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PhD PROGRAMMES
First Semester 2026-27

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BITS Pilani is a Deemed to be University, offering on-campus programs to more than 18,500 students across its campuses in Pilani, Goa, Hyderabad, Mumbai and Dubai. In NIRF-2025 Rankings released by the Ministry of Education, Government of India, the institute has ranked the 7th position in the University category and secured 2nd in Pharmacy nationwide. The institute also advanced to 11th in Engineering, 18th in Research Institutions, and 16th in Overall ranking. In QS Asia University Rankings 2026, BITS has been ranked 154th in Asia and 12th in India.

Applications are invited for First Semester admission to the PhD program (Full time and/or Part time) starting August 2026 in Pilani, Goa and Hyderabad campuses of BITS Pilani in the following Departments:

Department's Preference for Ph.D. Admissions (I Semester 2026-27)

Department	Pilani		Goa		Hyderabad	
	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time	Full time	Part time
Biological Sciences	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Chemistry	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Civil Engineering	✓	✓			✓	✓
Computer Science and Information Systems	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	
Economics & Finance	✓		✓		✓	
Electrical & Electronics Engineering	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Humanities & Social Sciences	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓
Management	✓	✓ *	✓		✓	✓
Mathematics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Pharmacy	✓	✓			✓	✓
Physics	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓

* Applications are open only in the area of Marketing and Operations Management

Candidates are advised to browse the respective department's website to find the probable research areas for the intake.

Minimum Eligibility Qualifications

- M.E./M.Tech./M.Pharm./MBA/M.Phil. or an equivalent Degree (a minimum of 60% aggregate)*
- M.Sc./B.E./B.Pharm. or an equivalent degree (a minimum of 60% aggregate)*
- For admissions to Humanities and Social Sciences, candidates with an M.A. degree (minimum of 55% aggregate)*
- For part-time applicants, a minimum of one year experience in the related field of study is required.

[*in the qualifying examination]

In addition, departments may set specific admission criteria for shortlisting. Meeting the minimum eligibility qualifications does not guarantee admission into the PhD programme. Further details about the Admission process are available in the PhD Brochure on the Admission website.

Financial Assistance

All the full-time PhD students admitted into the PhD program will receive a fellowship up to a maximum of five years.

The fellowship could be from the Institute or Sponsored Projects. PhD students may also have their own fellowship if qualified through UGC/CSIR NET.

Students offered Institute fellowship will receive ₹37,000/- per month. The fellowship may be enhanced to ₹40,000/- or ₹42,000/- after two years based on the performance. Institute Fellows will also receive a contingency amount of ₹20,000/- per year.

Students offered admission through Sponsored Projects would receive the fellowship in accordance with the funding agency guidelines.

BITS Pilani provides one-time International Travel Support of up to ₹1.5 lakh to selected full-time Ph.D. students during their tenure, to present their work at an international conference.

Last Date to apply - 29th April, 2026

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2025
- 84 in Pharmacy
- 201-275 in Civil & Structural Engineering
- 250 in Engineering & Technology
- 251-300 in Mechanical and Electrical & Electronics
- 301-350 in Computer Science & Chemical Engg.
- 351 in Mathematics
- 401 in Chemistry and Physics & Astronomy
- 451 in Business and Management Studies
- 451-500 in Natural Sciences

NIRF Ranking 2025: UNIVERSITY 07, PHARMACY 02, ENGINEERING 11, RESEARCH 18, OVERALL 16

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200+ ALUMNI Engaged to create vibrant Entrepreneurship & Innovation eco-system

6400+ BITSian STARTUPS — 14 Unicorns & 01 Decacorn

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2025 By Subject
PHARMACY in India 2ND & 8th in the World

QS WORLD UNIVERSITY RANKINGS 2025 — Qs Asia University Rankings 2025
in India 15th — 171st in Asia

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