

ORDINANCE TO PROVIDE ADMISSION TO INTERNATIONAL CANDIDATES FOR RESEARCH STUDIES LEADING TO Ph.D. Research/ M.Tech by Research / MBA for Working Professionals and for regular M.Tech, M.B.A.

Foreign/International candidates qualified with equivalent degree from foreign Universities or from Indian Universities have been approaching Indian Institute of Information Technology, Allahabad (IIITA) for admission to research studies. IIITA being an Institute of national repute should respond to this request so that the research programmes at IIITA become internationally reckoned.

Accordingly the ordinance is proposed as below:

Suitably qualified foreign/international candidates possessing a foreign degree which is equivalent to corresponding Bachelor's/Master's degree as per the standards anticipated by IIITA will be considered as candidates eligible for admission to research studies leading to Ph.D. / M.Tech. by Research / MBA for working professionals / M.B.A. / M.Tech.. Such foreign/international candidates may even be qualified with Indian degrees.

Suitably additional slots will be created under every research supervisor/guide to accommodate foreign scholars without affecting or causing a loss to an Indian student. The number of such extra seats to be considered will be decided from time to time taking into account the research resources available and infrastructural support that can be extended to such candidates. The definitions, eligibilities, research visa and related details are enclosed in the Annexure.

International Working Professionals may also seek to apply for PhD/M.Tech by Research/M.B.A. for Working Professionals (vide the provision for the same for Working professionals).

Annexure Pertaining to Foreign Students

A1: Definition of a Foreign/International Candidate

“Foreign Candidate”/ “International student” means any person who holds a passport/valid Identity Card issued by a country other than India. This is not applicable to Tibetans residing in India who are treated as Indian students.

A2: Eligibility:

With the exception of those Foreign/International candidates who have obtained their qualifying degrees from the recognized Universities/Institutes of India, all others have to obtain a Certificate of Equivalence and Eligibility issued by IIITA.

In the event of an International/Foreign candidate seeking Eligibility in more than one discipline, separate applications have to be submitted for each discipline with supporting documents, and a Certificate of Eligibility stating that he/she has the eligibility to pursue

research studies in that subject must be obtained, Eligibility given for one subject cannot be transferred to another program.

A3: Research Visa:

All Foreign/International candidates have to obtain a valid **Student Visa** for pursuing studies in IITTA. Foreign nationals with “Student Visa”, issued for a studentship in any other University of India / ‘X Visa’/Tourist Visa’ or any other form of Visa cannot carry on studies in IITTA.

Those Foreign/International candidates who have obtained their qualifying degrees from Indian Universities/Institutes and who have submitted their passports for conversion of their Student/Research Visas of other Universities to Research/Student Visas at IITTA, to the Foreign Registration Office/ City Police Commissioner / Embassy will only be given a provisional registration. They can take up course work and appear for the assessments.

Only those foreign nationals who have a valid Residential Permit Can seek provisional registration from IITTA. Permanent registration shall be given only on submission of Research/Student Visa.

A4: Letter of Permission to Seek Student Visa:

Those foreign candidates, with qualifying degrees must obtain a Student Visa from the Indian Diplomatic Mission in their respective countries or in India if such candidates are in India already with some other type of Visas, prior to seeking permanent registration for research studies at IITTA and permission to seek research visa must be submitted to IITTA. The prescribed application form along with marks transcripts, certificate of eligibility, and supervisor’s letter of consent and a brief outline of the research proposed to be conducted must be submitted with the application duly signed by the research supervisor, Head of the department and the Dean Academy & Research. After verification of the documents IITTA will issue the Letter of Permission to seek Student Visa.

After obtaining the letter of permission from IITTA, a foreign national has to submit his/her request to the Ministry of Home Affairs, Government of India, duly signed by the concerned authority of IITTA, and for submission to the Indian Diplomatic Mission for consideration of issuance of Research Visa.

A5: English Proficiency Test:

All foreign candidates who are seeking research opportunities in IITTA must undergo an English Proficiency Test i.e.TOEFL/IELTS within 06 months from his/her date of registration. The student will take prerequisite courses for not equivalent courses within 06 months of provisional admission.