PART 2 :
BDes Admissions

21. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR APPLYING FOR BDes

To apply for admission to the BDes programmes of the participating institutes, i.e., IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Hyderabad, and IIITDM Jabalpur, an applicant is required to fulfil ALL the following three criteria simultaneously.

Criterion 1 – Age limit:
The candidate should have been born on or after October 1, 1997 if belonging to the OPEN/EWS/OBC-NCL category and, on or after October 1, 1992 if belonging to the SC, ST or PwD category.

Criterion 2 – UCEED qualification:
The candidate should have qualified, i.e., obtained a rank, in UCEED 2022.

Criterion 3 – Qualifying examination:
The candidate should have passed in all five subjects in the qualifying examination (Class XII or equivalent) in 2021 or 2022. Those who appeared for the first time in their qualifying examination in 2020 or earlier are NOT eligible.

Candidates from the Science Stream with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics as subjects are eligible to apply to all the five participating institutes. Candidates from any other stream (Science without Mathematics or Physics or Chemistry, Commerce, and Arts & Humanities) are eligible to apply to IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi and IIT Hyderabad. For admission to BDes at IIITDM Jabalpur, only students with Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics/Biology at 10+2 can apply. Students from Arts or Humanities at 10+2 are not eligible to apply for BDes admissions at IIITDM Jabalpur.

The candidates appearing for their qualifying examination (Class XII or equivalent) in 2022 should ensure that, (a) all parts of their final examination are completed by the date of application for admission, and (b) proof of having passed the qualifying examination with required eligibility is submitted by September 30, 2022 to the admitting institute.

If a qualifying Examination Board awards only letter grades without providing information on the passing grade on the grade sheet, the candidate should obtain a certificate from the Board specifying the passing grade and upload it along with the grade sheet. In case such a certificate is not provided, the decision taken by the UCI Committee will be final.

The criteria, as specified above, is applicable "in toto" to all the applicants including foreign nationals. Applications from foreign nationals including OCI/PIO card holders are considered under the OPEN category and they are outside the ambit of reservation of seats under the EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories. Seats allotted to foreign nationals including OCI/PIO card holders are supernumerary with a cap of 10% of total seats in a programme.

23. RESERVATION OF SEATS

Indian nationals belonging to certain categories are admitted under the seats reserved for them in accordance with the rules of the Government of India. The categories and the extent of reservation are as follows:

- The category chosen by a candidate at the time of registration for UCEED 2022 will be final for the exam and admissions.

- Candidates belonging to the EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories will be declared as qualified on the basis of a relaxed criterion [see EVALUATION].

- Candidates must note that the benefit of reservation will be given to them subject to verification of documents at the appropriate stage. If it is discovered at any stage that a candidate has used a false/fake/invalid/incorrect document, or has furnished false, incorrect or incomplete information, in order to avail the benefit of reservation, then such a candidate shall be excluded from all admission processes. In case such a candidate has already been given admission, then the admission shall stand cancelled.

- If the PwD certificate is not valid and the candidate has availed the compensatory time and/or availed the services of an amanuensis, s/he cannot be rolled back to the OPEN category. His/her candidature will be cancelled.

- If a category certificate is not valid then the candidate will be rolled back to GEN if the candidate meets the qualifying requirements for a GEN category. If he/she does not meet the qualifying/eligibility requirement of a GEN category candidate then his/her candidature will be cancelled. The seat allotted (if any) will be cancelled. In case such a candidate has already been given admission, then the admission shall stand cancelled.

- Each candidate **must** submit a valid and updated certificate while submitting his/her application for BDes admission to avail reservation. Seat allocation will be based on the All India Rank (merit order), reservation category and seat availability in each institute at the time of seat allocation.

- Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) – 10% of seats. EWS certificates issued only from April 1, 2021 onwards are accepted.

- Other Backward Classes belonging to the Non-Creamy Layer (OBC-NCL) – 27% of seats in the course. The name of the backward class should be in the current central list of OBCs (www.ncbc.nic.in). OBCs present in the state list, but not covered in the central list will not be entitled to claim the benefit of reservation. OBC-NCL certificates issued only from April 1, 2021 onwards are accepted for the examination.

- All candidates must ensure that they possess valid and updated certificates at the time of applying for admission to any of these programmes.

