Centre for Policy Studies (CPS)
Ph.D. Admissions Autumn 2021

Dear Candidate,

Thanks for your interest in Ph.D. programme at CPS. This letter from the Head, CPS should be read in conjunction with other messages that you will receive from academic office of IIT Bombay.

For Autumn semester 2021 following is the process for Ph.D. Admissions at CPS:

1. Shortlisted candidates will receive call letter for an online written essay test.

2. Your email ID provided in the application will be used for all the communications.

3. Online written test **[April 28-30]** will be of **50 marks** and the interview **[May 12-13]** will be of **50 marks**. This test will contain a choice of essay questions that will assess your analytical skills, comprehension, ability to synthesize and writing skills.

4. You need to **submit the answer through email to office.cps@iitb.ac.in latest by 11:30 AM on 30th April, 2021**. Submissions received after this deadline will not be considered for the evaluation.

5. Candidates will be shortlisted for an interview (50 marks) based on the marks obtained in the written test following the category wise reservation norms.

6. List of shortlisted candidates for the interviews will be displayed on following link:

   https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp

7. The online interviews via videoconferencing (VC) will be conducted on **12th and 13th May 2021.** Exact schedule of the online interviews along with VC connection details will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates.

8. The candidates are advised to refer to the specific research areas of the core faculty and associate faculty of CPS (**https://cps.iitb.ac.in/**) before coming to the interviews. Candidates are encouraged to contact prospective research supervisors (through email) who are offering the research topics of their interest well before their interview. Candidates should be prepared with a research proposal for the selected research topic and present at the time of interview. Each research proposal should be written in about 1000 words highlighting the research need, proposed methodology, design of experiments, expected contributions, and a few key references.

9. The final selection will be made based on your performance in written test and interview following the category wise reservation norms.

10. Results of final selection will be displayed on following link

    https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/phd.jsp

11. We will be sending all the instructions via email ID office.cps@iitb.ac.in. All the queries related to PhD admissions are to be sent to this email ID with a copy to office.cps@iitb.ac.in.

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