

BUSINESS RULES

**FINE ARTS & CULTURE EXCELLENCE (FACE)
ADMISSION
TO
UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAMS
FOR THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2025 - 2026**



INDIAN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY MADRAS

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ABOUT THE INSTITUTE

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras is known both nationally and internationally for excellence in technical education, basic and applied research, innovation, entrepreneurship and industrial consultancy. A faculty of international repute, a highly motivated and brilliant student community, excellent technical and supporting staff and an effective administration have all contributed to the pre-eminent status of IIT Madras. The Institute is proud to bear the laureate of being No.1 engineering university in India. More recently, IIT Madras has been given the title of Institute of Eminence.

In 1956, the German Government offered technical assistance for establishing an institute of higher education in engineering in India. The first Indo-German agreement in Bonn, West Germany for the establishment of the Indian Institute of Technology at Madras was signed in 1959.

The Institute was formally inaugurated in 1959 by Prof. Humayun Kabir, Union Minister for Scientific Research and Cultural Affairs. The IIT system has sixteen Institutes of Technology – the first of these to be instituted were at Kharagpur (estb. 1951), Mumbai (estb. 1958), Chennai (estb. 1959), Kanpur (estb. 1959), Delhi (estb. 1961), Guwahati (estb. 1994) and Roorkee (estb. 1847, joined IITs in 2001).

A GLOBALLY RECOGNIZED INSTITUTE

IIT Madras is a residential institute with nearly 700 faculty, 13000 students and 590 administrative & supporting staff and is a self-contained campus located in a beautiful wooded land of about 250 hectares. The campus is located in the city of Chennai, previously known as Madras. Chennai is the state capital of Tamilnadu, a southern state in India.

The Institute has sixteen academic departments and a few advanced research centres in various disciplines of engineering and pure sciences, with nearly 100 laboratories organised in a unique pattern.

IIT Madras has been the top-ranked engineering institute in India for nine consecutive years as well as the 'Best Educational Institution' in Overall Category in the National Institutes Ranking Framework (NIRF) Rankings for six consecutive years.

FINE ARTS AND CULTURE EXCELLENCE ADMISSION

Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IITM) is embarking on a new journey to admit students to her much-coveted undergraduate programs in recognition of their excellence in fine arts and culture. The program is named as "Fine Arts and Culture Excellence (FACE) Admission". The objective of FACE admission is to reward and encourage students who have achieved a certain level of excellence in various domains under fine arts and culture.

IIT Madras will be offering seats in each of its undergraduate programs through FACE admissions by the creation of two supernumerary seats per program for Indian Nationals and OCI/PIO candidates who have chosen to be treated at par with Indian nationals at the time of JEE (Advanced) 2025 registration will be eligible for FACE admission. The FACE admission will be operational from the academic year 2025 – 2026.

The list of programs and the number of seats available in each program are listed in the table below.

Sl.No.	Offering Department	Program Name	Seats
1	Aerospace Engineering	Aerospace Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2
2		Aerospace Engineering (5 years B.Tech + M.Tech)	2
3	Applied Mechanics & Biomedical Engineering	Computational Engineering & Mechanics (4 years B.Tech.)	2
4		Instrumentation & Biomedical Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2

5	Biotechnology	Biological Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2
6		Biological Science (4 years B.S.)	2
7	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2
8	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2
9	Computer Science and Engineering	Computer Science and Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2
10	Data Science and Artificial Intelligence	Artificial Intelligence and Data Analytics (4 years B.Tech.)	2
11	Electrical Engineering	Electrical Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2
12	Engineering Design	Engineering Design (5 years B.Tech. + M.Tech.)	2
13	Physics	Engineering Physics (4 years B.Tech.)	2
14		Physics (4 years B.S.)	2
15	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2
16	Metallurgical and Materials Engineering	Metallurgical and Materials Engineering (4 years B.Tech.)	2
17	Ocean Engineering	Naval Architecture (4 years B.Tech.)	2
18	Medical Science and Technology	Medical Science and Engineering (4 years B.S.) [#]	2
19	Chemistry	Chemistry (4 years B.S.) [#]	2

[#] Admission to these two programs are ONLY for the candidates qualified in IISER Aptitude Test - IAT 2025. The application process for these two programs (under FACE admission) will be done through a different portal and will be governed by the same business rules with a different timeline which is updated on the website. The tie-breaking rule for these programs will be based on the IAT 2025 instead of JEE (Advanced) 2025.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The candidates should satisfy ALL the following criteria to be eligible to apply for FACE admission to IIT Madras.

