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VIT Research Entrance Examination (VITREE)
July - 2025 Session

Information Brochure

Admission to Research Programmes
Ph.D. / Direct Ph.D. / Ph.D. (Deep Tech.)

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1. ABOUT VIT


Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam was right in saying, “Dreams transform into thoughts and thoughts result in action” because Vellore Institute of Technology (VIT) is a dream of Dr. G. Viswanathan (Chancellor, VIT) come true. Founded in 1984 as Vellore Engineering College, it has grown by leaps and bounds to attain its present status as VIT, one of the premier institutions in India.

Our Strengths in a Nutshell :

- ◆ More than 67,000+ students from all quarters of India and also from 54 different countries across the globe.
- ◆ 1900+ fully-qualified and highly experienced faculty and 230 adjunct professors from foreign universities
- ◆ 280+ MOUs with academic and research institutions in India and abroad · 1000 industry partners
- ◆ Highest number of research publications in India as per the Scopus Database (2016-2024)
- ◆ Research Fellowship will be awarded to all the Admitted Full Time Research Scholars by the VIT.

ABOUT VITREE 2025 JULY SESSION:

Vellore Institute of Technology Research Entrance Examination (VITREE) is conducted for admission to various Ph.D. / Direct Ph.D. / Ph.D. Deep Technology programmes in VIT group of Institutions. VITREE- July 2025 session will be conducted on 20th April 2025 in 53 cities and 24th April 2025 in 69 cities across India. The duration of the examination will be 2 hours. All questions will be Multiple Choice of Questions and one mark for right and ‘0’ mark for the wrong answer. The question paper for Ph.D. and Ph.D. Deep Technology (Applicable eligible relevant master degree only) will have 100 MCQs (Technical – 70 questions; English communication skills – 15; Statistics and probability – 15 questions) and the question paper for Direct Ph.D. and Deep Technology (Applicable for B.E. or B.Tech. Degree graduates only) will have 100 MCQs (Technical – 80 questions; English communication skills – 20 questions). The question paper will be in English only except languages.




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VIT - Setting the Benchmark for Excellence in Education!




NATIONAL INSTITUTIONAL RANKING FRAMEWORK 2024, Govt. of India

University Rank - 10
Engineering Rank - 11
Research Rank- 13
Overall - 19
Innovation - 11-50 Band




A++
Accredited by NAAC (3.66 out of 4)




SHANGHAI RANKING 2024


India Rank - 2
Global Rank - 501-600




12 Subjects ranked among **TOP 500** universities in the World




World University Rankings 2025
Global Rank 791 - 800




World University Rankings 2024 BY SUBJECT | 2024
Engineering & Technology (World Rank) 212



World University Rankings 2024
Global Rank **601-800**



75 Professors* are among the **Top 2% Scientists** in the world according to a study conducted at Stanford University, USA
(*Vellore & Chennai Campuses)



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3. RESEARCH PROGRAMMES OFFERED IN VIT AT VARIOUS CAMPUSES WITH SCHOOLS AND CENTRES ARE DETAILED BELOW

VIT-Vellore campus only Internal Full -Time [IFT] category .

VIT-Chennai campus Internal Full -Time [IFT] and Internal-Part Time [IPT] VIT faculty members].

VIT-AP campus Internal Full Time [IFT]

VIT-Bhopal campus both Internal Full Time [IFT] and External Part Time [EPT]

School	Specialization	Major Area of Interest	Programmes			Question paper Code	
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Deep Tech Ph.D (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)	Diect Ph.D (IFT)
School of Advanced Sciences (SAS)	Physics	Physics	✓	✗	✗	PHY	-
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	✗	✗	CHY	-
	Mathematics	Mathematics	✓	✗	✗	MAT	-
	Data Science	Data Science	✓	✗	✓	MAT	-
School of BioSciences & Technology (SBST)	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	✓	✓	✓	BBT	BT
	Life Science	Life Science	✓	✗	✗	SLS	-
School of Civil Engineering (SCE)	Civil Engineering	Structural, Geotechnical and Construction Management, Environmental, Water Resources, Transportation and Remote sensing & GIS	✓	✓	✓	CVL	CI
School of Chemical Engineering (SCHEME)	Chemical Engineering	Solid Waste management, Separation Processes- Water treatment - Adsorption studies, Membrane - Colloids and Polymers, Hydrodynamic - Process Modelling simulation	✓	✓	✓	CEE	CE

