

**INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY BOMBAY**

**ASHANK DESAI CENTRE FOR POLICY STUDIES**



**MASTERS IN PUBLIC POLICY**

**INFORMATION BROCHURE**

**2025-26**

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## **1. The Institute**

Indian Institute of Technology Bombay is one of the institutes of national importance in the country. In 1958, the institute was established with the objectives of making available the facilities for higher education, research and training in various fields of science and technology.

The Institute is located at Powai, a suburb of Mumbai, on a campus spread over about 480 acres amidst picturesque surroundings with Vihar and Powai lakes on its either side. At present, it has seventeen science and technology departments including Department of Humanities and Social Sciences (HSS) and thirteen interdisciplinary groups/centres/schools which offer various undergraduate, postgraduate and doctoral programmes of studies.

## **2. Student Amenities**

The Institute is mostly residential and has 17 hostels for students. Each hostel is an independent entity with its own mess and recreation facilities. The Students' Gymkhana is very well equipped to provide facilities for sports, cultural programmes, National Social Service (NSS), NCC and other extra-curricular activities. The various clubs at the Gymkhana and the Student Activity Centre encourage students to develop their talents in painting, music, photography, modelling and fabrication. The Institute also has good swimming pools on the campus.

## **3. The MPP Programme**

The Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies (ADCPS) is one of the unique academic interdisciplinary policy research centre established by the Institute in 2016. The ADCPS offers full time Ph.D. programme in Public Policy (PhD) and Master's Programme in Public Policy (MPP).

ADCPS envisions myriad ways in which its PhD and MPP programmes and graduates from these programmes can contribute to IIT Bombay's intellectual diversity as well as to India's polity and society. The aim is to produce professionals or academics who seek to serve the public interest. These academic programmes will reflect the changing dynamics in today's world and the need for policy to keep pace with technological advancements, process of globalization, and increasingly nuanced and complex public debates about governance. Policy can no longer be contained within the realm of government and bureaucracy; it has to draw upon the civil society, academic institutions, and the private sector. *Finally, ADCPS aims to capitalize on IIT Bombay's existing institutional strengths and build a centre that can be a hub for public policy research and expertise. ADCPS's academic programmes integrate public policy, social sciences, and technology.*

## Minimum Eligibility Criteria

- (i) Any two-year Master's degree or a 4-year bachelor's degree (post 10+2) in Arts, Commerce or equivalent, or an LLB<sup>#</sup> with a minimum of 55% marks (50% marks for SC/ST/PwD) or /equivalent letter grade\*/ GPA from a recognized institution or deemed university (as recognized by AICTE/UGC/AIU).
- (ii) A two-year M.Sc./M.S/M.Tech degree or a 4-year B.Sc/B.S/B.Tech/B.Arch degree (minimum 4 year degree) or M.B.B.S degree (post 10+2) or equivalent with a minimum of 60% marks (55% marks for SC/ST/PwD) or equivalent letter grade\*/ GPA from a recognized institution or deemed university (as recognized by AICTE/UGC/AIU).

\* All equivalent degrees must be certified by their respective institution (s).

# LLB should be completed after undergraduate degree and can be equivalent to a 4 yrs bachelor degree

# Five year integrated LLB after (10+2) can be equivalent to a 4 yrs bachelor degree

### B). Teaching Assistant category (TA):

ADCPS will offer about 10-12 TAships per academic year. Candidates applying for Institute's TAships will be required to submit **VALID GATE** scores to be considered for the same.

### C). Teaching/ Research Assistantship through Project TAP/RAP:

ADCPS will offer, depending upon project availability, teaching/ research assistantships through project (TAP/RAP). Candidates applying for TAP/RAP positions (if available) will be required to submit VALID GATE scores to be considered for the same.

### D) (i) Self-Finance (SF)

The MPP programme will also be open to all Self – Finance candidates with work experience and in-service candidates. In-service candidates working in government organizations or a Public Sector Undertaking, **must ensure** that their organization **will permit** them to undertake the requisite course work and project, for the duration of the MPP programme.

1. Candidates without any experience WILL NEED to submit a VALID GATE score.
2. SF candidates must have completed their undergraduate degree on a date which is at least 2 years prior to their possible admission to the MPP programme.

[Note: The 2 years duration mentioned above will be counted from the date of qualifying the UG degree till the date of joining the MPP programme of the Institute].

❖ **GATE** Qualified candidates are also eligible for the Self finance seats.

### (ii) Sponsored (SW) category:

1. Candidates without any experience WILL NEED to submit a VALID GATE score.
2. SW candidates with 2 years plus work experience WILL NOT NEED to submit a VALID GATE score.

#### **E) Fellowship Award Category (FA):**

The MPP programme will also be open to all FA category candidates, receiving fellowships or scholarships from government or semi-government agencies.

The financial support under the FA category may be provided by various Govt./Semi Govt. schemes (CSIR, \*UGC, DAE, DST, DBT, NBHM, etc.) and some other organizations. A **valid** Junior Research Fellowship (JRF) **award letter** from the Govt. / Semi Govt. agency (e.g., CSIR/UGC/DAE/DST/DBT/NBHM/etc.) is required for the execution of this fellowship/scholarship.