- A. The candidate should be an Indian national (by birth or naturalization) or OCI/PIO candidate who have chosen to be treated at par with Indian nationals at the time of JEE (Advanced) 2025 registration¹.
- B. The candidate should be qualified in JEE (Advanced) 2025 and have obtained a rank in the Common Rank List (CRL) or category-wise rank list in JEE (Advanced) 2025. The position in the rank list may be in any of the categories for which rank lists are prepared, thereby ensuring that the benefits of reservations are not lost and the requisite academic requirement is not diluted.
- C. The candidate should have obtained the minimum required marks in class XII as per the eligibility criteria for IITs (Clause 26 of the Information Brochure (IB), JEE (Advanced) 2025).
- D. Candidates should have received a recognition in at least one of the following in recognition of their excellence in fine arts and cultural activities.
 - a. Must have received an award that is given **once-in-a-lifetime** for an art form given by the government of India (See Appendix A for the list of awards that are considered).
 - b. Must have at least one of the recognitions in category A or category B in the list of awards/recognition/fellowships listed in Appendix A, in the **last SIX years**.

¹ As per the decision dated 03 February 2023, passed by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India in WP(Civil) 891/2021, OCI/PIO candidates who have obtained their OCI/PIO card before 04.03.2021 will be treated at par with Indian nationals.

Table 1: Point System for FACE Admission. The details of the Award/Recognition type are provided in [Appendix-A](#).

Sl. No.	Award/Fellowship/Certification	Points
1	Once-in-Lifetime	100
2	Category A	75
3	Category B	50

APPLICATION PROCESS

The candidates are required to apply through the IITM-FACE admission portal (<https://ugadmissions.iitm.ac.in/face>) for consideration for admission under fine arts and culture excellence to IIT Madras. The candidate should be ready with all the necessary documents (see [Appendix-B](#)) before starting their application on this portal. The application process consists of the following steps.

New User Registration: Every applicant should create login credentials through the “New User Registration” process. The candidates will be able to create a password for their account by providing their JEE (Advanced) 2025 admit card details. Upon successful registration, the candidate can log in to the application portal using their JEE (Advanced) 2025 application number and the password created.

Candidate Profile: The candidate profile will be auto-populated from the JEE (Advanced) 2025 database. Any additional information needed from the candidate will be sought in this step. The candidate should confirm the details shown on the candidate profile page. The data, once confirmed, cannot be changed at a later stage, and hence, utmost care should be exercised before confirming the details in the profile.

Upload Documents: The candidate should upload all the relevant documents as per the size and document type guidelines mentioned in the portal. The request for submission of documents at a later date WILL NOT be entertained. The correctness and validity of the certificates are the responsibility of the candidate. Submission of wrong documents will lead to

denial of admission without further chance for appeal by the candidate. All the certificates will be verified by the document verification officers and their decision is final regarding the validity of the documents.

Choice Filling: After completing the above three steps in the application process, the candidate is required to provide the choice of their program in the order of their preference and save the same. The candidate will be able to modify the order of their preference in the portal before submission. The candidates can reorder their choices by using the appropriate buttons. Once the order of preference for different academic programs is finalized to the candidate's satisfaction, it should be confirmed by clicking the "Lock Choices" button.

Payment of Registration Fee: The candidates are required to pay a registration fee as mentioned below.

- Rs.500/- for candidates applying under General, GEN-EWS, and OBC-NCL categories.
- Rs.250/- for SC/ST/PwD/Female candidates.
- Application fee is non-refundable.

Download the Application Acknowledgement: Upon successful completion of the above-mentioned steps, the candidate will be able to download the filled-in application. A copy of the application should be downloaded and kept in safe custody for future reference.

SCORE COMPUTATION AND FACE RANK LIST (FRL)

A score will be assigned to each candidate based on their fine arts and culture excellence as per the points system described in Table 1. A separate FACE Rank List (FRL) will be prepared based on the total score obtained by the candidates based on their performance in various fine arts and culture events/awards/scholarships.

The list of eligible awards/scholarships/recognitions mentioned in Appendix - A only will be considered for the preparation of FRL. The seat allotment will be done based on FRL only. Mere presence in the FRL does not guarantee admission. In the event that there are candidates with the same score apply for the same program, the following tiebreaking criterion will be adopted.

- Level 1: A Candidate with higher scores in one-time awards will be ranked higher.
- Level 2: In case of a tie at Level 1, the candidate with a higher score in Category A will be ranked higher.
- Level 3: In case of a tie at both Level 1 and Level 2, the candidate with higher total marks in JEE (Advanced) 2025 (IAT 2025 for B.S. in MSE and Chemistry programs) will be ranked higher.
- Level 4: In case of tie at Level 3, the candidate with higher marks in Mathematics in JEE (Advanced) 2025 (IAT 2025 for B.S. in MSE and Chemistry programs) will be ranked higher.
- Level 5: In case of tie at Level 4, the candidate with higher marks in Physics in JEE (Advanced) 2025 (IAT 2025 for B.S. in MSE and Chemistry programs) will be ranked higher.