- Scheduled Caste (SC) – 15% of seats in the course.

- Scheduled Tribe (ST) – 7.5% of seats in the course.

- Candidates belonging to the creamy layer of OBC are NOT entitled for reservation. Such candidates are treated as belonging to the Open (i.e., unreserved) category.

- The benefit of reservation will be given only to those castes and tribes that are mentioned in the respective central list of corresponding states published by the Government of India.
  (http://socialjustice.nic.in/UserView/PrintUserView?mid=76750 and https://tribal.nic.in/ST/LatestListofScheduledtribes.pdf).

- PwD candidates – 5% reservations for PwD candidates, which will be horizontal. Candidates with benchmark disabilities as per RPwD Act 2016 are eligible for reservation in this category.

- Unfilled seats in the OBC-NCL category can be allotted to OPEN category candidates during the counselling, if there are no more qualified OBC-NCL candidates in the applicant list, subject to availability of rounds of seat allocation.

- Seats remaining vacant under the SC and ST categories shall NOT be allotted to candidates belonging to other categories.

- There are no spot rounds of admissions in IITs, after completing the counselling. IIITDM Jabalpur may conduct a spot round of admissions at the institutional level, if there are any vacant seats after completion of the counselling.

- Foreign nationals (including OCI/PIO card holders) are outside the ambit of reservation of seats under the EWS, OBC-NCL, SC, ST and PwD categories as specified herein. Seats allotted to foreign nationals including OCI (Overseas Citizen of India)/PIO (People of Indian Origin) card-holders are supernumerary with a cap of 10% of total seats in a program. For being considered for seat allocation, foreign national candidates should be in the AIR (All India Rank) and satisfy all the eligibility requirements meant for an OPEN category candidate. Seat allocation to foreign national candidates is carried out after the seat allocation of all Indian national candidates is completed (in the same round). A seat in an institute will be allotted to a foreign national candidate if his/her rank is the same or better than the closing rank of the OPEN category candidate in that academic programme, subject to the 10% cap on seats mentioned above, in order of merit.

24. APPLICATION FORM FOR ADMISSION

Only UCEED 2022 qualified students can apply for admission to the BDes programme at IIT Bombay, IIT Delhi, IIT Guwahati, IIT Hyderabad and IIITDM Jabalpur for the academic year 2022-2023. There will be a common application form for admissions to respective BDes programmes. The UCEED Office, IIT Bombay will process the common application form and conduct the joint seat allocation process.

The common application form will be available through the IIT Bombay Admissions Portal. The link for the same shall be available on the official UCEED website (www.uceed.iitb.ac.in). Applicants will be able to fill in their personal particulars and select institutes of their choice by indicating the order of preference.

The application can be submitted after paying the application processing fee, uploading digital copies of relevant supporting documents, and uploading the signed copy of the completed application form (first page only). Detailed instructions on each step of the application process are provided within the online application form.

Supporting documents required for application are digital copies of photograph, signature, UCEED Score Card, qualifying examination Mark Sheet (Class XII or equivalent), and where applicable, EWS/OBC-NCL/SC/ST Certificate, PwD Certificate, and OCI/PIO Card.

UCEED and BDes admissions are two different activities. The category-wise rank obtained in UCEED is an indication of the candidate's position in the respective category at the time of the result declaration.

Seat allocation will be based on the All India Rank (merit order), reservation category and seat availability in each institute at the time of seat allocation.

Applicants will be able to edit their application form, including the order of preference of institutes and resubmit it, till the closing date of the application period. However, after the closing date, all institute choices and information filled in the applications are treated as FINAL. Requests for ANY changes in the application (after the closing date) will strictly NOT be entertained.

It will be the sole responsibility of the candidate to provide the correct and complete information regarding the qualifying exam and category, and upload the correct documents in the required formats in the application form. Application forms that are incorrect and/or incomplete in any way, will be summarily rejected and the application will be considered invalid. At the stage of admission, the admitting institutes will conduct a document verification exercise of each candidate. The admitting institutes have the right to cancel, at

any stage, the admission of a candidate in accordance with their rules and regulations in force, if it is found that any information provided by the candidate is incorrect or the application is incomplete.

