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# START EARLY PHD PROGRAMME 2026-27



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



For more information  
[iitgn.ac.in/admissions/sephd](https://iitgn.ac.in/admissions/sephd)

**Application Deadline**  
October 14, 2025  
5:00 pm