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			Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Deep Tech Ph.D (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)
School of Computer Science and Engineering (SCOPE)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
School of Computer Science Engineering and Information Systems (SCORE)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
School of Electrical Engineering (SELECT)	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ELE	EE
	Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering	Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering	✓	✓	✓	EIE	EI
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
School of Electronics Engineering (SENSE)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
	Biomedical Engineering	Biomedical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	BME	BM
School of Mechanical Engineering (SMEC)	Mechanical Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering	✓	✓	✓	MEE	ME
		Automotive Engineering	✓	✓	✓		
		Mechatronics	✓	✓	✓		
		Design and Automation	✓	✓	✓		
		Thermal and Energy Engineering	✓	✓	✓		
School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL)	English	English	✓	x	x	ENG	-
	Commerce & Accountancy	Commerce & Accountancy	✓	x	x	CMA	-
	Psychology	Psychology	✓	x	x	PSY	-
	Sociology	Sociology	✓	x	x	SOY	-
	Social Work	Social Work	✓	x	x	SLW	-
	Economics	Economics	✓	x	x	ECO	-
	Tamil	Tamil	✓	x	x	TAM	-
	Hindi	Hindi	✓	x	x	HIN	-
	French	French	✓	x	x	FRC	-
	Historical Studies	Historical Studies	✓	x	x	HIS	-
	International Relations	International Relations	x	x	x	IRA	-
	Spanish	Spanish	✓	x	x	SPH	-
Political Science	Political Science	✓	x	x	PSC	-	

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			Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Deep Tech. Ph.D (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)
VIT Business School (VITBS)	Business Administration in Management	General Management - Marketing - HR and OB -Finance, Accounts and Economics - Production, Operations, Systems and Quantitative Methods	✓	✗	✗	MGT	-
VIT School of Design (V-SIGN)	Design	Design, Product Design, Product Semiotics, Ergonomics, Multi Media, Film studies, Digital Media, Communication Studies	✓	✗	✓	VSD	-
School of Hotel & Tourism Management (HOT)	Hospitality Management	Hospitality Management	✓	✗	✗	HOT	-
VIT School of Agricultural Innovations And Advanced Learning. (VAIAL)	Agriculture	Agri-business Management	✓	✗	✗	ABM	-
		Agromony	✓	✗	✗	AGR	-
		Plant Breeding and Genetics	✗	✗	✗	PBG	-
		Agricultural Biotechnology	✗	✗	✗	ABT	-
		Agricultural Entomology	✓	✗	✗	AET	-
		Agricultural Engineering	✓	✗	✗	AEG	-
		Microbial Technology	✗	✗	✗	MBT	-
		Food Science and Technology	✗	✗	✗	FST	-
		Horticulture	✗	✗	✗	HRT	-
		Agricultural Extension Education	✓	✗	✗	AEE	-
		Plant Pathology	✗	✗	✗	PPY	-
		Seed Science and Technology	✗	✗	✗	SST	-
School of Architecture (V-SPARC)	Architecture and Planning	Architecture and Planning	✓	✗	✓	ATR	-

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			Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Deep Tech Ph.D (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)
School of Healthcare Science and Engineering(SHINE)	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	✓	✗	✓	BBT	-
	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✗	✓	MEE	-
	Biomedical Engineering	Biomedical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	BME	BM
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ELE	EE
	Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering	Electronics and Instrumentation Engineering	✓	✓	✓	EIE	EI
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
	Data Science	Data Science	✓	✗	✓	MAT	-
	Design	Design, Product Design, Product Semiotics, Ergonomics, Multi Media, Film studies, Digital Media, Communication Studies	✓	✗	✓	VSD	-
Health Science	Health Science	✓	✗	✓	HSC	-	
VIT School of Media, Arts and Technology (V-SMART)	Media Art and Technology	Media, Art and Technology	✓	✗	✓	VSM	-

Research Programmes Offered at VIT-Vellore campus (Centres):