Candidates may note that the offer of admission made to them during the online seat allocation process is provisional and will be confirmed by the admitting institutes only after the requisite fees are paid, the documents are duly verified and their formalities are completed. Once the counselling is closed, the entire process of BDes admissions through UCEED is over and shifting from one institute to other institute is NOT possible. De-reservation is possible only when there are no more candidates in that category, subject to availability of further round(s) of seat allocation.

25. APPLICATION FEE

The BDes admission application counselling processing fee for applicants of all categories and genders is ₹ **2000** (Rupees Two Thousand only). This fee is **non-refundable and non-transferable**.

26. SEAT ALLOTMENT

Three rounds of seat allocation will be conducted. However, once the seats are filled, the seat allocation will be closed. Seat will be provisionally allotted based on the applicant's All India Rank (AIR) in UCEED 2022, category and choice of institutes. Selected candidates will be sent provisional allotment letters via their registered email, and will be directed to an online payment system to remit the Seat Acceptance Fee of ₹ 60,000 (Rupees Sixty Thousand only) for GEN/EWS/OBC-NCL and ₹ 15,000/- (Rupees Fifteen Thousand only) for SC/ST/PwD.

The joint seat allotment will be governed by the following rules:

- If the selected candidates DO NOT remit the seat acceptance fee before the given deadline or DECLINE the admission, their application will stand CANCELLED.

  o They will NOT be considered for the subsequent round of seat allotment.

  o These vacant seats will be offered to other eligible candidates to be filled up during the subsequent rounds (if any) of seat allotment.

- If an applicant is allotted his/her FIRST choice of institute, the candidate can either ACCEPT ('freeze') the offer or DECLINE the offer. If the candidate chooses to DECLINE the offer, s/he will NOT be considered for subsequent rounds and his/her current seat allocation shall be CANCELLED. This seat will be filled during the subsequent rounds (if any) of seat allotment.

- If an applicant is allotted his/her SECOND/THIRD/FOURTH/FIFTH choice of institute, the candidate can opt to either ACCEPT ('freeze') the choice, or ACCEPT WITH THE OPTION TO BE CONSIDERED FOR UPWARD MOVEMENT ('float') choice for subsequent rounds (if any) of the joint seat allocation.

  o If the candidate chooses the 'freeze' option, it means he/she has ACCEPTED the offer and does not wish to participate in further rounds of seat allocation. Such candidate will NOT be considered in subsequent round(s) of seat allocation.

  o If the candidate chooses 'float' option, it means s/he has ACCEPTED the offer and has indicated that, if admission to an institute of his/her higher preference is offered, they will accept it. Else, they will continue with the currently accepted institute. Such candidates will be considered in subsequent round(s) of seat allocation.

- For candidates who choose the 'float' option, allocation of a seat in an institute of his/her higher preference in a subsequent round would AUTOMATICALLY result in the forfeiture of the seat accepted by him/her in the earlier round.

- In cases of ACCEPT/FLOAT/FREEZE, the candidates are required to pay the complete amount of the seat acceptance fee, mentioned in the provisional seat allotment letter. Failure to make the payment will result in the cancellation of the allotted seat and the candidate will not be considered in any further rounds (if any) of seat allocation.

- Candidates offered seats have to remit seat acceptance fee only ONCE. Thus, candidates who are allotted another seat (because they chose the 'float' option) need not pay seat acceptance fee again.

- For candidates who accept offered seat, the seat acceptance fee will be adjusted against the institute fees of the admitting institute at the time of joining. For candidates who decline the offered seat after remitting the seat acceptance fee, the refund of the seat acceptance fee will be governed by the policies of the admitting institute.

- If a candidate has paid the seat acceptance fee and opts for withdrawal after the first round up to one day before the announcement of third round will get refund after deducting seat cancellation and processing charges of ₹ 5000 (Rupees five thousand only). Refund requests after the announcement of the third round will not be entertained and no refund shall be given thereafter.

- No refund is given post third round as there is no option of "float" of the seats after the third round.

- Candidates do not have an option to withdraw/decline an accepted/allotted seat after the announcement of last round of seat allocation.

27. FEE STRUCTURE

The fee structure for 2022–2023 will be made available on respective institute websites closer to the date of admissions.

For a general idea, you may refer to the 2021–2022 detailed fee structure from the websites of the respective institutes.

- IIT Bombay
- IIT Delhi
- IIT Guwahati
- IIT Hyderabad
- IIITDM Jabalpur