

Advertisement for Admission to Ph.D. Program in Discipline of Physics

Adv. No.:

Submission Deadline: 15th November 2023

Written test and offline interviews of Shortlisted candidates: 28th November 2023

For **Eligibility Qualifications, Directions and Application Process** see bottom

Invitation of admission to the Ph.D. Program in the following research areas:

A. Condensed Matter Physics (Experimental)

Prof. Krushna R. Mavani
Prof. Pankaj R. Sagdeo
Prof. Rajesh Kumar
Prof. Sudeshna Chattopadhyay
Prof. Somaditya Sen
Dr. Naresh K. Kumawat
Dr. Onkar S. Game

B. Condensed Matter Physics (Theory and Computation)

Dr. Alestin Mawrie
Dr. Srimanta Pakhira
Dr. Titas Chanda

C. High Energy Physics (Experimental)

Prof. Ankhi Roy
Prof. Raghunath Sahoo

D. High Energy Physics and Particle physics (Theory)

Prof. Subhendu Rakshit
Dr. Dipankar Das
Dr. Debajyoti Sarkar

E. Nonlinear Dynamics and Complex Systems (Networks, Statistical physics, Nonlinear Dynamics, Computational Biology)

Prof. Sarika Jalan

BRIEF AREAS OF RESEARCH OF INDIVIDUAL FACULTY MEMBERS are provided below (details can be found from personal webpages):

A. CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS (EXPERIMENTAL)

[PROF. KRUSHNA R. MAVANI;](#)

Website: <http://iiti.ac.in/people/~krushna/> , **Email:** krushna@iiti.ac.in

Terahertz spectroscopy of solid materials, Pulsed Laser Deposited nanostructures, thin films and multilayers, Phase-transitions, Electronic and magnetic properties, Structure-property relations, Optoelectronic materials and devices.

[PROF. PANKAJ R. SAGDEO;](#)

Website: <http://people.iiti.ac.in/~prs/>

<https://scholar.google.co.in/citations?user=iQNyzkkAAAAJ&hl=en>, **Email:** prs@iiti.ac.in

Physics of Semiconductors, nanomaterials, Physics of Multiferroics, CMR Manganites and Magneto-dielectrics, Materials for Solar cell and Energy applications, Photovoltaics, Magnetic and ferroelectric materials, Physics of Crystallographic and related phase transition, Physics of electron Phonon coupling, oxides for electronic applications, Crystal structure and its correlation with properties of Materials, experimental and theoretical condensed matter physics, etc.

[PROF. RAJESH KUMAR;](#)

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Nanomaterials & nanodevices, electronic and electrochromic devices, Device physics, Raman Spectroscopy & Microscopy, Natural Biomaterials

[PROF. SUDESHNA CHATTOPADHYAY;](#)

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Study of Surface and Interfaces –nanomaterials, thin-films, structure property relationship - optical properties, photocatalytic activity, application in solar cell; Soft matter physics; Atomic Layer Deposition (ALD), X-ray scattering, Nanotechnology in Biomedical applications and environmental remediation; Electrical Energy Storage- batteries and supercapacitors – Li and Al ion batteries.

[PROF. SOMADITYA SEN;](#)

Website: <https://sites.google.com/iiti.ac.in/smart-group-somaditya-sen/>, **Email:** sens@iiti.ac.in

Synthesis, structure/phonon experiment-theory-correlated physical properties of simple and complex oxides (Titanates, Manganites, Vanadates, Cuprates, Nickelates): Optoelectronic and electrical/dielectric/ferroelectric/sensing/ electrochemical and magnetic properties. Nano, Thin films, Bulk materials; Magnetic materials, Multiferroics, Magneto-dielectrics, Optoelectronic, Semiconducting materials, Light/Gas Sensors; Application of oxide materials in Dielectric Resonator antennas and Biological applications; Oxide thin-film and nanomaterials devices.