Centres	Specialization	Major Area of Interest	Programmes		Question paperCode	
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)
Centre for Functional Materials (CFM)	Physics	Physics	✓	✗	PHY	--
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	✗	CHY	--
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✗	ECE	--
Centre for Nanobiotechnology (CNBT)	Physics	Physics	✓	✗	PHY	--
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	✗	CHY	--
	Life Science	Life Science	✓	✗	SLS	--
	Chemical Engineering	Solid Waste management, Separation Processes- Water treatment - Adsorption studies, Membrane - Colloids and Polymers, Hydrodynamic - Process Modelling simulation	✓	✗	CEE	--
	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	✓	✗	BBT	--
Technology Information Forecasting and assessment Council(TIFAC)	Mechanical Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering	✓	✗	MEE	--
		Automotive Engineering	✓	✗		
		Mechatronics	✓	✗		
		Design and Automation	✓	✗		
		Thermal and Energy Engineering	✓	✗		
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	✗	ELE	--
	Physics	Physics	✓	✗	PHY	--
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	✗	CHY	--
Centre for Nanotechnology Research (CNR)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	ECE	EC
	Mechanical Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering	✓	✓	MEE	ME
		Automotive Engineering	✓	✓		
		Mechatronics	✓	✓		
		Design and Automation	✓	✓		
Thermal and Energy Engineering	Thermal and Energy Engineering	✓	✓			

Centres	Specialization	Major Area of Interest	Programmes		Question paperCode		
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	
Centre for Nano-technology Research (CNR)	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	✓	ELE	EE	
	Physics	Physics	✓	X	PHY	-	
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	X	CHY	-	
	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	Bio Sciences and Bio-technology	✓	✓	BBT	BT	
	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	X	✓	-	CE	
Centre for Biomaterials, Cellular and Molecular Theranostics (CBCMT)	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	X	CHY	-	
	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	Bio Sciences and Bio-technology	✓	X	BBT	-	
	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	✓	X	MEE	-	
Centre for Innovative Manufacturing Research (CIMR)	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	✓	X	MEE	-	
	Physics	Physics	✓	X	PHY	-	
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	X	CHY	-	
Centre for Clean Environment (CCE)	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	X	CHY	-	
	Mathematics	Mathematics	✓	X	MAT	-	
	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	Bio Sciences and Bio-technology	X	X	-	-	
	Civil Engineering	Civil Engineering	✓	X	CVL	-	
	Chemical Engineering	Chemical Engineering	✓	X	CEE	-	
	Mechanical Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering	✓	X	MEE	-
		Automotive Engineering	Automotive Engineering	✓	X		
		Mechatronics	Mechatronics	✓	X		
Design and Automation		Design and Automation	✓	X			
Thermal and Energy Engineering		Thermal and Energy Engineering	✓	X			
Centre for Disaster Mitigation & Management (CDMM)	Civil Engineering	Structural, Geotechnical and Construction Management, Environmental, Water Resources, Transportation and Remote sensing & GIS	✓	X	CVL	-	
	Mathematics	Mathematics	✓	X	MAT	-	
	Physics	Physics	✓	X	PHY	-	
	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	Bio Sciences and Bio-technology	✓	X	BBT	-	

Centres	Specialization	Major Area of Interest	Programmes	Question Paper Code
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)
Automotive Research Centre (ARC)	Mechanical Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering	✓	MEE
		Automotive Engineering	✓	
		Mechatronics	✓	
		Design and Automation	✓	
		Thermal and Energy Engineering	✓	
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	ELE
	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	CIE
Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	CHY	
CO ₂ Research and Green Technologies Centre (CO ₂)	Physics	Physics	✓	PHY
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	CHY
	Chemical Engineering	Solid Waste management, Separation Processes- Water treatment - Adsorption studies, Membrane - Colloids and Polymers, Hydrodynamic - Process Modelling simulation	✓	CEE
	Mechanical Engineering	Manufacturing Engineering	✓	MEE
		Automotive Engineering	✓	
		Mechatronics	✓	
		Design and Automation	✓	
Thermal and Energy Engineering		✓		
Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	Bio Sciences and Biotechnology	✓	BBT	