**\*UGC-NET JRF award for M.Phil. has been discontinued**

#### **F) Candidates of all categories, will be required, to have fulfilled the minimum eligibility criteria as mentioned above.**

NOTE: No candidate will be exempt from appearing for ADCPS's entrance exam and interview in order to be considered for the MPP programme

#### **G) Employment/Career Opportunities**

Through its programmes, ADCPS aims to give its students tools which are applicable in diverse situations and teach students how to adapt to various fields, contexts, or situations. Students of the programmes can then find themselves fitting into and contributing to the public or private sectors, working within the government, or in the not-for-profit/ NGO sector. They may choose to work for large corporations as analysts or lobbyists, or may do policy research in IOs, think tanks, or Universities

#### **H) Programme Duration, Credits and Course Structure (Subject to revision)**

##### **List of Courses: Core Courses and Elective Courses**

##### **Core Courses**

1. Public Policy Theory 1
2. Public Policy Theory 2
3. Social Science Perspectives in Public Policy
4. Public Policy in India: History, Institutions, and Practice
5. Research Methodology and Design
6. Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods
7. Communication Skills Course
8. Writing Policy

## Elective Courses (offered by ADCPS)

In addition, students can choose Department Elective. An indicative list of electives offered in 2024 -25 is below:

Department Elective	Department Elective
Introduction to AI, Data and Policy	Environmental Governance and Development
Advanced Topics in AI, Data, and Policy	Information Economy, Platforms and Governance
Values in Public Policy: The Rhetoric of Political “Isms”	Technology and the Future of Workers
Information Economy, Platforms and Governance	Contemporary Issues in Data Policy and Management
Making Documentaries for Policy Change	Circular Economy: Policy and practices
Mobility, Policy and Infrastructure	Technology, Culture and Policy
Cybersecurity Governance and Management - Policy Considerations	State, Business and Human Rights
Governing Environmental Services in a Climate-Changing World	Gender & Development
Economic Analysis for Public Policy	Trustworthy System: A Policy Engagement
Data Analytics for Public Policy	Water Policy II - Advanced Themes in Water Policy
Crafting Narratives to Shape Policy	Policy and Practice of Education
State, Markets and Public Policy	Health Policy
Constitutional Law and Public Policy	Energy Transition
Affirmative Action in India: A Brief Constitutional History	Public Finance and Budget Analysis`
Data Visualization for Public Policy	GIS for Policy Analysis
Rethinking Work, Labour and Public Policy	State, Markets, and Public Policy

### SEMESTER WISE BREAK-UP OF MPP Programme

SEMESTER I			
Number	Course Title	Type	Credits
PS 601	Public Policy Theory - I	CORE	6
PS 605	Social Science Perspectives in Public Policy	CORE	6
PS 606	Public Policy in India: History, Institutions and Practice	CORE	6
PS 609	Research Methodology and Design	CORE	6
	Institute Elective	IE	6
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>30</b>
SEMESTER II			
Number	Course Title	Type	Credits
PS 607	Public Policy Theory - II	CORE	6
PS 610	Quantitative and Qualitative Research Methods	CORE	6
PS 633	Writing Policy	CORE	6
PS 694	Seminar	CORE	4
PS 899	Compulsory Communication Skills Course	CORE	P/NP
	Institute Elective	IE	6
	PS Elective	DE	6
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>34</b>
SEMESTER III			
Number	Course Title	Type	Credits
PS 621	8-weeks internship (in the Summer between Semester II and III) and internship report (submitted in Semester III)	Internship	20
PS 797	MPP Thesis / Project 1	Thesis	18
	<b>Only PS course (as dept. Elective)</b>	DE	24
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>62</b>
SEMESTER IV			
Number	Course Title	Type	Credits
PS 798	MPP Thesis / Project 2	Thesis	40
	<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>40</b>
	<b>TOTAL PROGRAM CREDITS</b>		<b>166</b>

**Note:**

^^ - In this slot, any course designated as Institute Elective by the Senate can be taken by the student.

## I. Fees and Deposits (subject to revision as per MHRD/BoG decision)

Various fees, deposits and Hostel Rent are listed in as available on the following webpage:-

<https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/FeesStructure.jsp>

### I. General Instructions

- 1 Please read the instructions given in the brochure carefully before filling up the application form.
- 2 Online Application Form & Information Brochure (including the admission schedule along with the important dates) is available on the Institute website <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> You are required to submit the application ONLINE. No Downloadable Forms will be available. After filling the form, you are advised to take a print of your application and keep the same for the record.

