

Information regarding filling PhD topic preference form and FAQ

Please read the document carefully before submitting your PhD topic preferences.

Hereafter the word **website** refers to : <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. List of TA topics are available on the website.

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: select the “EX or CT” option in google preference form and please mention the name of the faculty (willing to serve as a Guide if selected) in the “Additional information” section of 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 the 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 the interview, by mutual consultation with interested faculty.	Only those candidates who have secured funding through respective institutes/organisations.
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.

To submit your preference:

1. Attend the online session -details of which are given on the website- 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 on the website.
3. Correctly fill in all the required information, such as the 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 TA topics list and is aware that s/he will get to work on one of the topics in that list (subject to mutual agreement with concerned faculty) if selected under the TA category. For TAP and FA topics (if eligible), 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. The 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	TAP-5 (XYZ)	TAP-8 (XYZ)	FA-5 (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 with your preferences. Save this information for future reference.
10. You can also edit the form after submission BUT before the deadline.

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

Read the following FAQs before filling the google form. If you need any additional clarification, email us at 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, we encourage you to also opt for topics under other categories.

Q4. How many preferences can I fill?

Ans: Maximum of 8 preferences.

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

Ans: No. 1st preference is mandatory, rest is optional, as shown in the example below.

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

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

Ans: Yes. You should choose the “EX or CT” option from the 1st preference and provide the name of the faculty with whom you have discussed the research plan in the “additional information” section of google form. You can also send this information by email phd.chemical.iitb@gmail.com by the deadline. 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?

Ans: Same as the answer of Q6.

Q8. Can I edit the google form?

Ans: Yes, you can edit but before the deadline.