Research Programme offered at VIT Chennai Campus:

School	Specialization	Major Area of Interest	Programmes				Question paper Code	
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (IPT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Deep Tech Ph.D (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)
School of Advanced Sciences (SAS)	Mathematics	Mathematics	✓	×	×	×	MAT	-
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	×	×	×	CHY	-
	Geology	Geology	✓	×	×	×	GEO	-
	Physics	Physics	✓	×	×	×	PHY	-
School of Computer Science and Engineering (SCOPE)	Computer Science and Engineering	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
School of Electrical Engineering (SELECT)	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	×	×	✓	ELE	-
School of Electronics Engineering (SENSE)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	×	✓	✓	ECE	EC
School of Mechanical Engineering (SMEC)	Mechanical Engineering	Materials and Manufacturing, Design, Mechatronics and Automation, Thermal, Automotive and Energy Engineering	✓	×	✓	✓	MEE	ME
School of Social Sciences and Languages (SSL)	English	English	✓	×	×	×	ENG	-
	Sociology	Sociology	✓	×	×	×	SOY	-
	Social Work	Social Work	✓	×	×	×	SLW	-
	French	French	×	×	×	×	FRC	-
	Economics	Economics	✓	×	×	×	ECO	-
	Psychology	Psychology	✓	×	×	×	PSY	-
	Political Science	Political Science	×	×	×	×	PSC	-
School of Civil Engineering (SCE)	Civil Engineering	Environmental and Structural	✓	×	×	✓	CVL	-
VIT Business School (VITBS)	Business Administration in Management	Marketing, Human Resource Management, Finance, Systems, Operations & Analytics	✓	×	×	×	MGT	-
VIT Fashion Institute of Technology (VFIT)	Fashion Technology	Fashion / Textiles	✓	✓	×	×	FTY	-

School	Specialization	Major Area of Interest	Programmes			Question paper Code	
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (IPT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)
VIT School of Law(VITSOL)	LAW	International Law, Constitutional Law, Labour Law, Administrative Law, Criminal Law, Intellectual Property Rights, Business Law, Environmental Law, Human Rights Law, Cyber Law, International Humanitarian Law	✓	✓	×	LAW	-

Research Programmes Offered at VIT-Chennai Campus-July-2025 Session (Research Centre's)						
Research Centre's	Subject with Code	Programmes			Question Paper Code	
		Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (Deep Tech.) (IFT)	Direct PhD (IFT)	Ph.D / Ph.D. (Deep Tech)	Direct Ph.D.
Centre for Neuro informatics (CNI)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
Centre for Advanced Materials and Innovative Technologies (CAMIT)	Chemistry	✓	X	X	CHY (Ph.D. only)	X
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	MEE	ME
Centre for Climate Change and Environment (CCCE)	Civil Engineering	✓	✓	X	CVL	X
	Geology	✓	X	X	GEO (Ph.D. only)	X
	Chemistry	✓	X	X	CHY (Ph.D. only)	X
	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	MEE	ME
Centre for Cyber Physical Systems (CCPS)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
Centre for e-Automation Technologies (CeAT)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	✓	X	ELE	X
	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	MEE	ME
Centre for Healthcare Advancement, Innovation and Research (CHAIR)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
Centre for Human Movement Analytics (CeHMA)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	MEE	ME
Centre for Nano Electronics and VLSI Design (CNVD)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
Centre for Smart Grid Research Technologies (CSGT)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology-CIE	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering - ELE	✓	✓	X	ELE	X
Centre for Advanced Data Science (CADS)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
Electric Vehicles Incubation, Testing and Research Centre (eVIT-RC)	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	✓	X	ELE	X
	Electronics and Communication Engineering	✓	✓	✓	ECE	EC
	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	✓	MEE	ME

Research Programmes Offered at VIT-AP campus:

School	Specialization	Major Area of Interest	Programmes			Question Paper Code	
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (Deep Tech.) (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D./ Ph.D. (Deep Tech.) (IFT)	Direct Ph.D. (IFT)
School of Advanced Sciences (SAS)	Physics	Physics	✓	✗	✗	PHY	-
	Chemistry	Chemistry	✓	✗	✗	CHY	-
	Mathematics	Mathematics	✓	✗	✗	MAT	-
	Data Science	Data Science	✓	✓	✗	MAT	-
School of Computer Science and Engineering (SCOPE)	Computer Science, Information Technology	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	✓	✓	✗	CIE	-
School of Electronics Engineering (SENSE)	Electronics and Communication Engineering	Electronics and Communication Engineering,	✓	✓	✗	ECE	-
	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	✓	✓	✗	ELE	-
School of Mechanical Engineering (SMEC)	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	✗	MEE	-
VIT-AP School of Business (VSB)	Management	Management	✓	✗	✗	MGT	-
VIT-AP School of LAW (VSL)	Law	Law	✓	✗	✗	LAW	-
VIT-AP School of Social Sciences & Humanities (VISH)	English	English	✓	✗	✗	ENG	-
	Psychology	Psychology	✓	✗	✗	PSY	-
	French	French	✓	✗	✗	FRC	-
	Geography	Geography	✗	✗	✗	GPY	-
	Economics	Economics	✓	✗	✗	ECO	-
	Sociology	Sociology	✓	✗	✗	SOY	-
	Political Science	Political Science	✓	✗	✗	PSC	-
	Historical Studies	Historical Studies	✓	✗	✗	HIS	-

Research Programmes Offered at VIT-Bhopal campus:

School	Subject	Major Area of Interest	Programmes			Question Paper Code	
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (EPT)	Direct Ph.D (IFT)	Ph.D.	Direct Ph.D (IFT)
School of Advance Science and Languages (SASL)	Mathematics	Fractional Differential equations, Fixed Point theory and applications, Numerical Computational and Statistical Techniques, Artificial intelligence with mathematical approach, Optimization techniques, Mathematical modeling and analysis in bio medical sciences. Fluid dynamics, Statistics	✓	✓	×	MAT	-
	Physics	Computational Biophysics, Molecular Modeling, Solar Physics, Space Weather, Ionospheric Physics, Atmospheric Sciences, Ionospheric Plasma, Space communication (GPS), Material Science, Photonics, Photo electro chemistry, Soft Condensed Matter Physics, Advanced materials for energy harvesting and storage, Optics and Optical Instrumentation, Time series analysis of complex systems.	✓	✓	×	PHY	-
	Chemistry	Computational Chemistry, Molecular Modeling, Quantum Chemistry, Computational Biochemistry, Electrochemistry, Corrosion Inhibitors, Aqueous Solutions.	✓	✓	×	CHY	-
	English	English Literature, Language Teaching, Theoretical & Applied Linguistics, English Language Teaching	✓	✓	×	ENG	-
School of Biosciences, Engineering and Technology (SBET)	Biosciences, Engineering and Technology	Molecular Photonics, Biomedical Sciences, Public Health, Health Informatics, Drug Delivery & Bioinformatics, Biotechnology	✓	✓	×	BBT	-
School of Computing Science and Engineering (SCSE)	Computer Science and Engineering / Information Technology	Computer Science, Information Technology, Core Computing Sciences, Artificial Intelligence & Machine Learning, Data Science, Cyber Security & Digital Forensics, Gaming Technology, Human-Computer Interaction	✓	✓	✓	CIE	IT

School	Subject	Major Area of Interest	Programmes		Question paper Code
			Ph.D. (IFT)	Ph.D. (EPT)	Ph.D.
School of Electrical and Electronics Engineering (SEEE)	Electrical and Electronics Engineering	Electrical Engineering, Electronics Engineering, VLSI, Computer Vision & Image Processing, Antenna Systems, IoT, Advance communication Systems, Non-Linear Communication Systems	✓	✓	ELE
	Electronics and Communication Engineering		✓	✓	ECE
School of Mechanical Engineering (SMEC)	Mechanical Engineering	Mechanical Engineering	✓	✓	MEE
		Materials			
		Manufacturing			
		CFD			
		Design			
		Thermal Science			
		Robotics & Automation			
Aerospace					
VIT Business School (VITBS)	Business Administration in Management	Finance	✓	✓	MGT
		IT & Analytics, Economics	✓	✓	