[DR. NARESH K. KUMAWAT;](#)

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Metal Halide Perovskite (MHP) and Organic Semiconductors, Organic-inorganic perovskite semiconductors and solar cells; Fabrication, Light Emitting Diodes (PeLEDs) and Solar Cells; Device Characteristics; Device Physics

DR. ONKAR S. GAME;

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Hybrid organic-inorganic perovskite semiconductors and solar cells; Fabrication, characterization and physics of photovoltaic and photosensor devices, Optoelectronics, Photoelectrochemical water splitting, solution processed semiconducting thin films, Nanomaterials for optoelectronic applications

B. CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS (THEORY AND COMPUTATION)

DR. ALESTIN MAWRIE Email: (amawrie@iiti.ac.in)

Website: <http://physics1.iiti.ac.in/dr-alestin-mawrie-2/>

(Nanoscale and Mesoscale physics): Topological Insulators, Topological Spintronics, Dirac materials, Quantum Transport properties.

DR. SRIMANTA PAKHIRA Email: (spakhira@iiti.ac.in)

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Condensed Matter Theory, Computational Materials Physics and Materials Science, Condensed Matter Nanoscience, Electronic Structure Theory, Density Functional Theory and Molecular Dynamics (MD) Simulations, Semiconductor Physics, Magnetism, Physics of Novel Solar Cells and Perovskite, Renewable Energy Technology. Porous Materials and Their Applications in Gas Storage, Separation, Adsorption and Drug Delivery in Metal-Organic Frameworks and Covalent Organic Frameworks. Alkali-ion Battery, Novel Batteries Technology, Renewable Energy Materials, Carbon Capture, Graphene, Bilayer Graphene, MXene, Electrocatalysts, Photocatalysts, Novel 2D Materials, H₂ & O₂ Evolutions, and Alkane Cracking in Oil Refining Technology.

DR. TITAS CHANDA Email: (titas.chanda@iiti.ac.in)

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Quantum many body physics: (1) Quantum simulations with ultra-cold atoms. (2) Tensor network algorithms (3) Lattice gauge theories in low dimensions (4) Many- body localization and disordered systems. (5) Critical phenomena and application of conformal field theory in many body systems (6) Topological phases and quantum spin liquids (7) Cavity-QED many body systems (8) Out-of-equilibrium dynamics of complex quantum systems

Quantum Information theory: (1) Entanglement structure and dynamics in many body systems. (2) Quantum thermodynamics and microscopic thermal machines (3) Decoherence and open quantum systems

C. HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS (EXPERIMENTAL):

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Heavy Flavor Hadrons, Heavy Ion Collision (Experiment: ALICE@LHC, CBM@FAIR), Study of Exotics with Electron Ion Collider (EIC) Experiment, Detector Simulation, Machine Learning, Quantum Computing, QGP Phenomenology

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High-Energy Physics Experiment (ALICE Experiment @ CERN, Switzerland and CBM Experiment @ GSI, Germany) Phenomenology of Quark-Gluon Plasma, Exploration of QCD Phase Diagram, GRAPES-3 (Gamma Ray Astronomy PeV Energies)

D. HIGH ENERGY PHYSICS AND PARTICLE PHYSICS (THEORY):

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Dark matter, Higgs physics, neutrino physics, and generally physics beyond the standard model.

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Particle Physics phenomenology, Phenomenology of the Higgs boson, Flavor Physics, Interplay between Neutrino mass and Dark matter

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AdS/CFT duality and its applications in strongly coupled field theory, Quantum information, Topics in gravitational and black hole physics.

E. NON-LINEAR DYNAMICS AND COMPLEX SYSTEMS:

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Synchronization, spatially extended systems, Pattern formation, Social networks, Disease, and information spreading. Spectral graph theory, Game theory, Optimized evolution, Extreme events, time evolving networks, Computational biology

Applications are invited from highly motivated and research-oriented applicants for admission to PhD Program in the following specializations of different disciplines as per the below mentioned categories of admission and time schedule. Applicants are advised to visit the profiles of the faculty members at the respective discipline web page, and the advertisement uploaded by each discipline, before applying for PhD Program.

Applicants are selected for admission to PhD programs through a rigorous evaluation process which includes an interview by a selection committee and mere application does not imply admission into the PhD program.

