

# Online Admission process

## Department of Mechanical Engineering

Dear Candidate,

With reference to your application for admission to Ph.D. programme in the Department of Mechanical Engineering at IIT Dharwad, you have been provisionally shortlisted and required to appear for the selection process of first round of interviews via video conferencing. After the first round of interviews, list of shortlisted candidates will be displayed on the website. The shortlisted candidates will be asked to attend the second round of interview via video conferencing.

**First round interview:** Each Applicant will be given 20 minutes (12 minutes presentation, 8 minutes Q&A) maximum to present their Master's thesis, areas of interest, not more than 10 slides, and 1 slide for the areas of interest.

The selection process is scheduled from 22<sup>nd</sup> June - 30<sup>th</sup> June 2020. You will be given a time-slot window (about 1–3 hours) during which we may connect with you anytime. Your specific time-slot will be communicated to you.

## Confirmation

We request you to confirm your participation via filling google form before 5:00 pm, 19th June 2020. <https://forms.gle/iEvctrSh4ynVMpgY9>

## Dos and Don'ts

### **Dos:**

- 1) Please participate in a mock call session before the actual interview to ensure the audio-video set up is ready. Example, for pre-lunch slot mock call starts at 9:00 am.
- 2) Please plan to have at least 2GB of data with you before the meeting. Also, try to locate yourself in a place with good internet speed (at least 1.5Mbps) for a good quality video interaction. Laptops/tablets are preferred for video conferencing.
- 3) Accessing any technical resource (notes, book, internet, including peers or mentors) is not allowed during interview unless explicitly mentioned by the committee
- 4) Have paper and pen or pencil calculators handy for any rough work.
- 5) Keeping a glass of water ready may be a good idea.
- 6) Ensure that equipment is charged to avoid power issues.
- 7) Ensure that the place from where you are attending the interview is conducive for effective interaction online.
- 8) Best Practices while in online meetings:
  - Sign in to the online client (Google Meet App/Desktop) 10-15 minutes ahead of scheduled meeting time and stay signed in
  - Turn your camera on and have your camera at the eye level
  - Stay muted unless you're talking to reduce background noise
  - Make sure you sit in a well-lit and quiet place
  - Be mindful of what's going on behind you. Think about having a solid wall/nice curtain behind you or turning on the virtual background (if available).

### **Don'ts:**

- a) Avoid windy noisy surroundings during interview
- b) Do not record interviews in any form. Any such act will be considered as violation of the pledge you signed online and may invite punitive action from IIT Dharwad.
- c) Do not ask about the schedule of the results. It is better to use interview time for other better inquiries as the results will be declared online as soon as possible.
- d) Do not leave your place in front of the camera for the entire duration of the interview.
- e) Prepare yourself to avoid any kind of break during interview, including restroom-break
- f) Do not have anyone else around you. Any interaction with someone else other than the interview panel during the interview will be considered as a suspicious activity.

Note - For any matter related to the selection process, the decision of the selection committee would be considered as the final decision.