4. Minimum Qualification for Admission

Ph.D. in Engineering Stream:

- 10+2+4+2 (pattern of studies) or any equivalent in Engineering degree
- 10+2+5 year Integrated M.Tech. programme, Integrated M.S Programme in Engineering
- 10+2+4+1 for Ph.D. in Engineering (Foreign Degree holders also eligible to apply)

Ph.D. in Non-Engineering Stream:

- 10+2+3+2 (pattern of studies) or any equivalent in Non-Engineering degree
- 10+2+5 year Integrated. M.Sc. (Biotech) in Non-Engineering degree

Direct Ph.D. in Engineering Stream:

- 10+2+4 or 5 (pattern of studies) or any equivalent degree in Engineering degree

Direct Ph.D. in Non-Engineering Stream:

- 10+2+4 year B.Sc. (Agriculture—4 year course) is eligible to register under School of BioSciences and Technology

Ph.D. in Engineering:

Master's degree in Engineering / Technology in the relevant discipline with a minimum of 60% marks (of all the years semesters) wherever marks are awarded, or a CGPA 6.5 on a 10-point scale in cases where letter grades are awarded or Equivalent qualifications like M.Sc. (Engineering)/M.S. [By Research] / M.Tech. [By Research].

M.Sc. Computer Science, M.Sc. (IT), and MCA degree holders are eligible to apply for a Ph.D. Programme in Computer Science Engineering / Information Technology.

For all research programmes, it is mandatory that candidates should have studied their previous degree programmes (UG and PG) in the regular, full-time mode.

For Direct Ph.D. in Engineering / Technology:

Graduates must have an outstanding academic record in their Bachelor's Degree in Engineering / Technology is eligible to apply. A minimum of 75% marks or a CGPA of 7.5 is mandatory on a 10- point scale.

For Direct Ph.D. in Non-Engineering Stream:

Graduates must have an outstanding academic record in their Bachelor's Degree in B.Sc. (Agriculture —4 year course) is eligible to apply. A minimum of 75% marks or a CGPA of 7.5 is mandatory on a 10- point scale.

For Ph.D. in Sciences:

Master's degree in the relevant discipline of science with a minimum of 60% marks or a CGPA of 6.5 on a 10-point scale is mandatory.

For Ph.D. in Languages:

Master's degree in the relevant discipline of Social sciences and Languages with a minimum of 60% marks or a CGPA of 6.5 on a 10-point scale is mandatory.

For Ph.D. in Management:

A master's degree in Business Administration / CA / ICWA/M.A. Economics/M.Com/M.Tech with a minimum of 60% marks or a CGPA of 6.5 on a 10-point scale is required.

For Ph.D. in Hospitality Management: (Offered in Vellore Campus Only)

Candidates must have a master's degree in Hotel Management {(MHM, M.Sc.-HM, MHMCT, MBA (Hospitality))} or Tourism Management {MA (Tourism), MTM, MTTM, MBA (Tourism)} from any accredited Indian or Foreign university with a minimum of 60% marks or a CGPA of 6.5 on a 10- point scale.

For Ph.D. in Design & Planning: (Offered in Vellore Campus Only)

A master's degree in Design / Planning, M.Tech, M.E., MSc (Physiology), any master's degree in Arts, Media Studies, Multimedia and Animation in full-time or regular mode of education with 60% marks, or a CGPA of 6.5, on a 10-point scale is mandatory.

For Ph.D. in Architecture and Planning (Offered in Vellore Campus Only)

Candidates should have a bachelor's degree in Architecture/ Planning and a master's degree in Architecture/ Design/Planning/Building Engineering and Management or its equivalent in full- time or regular mode of education with an aggregate of 60% (of all the years/semesters) or a CGPA of 6.5 on a 10- point scale wherever letter grades are awarded.

For Ph.D. in Media, Art and Technology (Offered in Vellore Campus Only)

A relevant Master's degree in Communication / Journalism & Mass Communication / Electronic Media / Media Art / Multimedia or equivalent in full time mode with 60% marks, or a CGPA of 6.5 on a 10-point scale is mandatory.