3 The application fee is as follows,

Category	Application fee for Regular Period (In Rs.)	Application fee for Extended period (In Rs.)
Women candidates	150/-	650/-
SC/ST/PwD category candidates	150/-	650/-
All other candidates	300/-	800/-

The fee is to be paid by SBI Internet Banking/ Online Payment System and you do not have to submit the hard copy of the application. **Applications without online payment details will not be considered.**

#### **APPLICATION FEE IS NON-REFUNDABLE.**

- 4 Please refer to the Institute website <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> for filling ONLINE application form.
- 5 OBC candidates may note that the limit of annual income is Rs. 8 lakhs for determining the creamy layer among Other Backward Classes (OBCs) candidates. The OBC-NC certificate issued for the financial year **2024-25** by the Competent Authority in the prescribed format must be uploaded in the ONLINE application form and submitted at the time of admission. The OBC reservation update Information is available in the public domain <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> under OBC Reservation Update.
- 6 Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) candidates may note that the limit of annual income is Rs. 8 lakhs for determining the eligibility for benefit under Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservation. The EWS certificate issued by the Competent Authority in the prescribed format must be uploaded in the ONLINE application form and submitted at the time of admission. The EWS reservation update Information is available in the public domain <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> under EWS Reservation Update.
- 7 PwD candidates will be given extra time, as per GOI rules on request by the candidate. Such requests need to be addressed to Head of the concerned academic units through email/hard copy well in advance.
- 8 You should check the Institute website <https://www.iitb.ac.in/newacadhome/mpp.jsp> for results/ important announcements.
- 9 You should check emails sent to the email address provided in your application, for all important communications and announcements.
- 10 Candidates called for written test/interview should bring with them (i) Photo ID Card (ii) Hard copy of the application submitted online (iii) Final year thesis / dissertation / report / publication / copy of certificates / Marksheets.
11. You MUST upload the following while submitting the M.PP. Application.
  - Scanned version of photograph
  - Scanned version of signature
  - Marksheet of the last semester/ Consolidated marksheet of the qualifying degree.  
(Exam pending/result awaited candidates have to upload their latest/previous semester marksheet).



- Caste Certificate (OBC-NC/SC/ST), if applicable. An affidavit for having applied in case the certificate is not yet received.
  - Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) candidates needs to submit EWS certificate issued by the Competent Authority in the prescribed format.
  - PwD Certificate, if applicable
  - Project Staff/ Institute Staff should submit No Objection Certificate (NOC)' a letter of recommendation from the Principal Investigator (PI)/ Head/Office-In-Charge at the time of application
- 12 Candidates having degree from foreign universities should submit equivalence certificate from Association of Indian Universities (AIU), New Delhi for qualifying Exam and proof of having First class or 60% (55% for SC/ST) marks or equivalent in qualifying examination.
13. Merely fulfilling eligibility criteria doesn't entitle a candidate to be called for the test and/or interview. Admission is based on A valid GATE SCORE/Written test/Interview performance and additional eligibility criteria for different admission categories and, different disciplines are specified in section A of Information Brochure 2025-26.
14. Seats are reserved for Economically Weaker Sections(EWS)/ Other Backward Class Non-Creamy Layer (OBCNCL)/ Scheduled Caste (SC)/ Scheduled Tribe (ST) and Person with Benchmark Disability (PwD) Categories , as per Government of India rules.
- 15 Students must submit self-attested copies of his/her qualifying degree certificate & final transcripts on or before 30th September, 2025, failing which admission will stand cancelled.
16. Candidates need to apply ONLINE only.

**1. Sponsorship Certificate – for full-time- (2 years ) candidates  
( On the letterhead of the Sponsoring Organization).**

**SPONSORSHIP CERTIFICATE  
(With Financial Support)**

To,  
The Director,  
Indian Institute of Technology Bombay  
Powai, Mumbai - 400 076.

**Subject : Sponsoring of an employee for MPP Programme (full-time) s  
(With Financial Support) at IIT Bombay**

Dear Sir,

We hereby sponsor the candidature of Shri / Smt. / Kum \_\_\_\_\_, employed  
In our organization as \_\_\_\_\_ (designation), for joining MPP Programme in  
\_\_\_\_\_ at your Institute as a (full-time) candidate.

He / She is employee of our organization since \_\_\_\_\_. We shall fully relieve him / her from duties during  
the entire period of the MPP programme, to enable him / her to devote full time to his / her studies in  
the Institute. We understand that the duration for full-time MPP Programme is two years. We shall/  
shall not bear the total expenses of his / her studies.

Date:

Signature and seal of the Sponsoring Authority

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bear the total expenses.

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Signature and seal of the Sponsoring Authority

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**Employer's Letter for MPP candidates joining on Study Leave (In-service candidate)**

(To be typed on letterhead of the Institution)

To  
The Director,  
Indian Institute of Technology, Bombay  
Mumbai – 400 076.

**Sub: Relieving an employee on Study Leave**

Dear Sir,

We hereby relieve Shri./ Smt./ Kum. \_\_\_\_\_, employed in this  
organization as \_\_\_\_\_ (designation) on \_\_\_\_\_ (full-pay/ half-pay/ no-pay) leave  
for joining MPP programme at IIT Bombay, for a period of two years.

Signature of Head of the organization and Seal of the Institution

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