

**Department of Computer Science and Engineering  
Indian Institute of Technology Madras**

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**Interview Procedure for External/Part-Time/Project Staff Category Candidates  
for MS, PhD and Direct PhD**

The online interviews will be conducted on Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> January, 2021.

There will be a single panel of core members that will conduct the interview for all the External/Part-Time/Project Staff category candidates for MS, PhD and Direct PhD programmes. Potential guide(s) of a candidate will join the panel during the interview for that candidate. The interview for each candidate will be for about 30 to 40 minutes.

The External and Part-Time candidates are required to submit a research proposal approved by a faculty of the Department, and a No Objection Certificate from the current employer. The candidates who do not meet this requirement will not be called for the interview.

For External and Part-Time candidates, the interview will be mainly about the relevant work being carried out by the candidate, about the research proposal submitted by the candidate, and on assessing the knowledge of the candidate in the subject(s) related to the area of research.

The Project Staff candidates must have successfully completed at least two 5000 or level courses in the CSE Department, and must have a CGPA of 7.50 or above in these courses. The candidates who do not meet this requirement will not be called for the interview.

For Project Staff candidates, the interview will be mainly about the work being carried out by the candidate in the project, about the research problem that the candidate would like to work on, and on assessing the knowledge of the candidate in the subject(s) related to the area of research.