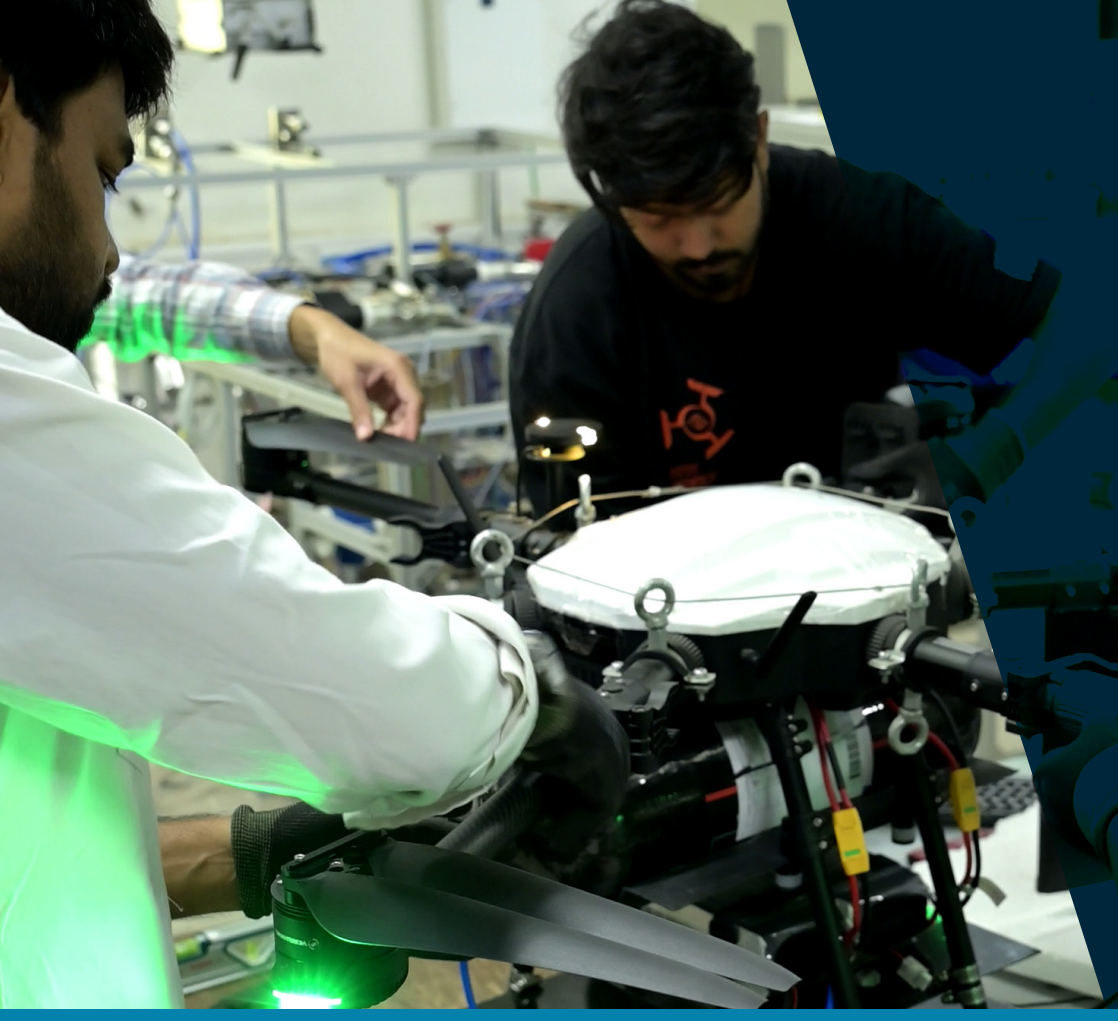

ADMISSION TO START EARLY PHD PROGRAMME 2026-27

(PHASE - II)

IIT Gandhinagar invites applications from eligible students for its Start Early PhD programme beginning in July 2026

Programme Highlights

- GATE score is NOT mandatory for admission.
- Candidates are encouraged to appear for GATE for an enhanced stipend rate.
- Travel support up to Rs 2 Lakhs for attending international conferences.
- Support of up to $12,500 may be considered for research at leading Universities/Labs abroad for a period of up to 6 months.
- Monthly stipend of Rs 47,000 (For candidates with valid GATE score) or Rs 37,000 (for others).

PhD Programmes

- Biological Engineering
- Chemical Engineering
- Chemistry
- Civil Engineering
- Cognitive Sciences
- Computer Science and Engineering
- Artificial Intelligence
- Earth Sciences
- Archaeological Sciences
- Electrical Engineering
- Integrated Circuit Design and Technology (ICDT)
- Humanities & Social Sciences
- Materials Engineering
- Mathematics
- Mechanical Engineering
- Design
- Physics

Eligibility Criteria

- Final year BTech (4-year programme)/BS (4-year programme)/ Integrated Master of Science (5-year programmes) students from IITs/IISc with a CPI/CGPA of not less than 6.0 out of 10 at the end of their 3rd year.
- Final year BTech (4-year programme)/BS (4-year programme)/BS-MS (5-year programme) students from NITs/ IISERs with a CPI/CGPA of not less than 8.0 at the end of their pre-final year.
- For students in SC/ST/PWD category, a relaxation of 0.5 in the CPI/CGPA shall be applicable on the above-mentioned norms.
- Final year BTech students from other select colleges, as defined by the institute, who are among the top 5 rank holders in the departments at the end of their pre-final year. For students in SC/ST/PWD category, they need to be among the top 10 rank holders as per the relaxed criteria.

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Application Deadline
March 25, 2026 | 5:00 PM