

**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 the communications.
3. Written test and the interview will be on **May 06th** and **May 07th**, **2026** respectively.
The test will assess your analytical skills, comprehension, ability to synthesize and writing skills.
4. Candidates will be shortlisted for an interview (35%) based on the marks obtained in the written test (35%) and the research proposal (30%).
5. List of shortlisted candidates for the interviews will be displayed on following link:
<https://acad.iitb.ac.in/admissions/research/> and <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 written test, strength of research proposal and interview following the category wise reservation norms.
9. Results of final selection will be displayed on following link
<https://acad.iitb.ac.in/admissions/research/>
10. The office will be sending all the instructions via email ID office.cps@iitb.ac.in. All the queries related to PhD admissions are to be sent to admissions.cps@iitb.ac.in or office.cps@iitb.ac.in.



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