Indian Knowledge System and Mental Health Applications Centre

Call for Applications (Even Semester, January 2027)

Programs Offered: M.Tech (by Research) | Ph.D. | M.Tech(R)+Ph.D. (Dual Degree)

IIT Mandi invites applications from bright and dedicated young scholars interested in pursuing regular full-time & part-time research programmes at the Indian Knowledge System and Mental Health Applications (IKSMHA) Centre, focusing on the intersection of Indian Knowledge Systems (IKS) and mental health applications.

IKSMHA Research Programme and Discipline Details are available at the following link: https://iksmha.iitmandi.ac.in/research.php

Available Programmes and Disciplines for Admission

S. No.	Discipline	Programs Available
1	Indian Knowledge System	M. Tech_R/PhD/Dual Degree
2	Sanskrit & Cognitive Science	
3	Cognitive Science	
4	Virtual Reality and Sensors	
5	Mental Health Applications	
6	Material Science from IKS Perspective	
7	NeuroElectromagnetic Resonance and Consciousness Studies	
8	Performing Arts including Music	

General Information

Information on eligibility, minimum qualifications, and scholarship rules are briefly provided on the following links:

M.Tech(R) Ordinance and Regulations (O&R) IIT Mandi:
https://www.iitmandi.ac.in/pdf/ordinances/Ordinances_MTech(R).pdf

Ph.D. Ordinance and Regulations (O&R) IIT Mandi:
https://www.iitmandi.ac.in/pdf/ordinances//Ordinances_Ph.D.pdf

M.Tech(R)+Ph.D.(Dual Degree) - Regular Ordinance and Regulations (O&R) IIT Mandi:
https://www.iitmandi.ac.in/pdf/ordinances/Ordinances_phd_mtech.pdf

Application Categories:

General PhD	M.Tech. (R) + Ph.D. (Dual Degree):-	M.Tech. (Research)
• Regular full-time, with fellowship • Part-time / self-sponsored, without fellowship	• Regular full-time, with fellowship	• Regular full-time, with fellowship.

For Master's Applicants (Full-Time Research Scholars)

General Eligibility Criteria for M.Tech. (Research) Admission:

Minimum CGPA/CPI (Out of 10) (UG)	UR/GEN (EWS): 7.5 CGPA	OBC (NCL): 7.0 CGPA	SC/ST/PwD: 6.5 CGPA

Qualifying Degree:

1. Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology/or equivalent with a valid GATE score, # **OR**
2. Master's or equivalent degree in Science/Arts/Commerce/Management/(or allied subjects) with a valid GATE score, **# OR**
3. Masters or equivalent degree in Engineering/Technology

#Exemptions from mandatory requirements of Valid GATE or National Level examination:

1. B.Tech/B.E./B.S./(or equivalent) degree from CFTI (Centrally Funded Technical Institute)/ any of the top 100 institutes according to NIRF ranking (overall category) at the time of application/ any Himachal Pradesh Govt. institution or universities with CGPA/CPI of at least 7.5 (on a scale of 10) or equivalent.
2. BS-MS/M.Sc/MA/MBA/equivalent from IITs, IISERs, IISc, IIMs, or any of the top 100 institutes according to NIRF ranking (overall category) at the time of application with a CGPA/CPI of at least 7.5 (on a scale of 10) or equivalent.
3. NIRF Ranking (within the top 100) should be in the overall category granted for the year during which admission is sought.

For Ph.D. applicants (Full-Time Research Scholars):
General eligibility criteria for Ph.D. Admission:

Minimum CGPA/CPI (Out of 10) (UG/PG)	UR/GEN (EWS): 7.5 CGPA	OBC (NCL): 7.25 CGPA	SC/ST/PwD: 7.0 CGPA

Qualifying Degree:

1. Master's or equivalent degree in Engineering/Technology, OR
2. Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology or equivalent**, ***OR
3. Master's or equivalent degree in Science/Arts/Commerce/Management (or allied subjects) *****

***For qualifying degree listed under (2) & (3) candidates must also fulfill ONE of the following additional requirements:**

