



Indian Institute of Technology Kanpur

Kotak School of Sustainability

Walk-in Interview for Admission to the PhD Program in Sustainability for Academic Year 2025-2026

The Kotak School of Sustainability (KSS) at IIT Kanpur, is a pioneering initiative to bring together engineers and scientists from different domains aimed at addressing the world's most pressing sustainability challenges. KSS is launching its PhD Program in Sustainability, designed to train the next generation of researchers and innovators committed to building a resilient and sustainable future.

KSS invites eligible and motivated candidates to appear for a walk-in interview for admission to this PhD program. The Ph.D. program will train the scholars in selected domains of sustainability research, and provide skills to lead scientific advancements and invent technological solutions to address the sustainability challenges.

More details about the structure of the PhD program are mentioned in the [Brochure](#).

Research Areas

1. Climate Science (Land, Atmosphere and Oceans)
2. Climate Change Adaptation & Mitigation
3. Sustainable Water Systems
4. Environmental Ecology and Microfluidics
5. Physics of Living Systems and Sustainability
6. AI and Data Science for Sectoral Sustainability Analysis

Eligibility

A Master's degree in Engineering in any of the following disciplines:

1. AI for Sustainability, Aeronautical Engineering, Bio-engineering, Civil Engineering, Ocean Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Sustainable Energy Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Data Science and AI with a minimum of 55 percent marks /5.5 on a 10 point scale) as long as it is not less than the minimum pass marks/CPI.

or

A Master's degree in Science (Physics, Mathematics & Statistics, Atmospheric Science, Earth Science, Climate Science) satisfying each of the following three criteria:

- (a) a minimum of 65 percent marks/6.5 CPI in the Master's degree,
- (b) first division in the Bachelor's degree, and
- (c) valid JRF / GATE score.

or

2. A Bachelor's degree in Engineering (4-year programme) with a minimum of 75 percent marks/7.5 CPI and a valid GATE score (the requirement of GATE score is waived for candidates with a Bachelor's degree in Engineering (4-year programme) from the Centrally Funded Technical Institutes (CFTIs)) in the following disciplines:

Aeronautical Engineering, Bio-engineering, Civil Engineering, Ocean Engineering, Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, Environmental Engineering, Sustainable Energy Engineering, Electrical & Electronics Engineering, Computer Science & Engineering, Data Science and AI.

or

A 4-year Bachelor's degree in Science (Physics, Mathematics & Statistics, Atmospheric Science, Earth Science, Climate Science) with a minimum of 75 percent marks/7.5 CPI and a valid GATE score (requirement waived for CFTI graduates).

Walk-in Interview

Last Date to Apply:

12 /12/ 2025 (23:59 hrs)

Application form:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeHuyQxarZ5P4APKm8_HaFWY7eYuon_mUpScCptjOGzTHiMiw/viewform?usp=publish-editor

Screening of Applications:

All submitted applications will undergo an initial shortlisting based on eligibility criteria, academic performance, and submitted documents. The department may impose additional criteria beyond the minimum eligibility requirements depending on number of applications received. Shortlisted candidates will receive an official call for interview.

Walk-in Interview Date: 17/12/2025 and 18/12/2025

Reporting Time: 08:30 AM

Venue: National Aerosol Facility (NAF), IIT Kanpur

Document Verification:

On the day of interview, 08:30–09:30 AM

(Candidates must bring all original certificates, mark sheets, GATE/JRF scorecards, ID proof, and one set of photocopies.)

Interviews:

09:00 AM onwards

Results Announcement

Results will be posted on the **IIT Kanpur / KSS website** and communicated by email.

Admission & Joining Formalities:

To be completed as per schedule communicated in the offer letter

Tentative reporting Date to IIT Kanpur

31st December 2025

Payment Details

The application fee is Rs. 500 for General, EWS, OBC and OBC-NCL candidates and Rs.250 for SC/ST and all DAP candidates. Bank details for payment of application fees are given below. You are required to pay the fees and upload the online payment receipt of the same in the google form.

- a. Beneficiary name: Registrar, IIT Kanpur
- b. Bank name: State Bank of India
- c. Bank branch: IIT Kanpur, IIT-Campus Kanpur - 208016
- d. Bank A/c No.: 10426002137
- e. Bank SWIFT code: SBININBB499