



CSIR-IGIB PhD Program August 2026

INTRODUCTION

The CSIR-Institute of Genomics and Integrative biology (CSIR-IGIB) invites applications from bright young individuals from diverse backgrounds with strong motivation and good academic credentials to pursue research in the frontier areas of modern biology leading to a PhD degree. The broad interdisciplinary research areas are

Chemical & Systems Biology
Genomics & Genome Editing
Genome Informatics
Digital Health and AI
Functional Biology
Microbiology & Infectious Disease
RNA & Cell Biology
Skin Biology
Structural Biology

PhD students in CSIR-IGIB are enrolled in the **Academy of Scientific and Innovative Research (AcSIR)** and the degree will be awarded by **AcSIR**.

APPLICATION

Important Dates	
Start Date : 01 March 2026 00:01	
Last Date: 14 April 2026	
First Round Interviews: May 19 th -20 th 2026	Mode of interviews will be online
Second Round Interviews: June 15 th -19 th 2026	Mode of the interviews will be in-person.
Interaction with Faculty Members on 18 th – 19 th June 2026	
Application Link	
Apply Online	

INSTRUCTIONS

Before you start please ensure:

- To register your candidature on the AcSIR admission portal (<https://acsir.res.in/admissions/>)
- **Select CSIR-IGIB as one of the preference, in AcSIR registration form.**
- **AcSIR** application number (AAN) e.g. AcSIR12345, is mandatory to register for PhD program at CSIR-IGIB

Are you eligible to apply for PhD at CSIR-IGIB?

Educational Qualifications

- A candidate must have obtained at least 60% in their XII standard board examination. *Please convert CGPA grades to percentage.*
- A candidate must have
- Masters (M.Sc/M.Tech) with at least 60% in any branch of Life Sciences/Biotechnology/Chemistry/Physics/ Mathematics/Computer Science or allied subjects with special interest in Biology. *Please convert CGPA grades to percentage.*
- An SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy) candidate must have at least 55% in the highest qualifying exam (same as above) and in the XII standard board examination.
- Candidates who are awaiting results for the highest qualifying examinations are eligible to appear for interviews, but their admission is subject to clearing all the eligibility criteria at the time of admission.

Fellowship

- A Candidate must hold a valid (at the time of joining) fellowship certificate. Fellowship can be CSIR-UGC(JRF)/DBT(JRF)/ICMR-JRF or the equivalent).
- Fellowship conditions should allow the candidate to work in CSIR Laboratories and on CSIR projects.
- GATE score is NOT a valid fellowship criteria for MSc/MTech candidates

Age Limit

- Upper age limit is 28 years (as on 14th April 2026)
- Age limit is relaxed for women, SC/ST/OBC (non-creamy)/physically handicapped persons as per Govt. of India rules in this regard.

How to apply

1. Please register at the AcSIR admission portal (<https://acsir.res.in/admissions/>)
2. Things to keep handy before you start filling in the CSIR-IGIB application form
 - a. Your AcSIR application number (AAN) e.g. AcSIR12345
 - b. A digital passport photograph NOT more than 2MB in size.
 - c. Details of your educational qualifications (marks, subjects, university, year of passing, etc). *Please convert CGPA grades to percentage.*
 - d. Fellowship details.

Now you are ready to start the application

3. Please click [here](#) to start applying to CSIR-IGIB PhD Program.

Please note, if you do not meet the eligibility criteria you will not be able to submit the application form.

4. After uploading your photo and certificate, please fill in all required details to complete the registration process.
5. Your registration acknowledgement will be automatically sent to your registered email address.

In case of any difficulty or confusion please email us at phd@igib.in

SELECTION

The CSIR-IGIB interviews will be held

IN-PERSON

At

CSIR-IGIB South and North Campuses Delhi

Eligible candidates who completed the application form and paid the application fee would have received an email with the admit card for appearing in interviews at CSIR-IGIB, Delhi.

Interviews

- The interviews are aimed at assessing the suitability of the candidate for the PhD program at CSIR-IGIB.
 - The candidate will be evaluated for their ability to comprehend, analyse and reason.
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- The names of the candidates eligible to join CSIR-IGIB PhD program will be declared on the institute website within a week of the interviews.
 - The selected candidates are required to join CSIR-IGIB before the last date of joining intimated to avoid cancellation of the selection.
 - Admission into the CSIR-IGIB PhD Program of AcSIR is subject to the verification of all documents ensuring eligibility. Non-fulfilment of the eligibility criteria can result in cancellation of the candidature at any stage of admission process.
 - No TA/DA will be paid at any stage of the selection or admission process
 - The decision of the Admission Committee will be final and binding and no correspondence will be entertained in this regard. Canvassing of any form and/or bringing in any influence will be lead to disqualification.
 - Candidates who have already activated JRF fellowships elsewhere must furnish a consent letter from appropriate authority for transfer of fellowship. Without this the candidate will be NOT be deemed eligible.