In case the tie continues at Level 5 also, an additional supernumerary seat will be created.

The admission process through FACE will not be through the Joint Seat Allocation Authority (JoSAA) portal but on a separate portal (<https://ugadmissions.iitm.ac.in/face>) maintained by IIT Madras, where other IITs interested in offering seats through FACE may also participate. For the academic year 2025-2026, only IIT Madras is offering seats through Fine Arts and Culture Excellence admission.

IITM-FACE portal is to be used exclusively for admission to various academic programs at IIT Madras under FACE admission only. The candidates are required to apply separately on JoSAA portal for the academic programs at IIT Madras and/or other IITs where the seats are offered through JoSAA.

The FRL rank of all the candidates will be displayed in the portal (accessible through their respective logins) along with Round 1 allotment of JoSAA.

SEAT ALLOTMENT

The FACE mode of admission will have a time limit within which the students must submit their supporting documents in advance for verification. The

timeline of FACE admission will be synchronized with JoSAA 2025. The detailed schedule of the FACE admission process is given below.

Activity	Date and Time
FACE Application Window Opens	03 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
FACE Application Window Closes	09 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Announcement of candidate eligibility after preliminary verification of certificates of achievement	19 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Round 1 Allotment and Display of FRL Rank	21 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Last Date for Payment of Seat Acceptance Fee	25 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Resolution of Fee Payment Issues	26 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Last Date for Withdrawal of Seat	26 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Last date for Responding to Queries (if any) raised by Document Verification Officers	27 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Round 2 Allotment	28 June 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Start of Withdrawal from FACE	29 June 2025 at 10:00 hrs
Last Date for Payment of Seat Acceptance Fee	02 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Last Date for Withdrawal of Seat	02 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Resolution of Fee Payment Issues	03 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Last date for Responding to Queries (if any) raised by Document Verification Officers	03 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Round 3 (Final Round) Allotment	04 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Start of Withdrawal from FACE	05 July 2025 at 10:00 hrs
Last Date for Payment of Seat Acceptance Fee	08 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Last Date for Withdrawal of Seat	08 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Resolution of Fee Payment Issues	09 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs
Last date for Responding to Queries (if any) raised by Document Verification Officers	09 July 2025 at 17:00 hrs

For the academic year 2025-2026, the FACE admission will consider the scores obtained by the candidates only in the recognitions/awards/scholarships pertaining to fine arts and culture listed in Appendix A.

Two seats per academic program will be allotted in all the B.Tech., B.S. and Dual Degree programs of IIT Madras under this scheme. Of the two seats in each department, one seat will be female-only, and the other will be gender-neutral.

After a seat is allotted to a candidate in Round 1, (s)he MUST “Accept” or “Reject” the allotted seat before the deadline for the payment of the seat acceptance fee. If the candidate rejects the seat, (s)he will be removed from the FACE seat allotment process permanently. If the candidate accepts the seat, they should (1) pay the Seat Acceptance Fee before the deadline specified and (2) choose one of the two options (“Freeze” or “Slide”) described below.

Freeze – If the candidate chooses the “Freeze” option, it means that the candidate accepts the seat and is not interested in waiting for any other seat in other departments (which are higher up in his/her preference list) at IIT Madras. **The candidate has to pay the seat acceptance fee and submit the proof of withdrawal/exit from JoSAA 2025.**

Slide – If the candidate chooses the “Slide” option, it means (1) the candidate accepts the allotted seat, and (2) the candidate would like to be considered for the next round in FACE admission for a seat in an academic program of his/her higher preference if a vacancy arises. In case, the candidate does not get a better allotment in the second round, **the candidate should take the already accepted seat and submit the proof of withdrawal/exit from JoSAA 2025.**

Withdrawal from FACE Admission

If a candidate accepts a seat allotted through FACE admission, and would like to withdraw from the admission process later, then (s)he will must submit the duly filled withdrawal form included in the [Annexure 1](#) of this document.

Eligibility to participate in FACE admission process in future

If a candidate accepts a seat allotted through FACE admission, (s)he will not be eligible for admission through FACE at IIT Madras in future. The candidate may withdraw from the FACE admission process without accepting a seat, and in such a case, they may be eligible to participate in FACE admission, provided they also satisfy the other eligibility conditions announced by the respective FACE admission business rules.

