

# Advertisement for Admission to Ph.D. Program in Department of Physics

Adv. No.:

Submission Deadline: 10<sup>th</sup> March 2024

Written test and offline interviews of Shortlisted candidates: schedule will be communicated later.

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

**B. Condensed Matter Physics (Theory and Computation)**

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

**C. High Energy Physics (Experimental)**

Prof. Raghunath Sahoo  
Prof. Ankhi Roy

**D. High Energy Physics and Particle physics (Theory)**

Prof. Subhendu Rakshit  
Dr. Dipankar Das  
Dr. Debajyoti Sarkar  
Dr. Mritunjay Kumar Verma

**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)**

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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.

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

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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.

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Physics of Semiconductors, Nanomaterials, Materials for Solar cell and Energy applications, Photovoltaics, Magnetic and ferroelectric, magneto-dielectric and optoelectronic materials, Physics of Crystallographic and related phase transition/structure property correlations across phase transition, Superconductivity, Electron-Phonon Physics, Thin-films, multilayers, Raman and Optical spectroscopy etc.

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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.

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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

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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

## **B. CONDENSED MATTER PHYSICS (THEORY AND COMPUTATION)**

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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, H<sub>2</sub> & O<sub>2</sub> Evolutions, and Alkane Cracking in Oil Refining Technology.

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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, QGP Phenomenology

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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.

### **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, or Equivalent Fellowship

**Applicants must keep in mind the following before applying:**

1. Applicant **must visit** the faculty profiles of the Discipline of Physics at <https://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 14th February 2024.
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 out of online application forms.
3. The shortlisted applicants will be intimated by email ONLY. Hence, please state your email id carefully. Please check your SPAM folder regularly.
4. 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.
5. The interview process consists of two stages. Shortlisted candidates will first physically appear for a written test to be held in IIT Indore. Candidates passing this test will subsequently appear for interviews which will also be held at IIT Indore. Candidates will be required to make their own travel arrangements and can opt for hostel accommodation. The detailed schedule of the interview will be communicated later by email to the shortlisted candidates only.
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.