1. Qualified GATE / NET including lectureship (Assistant Professorship) or any other equivalent National level examination.
2. Selected through a National level examination conducted by MoE or its agencies /Institutions such as UGC/ IIT/ IISc. / IISER/ IIIT etc.
3. Minimum of TWO years of professional experience (acquired after obtaining the qualifying degree and completed before the start of the semester in which admission is sought)

***<u>Exemptions from mandatory requirements of valid GATE or National Level examination:</u>**

1. B.Tech/B.E./B.S./(or equivalent) degree from CFTI (Centrally Funded Technical Institute)/ any of the top 100 institutes according to NIRF ranking (overall category) at the time of application/ any Himachal Pradesh Govt. institution or universities with CGPA/CPI of at least 7.5 (on a scale of 10) or equivalent
2. BS-MS/M.Sc/MA/MBA/equivalent from IITs, IISERs, IISc, IIMs or any of the top 100 institutes according to NIRF ranking (overall category) at the time of application with a CGPA/CPI of at least 7.5 (on a scale of 10) or equivalent.
3. NIRF Ranking (within the top 100) should be in the overall category granted for the year during which admission is sought.

Part-Time Ph.D. Eligibility (Sponsored candidates):

Minimum CGPA/CPI (Out of 10) (UG/PG)	UR/GEN (EWS): 7.5 CGPA	OBC (NCL): 7.25 CGPA	SC/ST/PwD: 7.0 CGPA

• Institute Staff Members/Research scholars under QIP/Research Scholars under External Registration/Research Scholars working on Part Time Basis,
• Individuals employed in R&D environments in Scientific Institutions (including IIT Mandi) or industries
• Faculty members of all Engineering Colleges/Universities recognized by appropriate government agencies: The required qualification remains the same as for the regular candidates except for the requirement of qualifying in one of the national entrance tests. Further the candidate should have atleast two years of work experience.
• Must submit a No Objection Certificate (NOC) from current employer at the time of online Samarth application form.

For M.Tech(R)+Ph.D.(Dual Degree) - Regular applicants (Full-Time Research Scholars):
General eligibility criteria for M.Tech(R)+Ph.D.(Dual Degree) - Regular Admission:

Minimum CGPA/CPI (Out of 10) (UG/PG)	UR/GEN (EWS): 7.5 CGPA	OBC (NCL): 7.25 CGPA	SC/ST/PwD: 7.0 CGPA

Qualifying Degree:

1. Bachelor's degree in Engineering/Technology or equivalent*

*** Candidates must also fulfil ONE of the following additional requirements:-**

1. Qualified GATE / NET including lectureship (Assistant Professorship) or any other equivalent National level examination.#
2. Selected through a National level examination conducted by MoE or its agencies /Institutions such as UGC/ IIT/ IISc. / IISER/ IIIT etc.
3. Minimum of TWO years of professional experience (acquired after obtaining the qualifying degree and completed before the start of the semester in which admission is sought)

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Candidates should submit their application on Samarth application portal link given below:
https://iitmandiadm.samarth.edu.in/admission/

Note: Industrial or Academic Institute Sponsored or Part-time, Ph.D. - program candidates are not eligible for MHRD/HTRA scholarships.

Queries
• Technical/Portal Issues: it_helpdesk@iitmandi.ac.in
• Admissions: iksmha-office@iitmandi.ac.in

Important Guidelines for Applicants:
https://drive.google.com/file/d/1o7e86J00FqyV_fSkU9YLxLhW-muAHWrV/view?usp=sharing

(Candidates are requested to read all the instructions and guidelines carefully before proceeding with the online application form)

Application Fee for M. Tech (by research)/Ph.D. Admission:

Category	**Amount in ₹**
General/EWS/OBC/OBC (NCL)/Transgender/Foreign Nationals	200
Women/SC/ST/PD	100

Mode of Payment: Online within the application form

Important Dates:

Start of online application	03 November 2026 (Tuesday)
Deadline for online application	20 November 2026 (Friday, 5:00 PM)
Interview (tentative) Date:	08, 09 & 10 December 2026

Note:
1. Screening will be based on the candidate's submitted online application form. Following the screening, interviews offline will be scheduled for shortlisted candidates.

2. Shortlisting shall be based on merit if the total number of applications received exceeds twice the required intake.

Note: IIT Mandi reserves the right to recruit/ not recruit for any of the advertised areas and apply appropriate criteria for shortlisting candidates.