SEAT ACCEPTANCE FEE

The candidates should pay a Seat Acceptance Fee (SAF) upon accepting the allotted seat. The seat acceptance fee is Rs. 30,000 for General, Gen-EWS and OBC-NCL category students and for all others, it is Rs. 15,000. The SAF, excluding a processing fee of Rs. 5,000 will be adjusted against the first-semester admission fee to be paid at the time of joining the institute.

If a candidate later validly withdraws from the seat allocation process, then the seat acceptance fee paid will be refunded after deducting the withdrawal processing charges of Rs. 7000. If a candidate's seat is cancelled due to not meeting the eligibility criteria or due to unresolved discrepancy(ies) in the uploaded document(s), then the seat acceptance fee paid will be refunded after deducting the processing charges of Rs. 5000.

The SAF can be paid online using the payment gateway options provided on the FACE portal.

GRIEVANCE REDRESSAL / QUERIES

- In case of any query/grievance with respect to the admission process, please contact: 044 2257 8220 or email us at ugadmissions@iitm.ac.in
- The decision(s) by the concerned authorities with regard to such grievance shall be final.

APPENDICES

Appendix – A		
Sl. No.	Event Name	Category
1	Pradhan Mantri Rashtriya Bal Puraskar under Arts and Culture awarded by Ministry of Women and Child Empowerment, Government of India	One-Time
2	National Bal Shree Honour in <i>creative performance, creative art, creative painting</i> awarded by Ministry of Education, Government of India	One-Time
3	National Youth Award under Art/Culture awarded by Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports, Government of India	One-Time
4	Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar awarded by Sangeet Natak Akademi, Government of India	One-Time
5	Active B-grade certification from All India Radio or Doordarshan, Prasar Bharati, Ministry of Information and Broadcasting, Government of India during the last SIX years.	Category A
6	Empaneled Artists to perform in Indian Festivals Abroad by the Government of India in the last SIX years	Category A
7	Award of Scholarship to Young Artists (SYA) , Ministry of Culture, Government of India	Category A
8	Award in National Youth Festival Competition in the stage 4 where the presentation (in the domain of Arts and Culture) is made to the Prime Minister	Category A
9	Cultural Talent Search Scholarship Award (CCRT) , Ministry of Culture, Gol.	Category B

Appendix - B

List of Documents to be uploaded by Candidates for Online Reporting [for Admission to IIT Madras through Fine Arts and Culture Excellence]

1. Class X Mark Sheet/Certificate or Aadhar Card or Birth Certificate (for Date-of-Birth)
2. Class XII Mark Sheet (Qualifying Examination)
3. Certificate/Proof of Fine Arts and Culture Excellence through one of the listed items in Appendix A
4. Certificate of category (SC/ST/OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS), if applicable [in the format provided in the application portal, issued by the competent authority]
In the case of the OBC-NCL/GEN-EWS category, the certificate must be issued on or after April 01, 2025.
5. Original Certificate for Persons with Disabilities (PwD), if applicable [in the format provided in the application portal, issued by the competent authority]
6. Original Certificate for persons having less than 40% disability and having difficulty in writing, if applicable [in the format provided in the application portal, issued by the competent authority]
7. Crossed Bank Cheque copy / Image of Passbook with bank account details
8. Medical Certificate [in the format provided in the application portal, issued by the competent authority]
9. OCI certificate/PIO card, if applicable
10. Passport / Citizenship certificate, if applicable

Note: If the original certificates are not in English/Hindi, English/Hindi version/translation of such certificates, duly certified by the Principal/Director or other competent authority of the graduating Institute, will be required during the verification of documents.

Annexure 1**Form for Withdrawal of Allotted Seat through
FACE Admission in IIT Madras**

(To be printed out, signed, scanned and uploaded on the application portal by the candidate while applying for withdrawal. This form will not be accepted or processed unless it contains the signature of the parent / guardian)

I, _____ (Candidate's Name), bearing the Application number _____ have been allotted a seat through FACE admission in the UG Program _____ in the Indian Institute of Technology Madras. My father's name is _____.

I would like to withdraw my allotted seat (by not accepting the same) and I do not want to be considered for seat allocation/allotment of UG program _____ at IIT Madras due to the following reasons:

I understand that any seat allocated to me shall stand cancelled. I will be out of the FACE Admission process in 2025. Thus, I will forfeit the eligibility for admission to UG Programs through FACE admission in IIT Madras in future.

(Signature of the Candidate)

(Signature of the Parent/Guardian)

Name:

Name:

Date & Place:

Relationship: