

**Ashank Desai Centre for Policy Studies (ADCPS)  
Ph.D. Admissions Autumn 2026**

Dear Candidate,

Thanks for your interest in Ph.D. programme at ADCPS. The letter should be read in conjunction with other messages that you will receive from academic office of IIT Bombay.

For Autumn semester 2026 following is the process for Ph.D. Admissions at ADCPS:

1. Shortlisted candidates will receive call letter for an in-person written test.
2. Your email ID provided in the application will be used for all communications.
3. The written test will be conducted on **May 06**, and the interview on **May 07**, 2026.  
The test will assess your analytical skills, comprehension, ability to synthesize and writing skills.
4. Candidates will be shortlisted for an interview (30%) based on the marks obtained in the written test (35%) and the research proposal (35%).
5. List of shortlisted candidates for the interviews will be displayed on following link on **May 06, 2026 by 06 pm**: <https://www.cps.iitb.ac.in/admissions/doctoral-programme/>
6. The precise schedule of the in-person interviews will be communicated to the shortlisted candidates.
7. The candidates are advised to refer to the specific research areas of the core faculty of ADCPS (<https://www.cps.iitb.ac.in/research/> and <https://www.cps.iitb.ac.in/faculty/> ) before coming for the interviews. Candidates are strongly encouraged to contact prospective research supervisors (through email) who are offering the research topics of their interest well before their interview. Candidates should be prepared for presentation of their research proposal for the selected research topic at the time of interview.
8. The final selection will be made based on the performance in the written test, the strength of research proposal and the interview following the category-wise reservation norms.
9. The office will be sending all the instructions via the email ID: [office.cps@iitb.ac.in](mailto:office.cps@iitb.ac.in). All queries related to the PhD admissions are to be sent to [admissions.cps@iitb.ac.in](mailto:admissions.cps@iitb.ac.in).

  
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