Before deciding for paying a non-refundable application fee, please verify your eligibility by checking the MEQ and QE requirements of the discipline to which you intend to apply.

Admission Categories:

FA (Fellowship Awardee): Fellowship Awardees from the funding agencies such as CSIR, UGC, NBHM, DST etc., or JRF/ SRF project staff working in a sponsored research project under a faculty member, PI of the project, of IIT Indore. The scholarship will be as per the rules of the concerned funding agency.

TA (Teaching assistantship): Institute Teaching assistantship with scholarship as per MHRD guidelines.

SW (Sponsored WITHOUT Institute scholarship): For applicants sponsored from a highly reputed R & D organization or Industry. [After completion of required course work, either on Full Time (SWF) or Part Time (SWP) basis, with approval of the competent authority] (Additional Rules)

IS (Institute Staff): Only for regular staff members of IIT Indore (on Part Time basis). (Additional Rules)

DF (Defense Forces): Serving personnel of defense forces WITHOUT any scholarship from the Institute. (Additional Rules)

CT (College Teacher): Permanent Employee of the sponsoring College/Institute/University WITHOUT any scholarship from the Institute.

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(Additional Rules)

Applicants under IS, DF, SW and CT categories are required to send following documents in original, along with a copy of application form to the Office of Dean, Academic Affairs. However, copies of these documents should also be sent or to be produced along with the original application form as required by the respective discipline.

1. Form for Sponsorship letter for applicants under IS, SW and DF category
2. Form for NOC for applicants under IS, SW and DF category
3. Form for selecting a Co-Supervisor from an External or Sponsoring

Minimum Educational Qualifications (MEQs) and Qualifying Examination (QE) for applicants:

- Masters' degree (M.Sc. and M.Tech.) in Physics, Optoelectronics, Solid State Physics, Nanotechnology/Nano-sciences, Applied Physics or Mathematics or Applied Mathematics (with first division as defined by the awarding Institute/University)
- A valid UGC-JRF/ CSIR-JRF, DST Inspire, GATE (in Physics/Mathematics) or Equivalent Fellowship

Applicants must follow the following directions before applying:

1. Applicant **must visit** the faculty profiles of the Discipline of Physics at <http://physics.iiti.ac.in/faculty/>
2. The applicant must understand the research interest of individual faculty members of the discipline before appearing the interview according to his/her preference
3. At the time of the application, the applicant should have a very clear idea of the subject of research that he/she wants to pursue and should be able to convince the interview committee about the same.
4. The application procedure is given at the end of this document.
5. Descriptions on admission categories, eligibility, etc. can be found on the main page: <http://academic.iiti.ac.in/phdadvt.php> which needs to be read and understood in detail.
6. If selected, the shortlisted applicant will be informed by email.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE:

1. Candidates must apply ONLINE through the IIT Indore website. This will generate a unique application number for each applicant. The last date for online application is 15th November 2023.
2. Application fee should be paid through State Bank Collect only. This will generate a payment code number that will be required while initiating the filling of online application forms.
3. The interview process consists of 2 stages. Shortlisted candidates will physically appear for a written test to be held in IIT Indore at 10 a.m. on 28th November. Candidates passing this test will appear for interviews which will be held in the afternoon of 28th November at IIT Indore. Candidates will be required to make their own travel arrangements and can opt for hostel accommodation.
4. The shortlisted applicants will be intimated by email ONLY. Hence, please state your email id carefully. Please check your SPAM folder regularly, just in case you are expecting to be shortlisted, and do not receive an email from us.
5. The Shortlisted candidates should arrange for at least TWO recommendation letters to be submitted to us in the format provided. A separate email for the same will be sent by us in this regard to the short-listed candidates. Those who have already submitted the recommendation letters to us, DO NOT resend it.
6. The candidates appearing for the interview will be asked for a handwritten 'Statement of Purpose', describing the details of their interest/motivation, their relevant learning and skills in research as well as their reason for joining Ph.D. in Physics at IIT Indore.
7. The decision of the institute in all matters will be final.