

NOTE FOR THE SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES PhD Interview:

The PhD presentation & interview will be **offline (in-person)** for the Autumn Semester admission 2026-27. Any requests for online interviews will not be entertained unless for an exceptional situation. There will not be any written test.

Presentation and Interview:

For the presentation and interview, the candidate will be given a 30 minutes slot. The candidate must give a presentation of about 10 minutes, briefly touching upon their professional experience followed by the research interest, current status, lacunae and possible contribution. This will be followed by a 20 minutes interview and discussion.

The presentation should include:

- Background of the candidate in brief
- Research Proposal that contains:
- Present status (national, international)
- Justification of your selection of the topic
- Deliverable(s)

Date of Interview: 6 May, 2026 & 7 May, 2026

Time: 9.30 AM - 1 PM / 2.30 PM - 6 PM

Venue: Conference Room 3 and 4, RBTIC building, Opp. VMCC

Selection:

Please note that the call for an interview does not guarantee an admission into the programme. The selection will be based on the performance in the interview and presentation. In addition to the proposal, knowledge on the subject, research/design aptitude and communication skills will also be tested during the interview. Decision of the admission committee will be final and cannot be changed under any circumstances.

The candidates called for presentation and interview are required to do the following:

Acknowledgement:

Please send a reply acknowledging the receipt to office.idc@iitb.ac.in as soon as possible, and, let us know if

- a. you will/will not attend the interview
- b. have any difficulties regarding the time slot for your interview
- c. you will/will not join us for lunch on your interview day

- d. The candidate may submit an updated Statement of Purpose (SOP), in detail of about 1500 words that clearly states the aims and objectives of the proposed research, review of literature, research questions, proposed methodology, relevance and possible deliverables. It may touch upon the candidate's prior work in the proposed domain.

Please note that in case you need hostel accommodation during interview days you have to apply separately for accommodation through the online application portal..

Before appearing for the Presentation and Interview:

The candidate must submit an updated Statement of Purpose (SOP), in detail of about 1500 words that clearly states the aims and objectives of the proposed research, review of literature, research questions, proposed methodology, relevance and possible deliverables. It must also touch upon the candidate's prior work in the proposed domain.

The above details with a link to the folder containing the updated SOP in PDF format (along with a portfolio of works, if any) should be emailed to office.idc@iitb.ac.in by Monday, 27 April 2026, 5 PM.

Regards,

PhD Admission Committee,

IDC School of Design, IIT Bombay