

Draft Guidelines for Int. PhD students submitting MS thesis (in lieu of PhD thesis)

1. After completion of course work worth 88 credits with a CPI of ≥ 6.0 , an Int. PhD student is eligible to take comprehensive examination. A comprehensive examination committee formed by the department conducts comprehensive examination of an Int. PhD student and based on the performance of the student, the committee recommends the student either for a PhD programme or for submitting an MS thesis in lieu of a PhD thesis. The duration of MS thesis work is for one academic year.
2. Int. PhD students recommended for PhD programme will be getting fellowship equivalent to JRF/SRF like any other PhD students of IISER Mohali. The Int. PhD students recommended for MS thesis option will continue to get the same amount of fellowship as during the Int. PhD course work.
3. An Int. PhD student recommended for MS thesis option has to choose an MS thesis supervisor. A three membered committee with MS thesis supervisor as its convener to be formed for the evaluation of the MS thesis submitted by such Int. PhD students.
4. The MS thesis should be submitted for evaluation by the student at least two weeks prior to the End-Semester examination. The evaluation committee examines MS thesis in the manner similar to the MS thesis submitted by BS-MS students. A public presentation of the thesis work should be made by the student and it should be followed by a viva-voce examination conducted by the same evaluation committee. The evaluation committee limits its recommendation to ACCEPTANCE or NON-ACCEPTANCE of the thesis (Letter grades should not be accorded). In case the MS thesis is not accepted by the evaluation committee, student should resubmit the thesis after suitably modifying the thesis incorporating all the changes suggested by the evaluation committee.

In light of the above guidelines, some forms are to be suitably modified for the Int. PhD students.

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