

Inorganic and Physical Chemistry Department Indian Institute of Science, Bangalore

General instructions for online interview (Mid-year PhD Admission)

Candidates have been informed about the interview schedule by an email sent from the Institute. Interviews will be held in the forenoon and afternoon during on 22-23 November 2021. A mock interview is planned for 18th November 2021 to help the students get prepared for the interview. Some general instructions follow.

1. Interview will start from 8.00 AM for the candidates scheduled for morning and 1.00 PM for the candidates scheduled for afternoon. All candidates will appear for an orientation program from 8.00 – 9.00 AM and 1.00 – 2.00 PM. A link will be sent to all the students to join the meeting at 8.00 AM or 1.00 PM, depending on their schedule. You can join the meeting by clicking on the link after 7.55 AM and 12.55 PM as per your schedule.
2. Interviews will be held individually for about 30 minutes per candidate from 9.00 AM – 12.30 PM and 2.00 – 5.30 PM by two/three committees. Students appearing in every session will be assigned to one of these committees and a meeting link will be sent for this separately. You are expected to join the meeting by clicking on the link at a specific time given to you. Once you click on 'Join', you will be entered into a lobby and you need to wait for the Convener to admit you into the interview. When your interview is over, you will be informed so and removed from the meeting by the Convener. **You should not logoff from the meeting yourself.**
3. There may be a second interview for a few shortlisted candidates by both committees together around 5.30 PM. Shortlisted candidates will be informed by email/SMS/WhatsApp/phone, during the day and a separate link will be sent.
4. Desktop or laptop computer or smartphone with good quality camera can be utilised for the interview. **Make sure that your device is configured with good internet speed.**
5. You need to be in an isolated room during the time of interview and once you are connected to the examiners, you have to show them through your device that nobody is present in that place.
6. During interviews via video conferencing, **candidates are not supposed to record the proceedings** of the interview or indulge in any malpractice during the course of the interview. In case violation of any of this is found at anytime, it can lead to cancellation of the admission.
7. You should be **prepared with blank papers and a black marker pen** as examiners might ask you to explain some mechanism, draw some graphs/structures or to derive some equations.
8. You will be contacted by phone if needed.
9. Some photographs are given in the next pages with some explanations for having the interview with a smartphone or laptop. An arrangement like this will enable the interview committee to see you write on the paper in the absence of a board. It is suggested that you use a headphone with a good mic.

Using a smartphone:

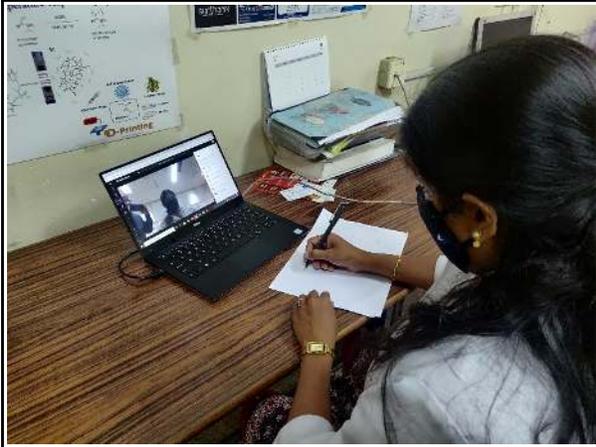


A smartphone may be kept about 6-8 inches above a table with a headphone (not shown in the picture). You can write in a white paper with a good black colour marker pen. You can see in the phone screen what is being transmitted. The committee will be able to see this.



You need to use your phone camera and show that you are alone. Your camera should either show a paper or you during the interview.

Using a laptop:

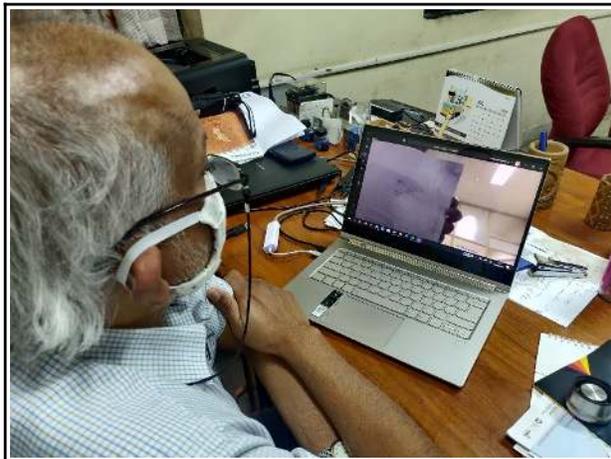


If you are using a laptop, sit in front of the laptop in a desk and write/draw your response.

Show it in front of the camera at an appropriate distance so that the text is clearly visible.



The text you see will be a mirror image. However, the committee will be able to see the real image and read/follow your writing.



During the mock interview scheduled on 18 November 2021, you can practice so that during the interview, we can communicate better.

Best wishes.