.

**Q10:** I am a foreign national but hold an 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 the application on the Pingala portal. You have the option using 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 it.

**Q13:** I am an OBC category candidate but do not have an OBC-NCL (OBC-Non Creamy Layer) certificate. Will my application be treated as an OBC-NCL application?

**A:** All OBC category applications not accompanied by an OBC-NCL certificate will be treated as GENERAL category applications.

**Q14:** I am an OBC-NCL candidate. What is the date of issue for a valid OBC-NCL certificate?

**A:** Your OBC-NCL certificate will be valid if issued on or after April 1, 2021.

**Q15:** I have my OBC-NCL certificate in a format different from the one given on your website. My certificate is for "OBC-NCL candidates applying for appointment to a 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.

**Q16:** 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 while 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 on January 3, 2022. You should have completed all the exams/viva-voce before joining IIT Kanpur and only your final result may be awaited. Your admission to IIT Kanpur, if offered, would be provisional subject to your submitting the final result by March 04, 2022.

**Q17:** I am a student at one of the IITs. Can I apply through the online portal?

**A:** If you are likely to graduate from an IIT or have already done so, you may apply through the online portal.

**Q18:** I wish to apply for the Prime Ministers Research Fellowship (PMRF). Do I need to apply through the IITK application portal?

**A:** For PMRF, you have to first get admitted to the PhD programme. You can then apply through your parent department at IIT Kanpur in response to the call for applications for PMRF. See FAQs at www.pmrf.in

**Q19:** I obtained my BTech from a Centrally Funded Technical Institute (CFTI). Can I apply for the PhD programme in engineering without a GATE score?

**A:** The requirement of GATE score is waived off for a candidate with Bachelors degree in engineering from CFTIs provided he/she has scored 75% marks or has 7.5 CPI in the BTech programme.

**Q 20:** I am a candidate from the EWS category. What is the date of issue for a valid EWS Certificate?

**A:** Your EWS Certificate will be considered valid for applying if issued on or after April 1, 2021.

**Q21:** The latest marks sheet which I have is of 6th Semester, as I have not received my final year marksheet which has the result of $7^{th}$ and $8^{th}$ semester. Can I use this $6^{th}$ semester marks 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 6$^{th}$ semester in the application form. If you are offered admission, the admission will be provisional subject to your fulfilling the eligibility conditions.

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