

**Department of Computer Science and Engineering**

**Indian Institute of Technology Madras**

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**Procedure for Direct PhD interviews**

The aim of the interview process for Direct PhD candidates is to assess the knowledge and problem solving ability of the candidate in subjects that are fundamental to Computer Science and Engineering, and to assess the independent thinking ability and research aptitude of the candidate.

The Direct PhD interviews would be conducted in research area-specific Panels. There are three interview panels and a candidate needs to choose at most two of the three panels for his/her interview. If selected for admission by only one Panel, the candidate is expected to work with one of the members of the same Panel, as his/her research supervisor.

The Panels are as follows

- Panel A: Theoretical Computer Science
- Panel B: Computer Systems
- Panel C: Artificial Intelligence, Machine Learning and Applications

The aim of the interview process is to assess the knowledge and problem solving ability of the candidate in subjects that are fundamental to the research areas of the panel chosen by the candidate. In addition, the candidate would also be assessed for independent thinking and research aptitude.

The details of the procedure for interviews by different Panels will be shared with the shortlisted candidates later.

The interviews are scheduled during 26-27 May, 2022.