

Centre for Urban Science and Engineering (CUSE)
Ph.D. Admissions for Spring 2023-24

Dear Candidate,

Thank you for your interest in the Ph.D. programme at CUSE. Please note that, in this cycle, CUSE will accept candidates in the specific research areas of urban water management, built environment, transportation planning and urban geomatics.

The process for Ph.D. admissions at CUSE for Spring 2023-24 will be as follows:

1. The entrance examination will consist of two rounds, a written examination and an interview round, each worth 50 marks (total of 100 marks). The final selection for the Ph.D. programme will be made based on the results of the written test and interview together (out of 100 marks), in relation to category-wise reservation norms.
 - a. Candidates should report for the written examination at 9.30 a.m. on **5 December 2023** at the venue of the written examination. The written examination (pen and paper) will be **conducted from 10.00 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. on 5 December 2023**. This test will contain questions to assess analytical skills, comprehension, basic domain knowledge from the specific research areas mentioned above, understanding of research problems, and writing skills. Answer sheets will be evaluated and the **Shortlist of applicants selected for interviews** will be announced, with the interview schedule, by **5:00 p.m on 5 December 2023** at the **examination venue**. Details are below:

| | Date and Time | Venue | Remarks |
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| Written Examination | 10:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m 5 December 2023. | Room no. 2 Victor Menezes Convention Centre (VMCC, Ground floor), IIT Bombay, Powai, Mumbai: 400 076 | Reporting at 9:30 a.m. at the venue. |
| Interview | 10:00 a.m. onwards 6 December 2023, 7 December 2023 | Head's Conference Room, CUSE, 2nd Floor, Old CESE building, (Opposite CSRE and next to Rahul Bajaj building), IIT Bombay, Powai Mumbai 400 076 https://www.google.com/maps/place/Centre+for+Urban+Science+and+Engineering/@19.1327774,72.9183798,15.89z/data=!4m6!3m5!1s0x3be7c792dab04f4f:0xe3eef52ab420f91f!8m2!3d19.1324415 | Reporting at 9:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. for morning and afternoon sessions respectively, at Urban Studio, CUSE. |

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2. The list of shortlisted candidates for the interviews will also be displayed at the following link:
<https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp>
3. Laptops and cellphones will not be allowed with candidates during the written examination. **Some examination questions in the technical domains are likely to require scientific calculators, which candidates should carry on themselves.**
4. Applicants appearing for the entrance examination are advised to study the research areas of the core and associate faculty of CUSE (<https://cuse.iitb.ac.in/phd/>) and contact them well before the examination dates. Candidates should prepare a research proposal for each of the selected (at the most two) research topics to present at the time of interview, if so requested. Each research proposal should be written in about 500-1000 words highlighting the research need, proposed methodology, design of experiments (if any), expected contributions, and a few key references.
5. The list of candidates selected after the entire entrance examination process (written examination and interview round together) will be displayed at the following link:
<https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp>
6. We will be sending all the instructions related to the entrance examination from this email ID: h.burte@iitb.ac.in. All queries related to Ph.D. admissions are to be sent to this email ID with a copy to office.cuse@iitb.ac.in and hburte@gmail.com.
7. Hostel accommodation will be available on campus (on payment basis) for applicants appearing for the entrance examination. A separate email will be sent with more details about it.
8. Your email ID provided in the application will be used for all communication.

Please note that this call is an intimation for written/interview and does not guarantee admission. This letter should be read in conjunction with any other communication that you will receive from the academic office of IIT Bombay.

Wishing you all the very best for the admissions process!

Head, Centre for Urban Science and Engineering (CUSE)
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