

## Information regarding filling up preference form and FAQ

The following information is relevant for those candidates who have been called for a written test.

Please read the document carefully before submitting your Topic preference form that is available at: <https://www.che.iitb.ac.in/phd-admission-information>

Admissions to the PhD programme of IIT Bombay can be obtained by qualifying under any of the following categories.

**1. Teaching / Research Assistantship (TA/RA):**

Based on candidates' performance in the selection process, they are awarded IIT Bombay (MoE) funded teaching assistantships. Guide and Ph.D topic selection happens after joining the department.

**2. Teaching Assistantship through Project (TAP):**

Candidates are offered financial support originating from sponsored projects (Govt./Industry grants awarded to faculty). Guide selection happens during the interview process. All candidates can opt for this category according to their interest in the offered TAP Topics.

**3. Govt./Semi Govt. Fellowship Award (FA):**

Candidates must have their own sources of funding via scholarships such as those from CSIR, UGC, DBT, ICMR, or DST-Inspire. (Candidate has to produce the sanction order at the time of interview) .

**4. For External (EX) and College Teacher (CT) Category**, please mention the name of faculty (willing to serve as Guide, if candidate is selected) in the google form.

Category	Funded by/through	PhD Guide and Topic selection	Who can apply
TA	MoE through IIT Bombay	After joining the department.	All candidates
TAP	Govt. or Industry Sponsored project where funds are procured by faculty-in-charge	At the time of interview.	All candidates
FA	PhD candidate has secured his/her own funding like CSIR-JRF, UGC-JRF, ICMR, DBT and others	At the time of interview by mutual consultation with interested faculty.	Only those candidates who have secured funding through respective institutes/organizations.
EX, CT	No stipend or scholarship is provided from IIT.	Candidates are required to contact professors before the interview to confirm the willingness of the professor to be your advisor.	Candidate working with industry or academic institutions.

**Since the number of seats under the TA category is limited, we encourage you to also opt for topics under other categories for which you are eligible.**

**To submit your preference:**

1. Attend the online session organized on November 25, **2023 at 11:30 A.M.** to clarify the doubts of candidates regarding the admission process, topic selection (TA/TAP/FA), etc.
2. Open the google form using the link provided in the website.
3. Correctly fill all the required information like RCL number, Email address, etc.
4. The list of available TA topics has been provided. If a candidate is offered under the TA category, their guide selection will happen after joining the department. The list will help a candidate to decide their choice of TA, TAP, and FA. The choice of the TA option means that the candidate has gone through the list and s/he is ready to work on any of the listed topics if selected under the TA category. For TAP and FA (if eligible) topics, a specific topic number, appearing on the dropdown menu, must be chosen.
5. Provide the preference from the drop-down menu in the google form. First (1st) preference should be the topic of highest preference.
6. Candidates can give a maximum of 8 preferences. Providing all 8 preferences is not mandatory. For example, a candidate can choose as given in the table below.

Preference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
PhD Topic No.	TA	X-TAP (XYZ)	Y-TAP (XYZ)					

7. Please keep a record of the preferences before submitting it for your future reference.
8. Submit the form.
9. After successful submission, you will receive an email that contains your preferences. Save this information for future reference.
10. You can also edit the form after submission BUT before 11:59 pm on November 30, 2023.

***Important:*** Note that if you are selected for the topic of your higher preference, you will not be considered for the topics which are of lower priority.

Read the following FAQ s before filling up the form. If you need any additional clarification email us at [phd1.chemical.iitb@gmail.com](mailto:phd1.chemical.iitb@gmail.com)

**Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs) Related to TAP/FA topics**

Q1. I have CSIR/DBT JRF. Can I opt for a topic listed as TA or TAP?

Ans: Yes, you can always do that.

Q2. I DO NOT have CSIR/DBT JRF. Can I apply for a topic listed as only FA?

Ans: No, you can not.

Q3. Can I opt only for TA ?

Ans: Yes, you can opt only for TA. Since the seats under TA category are limited, your chances of securing admission increases if you also opt for TAP topics.

Q4. How many preferences can I fill?

Ans: Maximum of 8 preferences.

Q5. Do I need to fill all the 8 preferences?

Ans: No. Filling all the 8 preferences is not mandatory, as shown in the example given below.

Preference	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	6th	7th	8th
PhD Topic No.	X-TAP(XYZ)	TA	Y-FA(MNR)					

Q6. I am an external (EX) candidate. Do I need to fill the form?

Ans: No, but you must send your preferences by email [phd.chemical.iitb@gmail.com](mailto:phd.chemical.iitb@gmail.com) by 30-Nov-2023. Please submit the name of the faculty with whom you have discussed the research plan. Since you are an external category candidate, your area of research and potential faculty advisor(s) willing to guide you should be identified before you appear for the interview.

Q7. I am a CT candidate. Do I need to fill the form? If yes, What should I fill in the preference form?

Ans: No, but you must send your preferences by email [phd.chemical.iitb@gmail.com](mailto:phd.chemical.iitb@gmail.com) by 30-Nov-2023. Please submit the name of the faculty with whom you have discussed the research plan. Since you are a college teacher category candidate, your area of research and potential faculty advisor(s) willing to guide you should be identified before you appear for the interview.

Q8. Can I edit the google form?

Ans: Yes, you can edit but before 11:59 pm on 30-Nov-2023.