



### Overview of the iPhD programme\* at IISER Berhampur

Semester	Fellowship	Course work	Research work	Miscellaneous
1st, 2nd	UG fellowship	Courses offered to iPhD programme students. Students have to fulfil the credit requirement set by the institute and the department.	Depending on the department guidelines, the second semester may have a research/reading project.	The Institute may provide a minimum and maximum credit on courses and research work for each semester.  Each department can have a further credit requirement.
Summer 1	UG fellowship	None	Research internship as set by the department	None
3rd, 4th	UG fellowship	Courses offered to iPhD programme students. Students have to fulfil the credit requirement set by the institute and the department.	Research / Reading project(s) under the mentorship of department faculty, or as per department policy.  Depending on the department guidelines, each semester can have one research/reading project.	The Institute may provide a minimum and maximum credit on courses and research work for each semester.  Each department can have a further requirement, without violating the institutional requirement.
Summer 2	UG fellowship	None	Research internship as set by the department	None
<b>Comprehensive examination:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>At the end of the 4th semester, students have to appear for a <b>Comprehensive exam</b>. The Comprehensive exam tests the students' knowledge in the course work as well as the project work that they had taken up during the four semesters.</li></ul>				

- Based on the performance, a student can be recommended for the Ph.D. phase.
- During the Ph.D. phase, the department's existing policy in the Ph.D. program (refer to IISER Berhampur Ph.D. manual) shall be applicable.

At the time of the comprehensive exam, a student may voluntarily opt for the **Exit option**. In that case, the student will be assigned for an MS dissertation - a one-year dissertation leading to an MS thesis. In this case, a student spends a total of three years for the MS degree.

Semester		Course work	Research work	Miscellaneous
5th - 14th	PhD fellowship (JRF+SRF)	The students have to complete the mandatory Ph.D. courses or extra courses being offered by the departments, if any. (see Ph.D. manual).	The student works on the Ph.D. thesis.	<p>At this stage, all the rules as per the Ph.D. manual apply with some exceptions. Such exceptions may include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Waiver of some courses from Ph.D. course work</li> <li>• Waiver of the comprehensive examination after the end of the first year in the PhD programme is not required for the iPhD students.</li> <li>• Except for the Maths department, the iPhD comprehensive examination itself can serve the same role. The candidates successfully recommended for the Ph.D. phase at the iPhD comprehensive exam shall be immediately registered for the Ph.D. degree.</li> <li>• The mathematics department will conduct its second iPhD comprehensive examination at the end of the third year and the student will be registered for a Ph.D. following this.</li> </ul>

\*Note: This is an overview of the programme. The details are subject to alterations as approvals received from the Academic Senate of IISER Berhampur