Eligibility for Ph.D. in Agriculture (Offered in Vellore Campus Only)**Agronomy**

M.Sc. (Agriculture) in Agronomy with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

Plant Breeding and Genetics

M.Sc. (Agriculture) in Plant Breeding and Genetics with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

Agricultural Biotechnology

M.Sc. or M.Tech in Agricultural Biotechnology / Biotechnology / Molecular Biology and Biotechnology or M.Sc. in any other relevant agriculture subjects with a minimum of 60% marks or a 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale

Agricultural Entomology

M.Sc. (Agriculture) in Agricultural Entomology with a minimum of 60% marks or a 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale

5. Agricultural Engineering

B.E./ B.Tech. in Agricultural/Environmental/Civil/Mechanical or any equivalent discipline and M.E/ M.Tech in Soil and Water Conservation /Environmental/ Land and Water Resource/ Irrigation/ Farm Machinery and Power engineering or any other equivalent discipline with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

6. Microbial Technology

M.Sc. Microbiology, M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Biochemistry, M.Sc. Agricultural Microbiology with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

7. Food Science and Technology

Master's degree in Food Science / Food Science and Technology / Food Technology / Food Processing / Post Harvest Technology / Dairy Technology and related disciplines with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

8. Horticulture

M.Sc. Horticulture (Vegetable Science)/ Horticulture (Fruit Science) with specialization in the specific subjects with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

9. Agricultural Extension Education

Master's degree in Agricultural Extension/Agricultural Extension & Communication / Agricultural Extension Education /Veterinary Extension/Dairy Extension/Fisheries Extension with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

10. Agri-business Management

Master's degree in Agri-business Management, /Agricultural Marketing & Co-operation / Agricultural Economics/ Business Management with specialization in Agriculture with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

11. Plant Pathology

M.Sc. Plant Pathology with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

12. Seed science and Technology

M.Sc. Seed science and Technology with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

Eligibility for Ph.D. in Healthcare Science and Engineering (Offered in Vellore Campus Only)

Master's degree in Bioengineering, Biomedical, Biotechnology, Electrical and Electronics, Computer Science, Chemical, Instrumentation, Data Science, Design, Bioinformatics M.Sc. – Health Sciences, Medical Physics, Computer sciences, Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics, Material Science, Biological/Biochemical Sciences, Life Sciences.

MBBS/MS/MD/BDS/MDS/Diploma in National Board (DNB)

Eligibility for Ph.D. in Law: (Offered in VIT-Chennai & VIT-AP Campuses Only)

Master's Degree in law (LLM / ML) from any recognized university / Institute, in the relevant field with a minimum of 60% marks or 6.5 CGPA on a 10-point scale.

Eligibility for Ph.D. in Fashion Technology: (Offered in Chennai Campus Only-

Master's degree in the relevant areas of Technology, Design / Science (or) Management (or) equivalent qualification from an institute/ university of national/ international repute with a first class or a minimum of 60% marks/CGPA 6.5 on a 10-point scale.

Relevant Areas

1. Technology

M.E / M.Tech. / M. Fashion Tech. / M.S [By Research] / M.Tech [By Research] in the field of Textile Tech. / Textile Engg. / Fibre Science / Textile Chemistry / Textile Chemical Processing/ Fashion Tech. / Apparel Tech. / Garment Technology.

2. Design / Science - M. Design / M.Sc. in the field Costume Design and Fashion / Apparel Design/ Fashion Design / Apparel and Fashion Design / Textile Design / Textile and Apparel Design/ Knitwear Design / Accessory Design is needed.

3. Management - Candidates must have a master's degree in the field of Fashion Management / Apparel Management / Fashion Marketing/ Fashion Merchandising.

5. Eligibility for “Deep Tech Research” Chancellor Fellowship

(Offered in Vellore and Chennai Campus Only)

Graduates must have an outstanding academic record in their Bachelor’s Degree in Engineering / Technology is eligible to apply. A minimum of 75% marks or a CGPA of 7.5 is mandatory on a 10- pointscale or Master’s degree in Engineering / Technology in the relevant discipline with a minimum of 75%marks (of all the years /semesters) wherever marks are awarded, or a CGPA 7.5 on a 10-point scale in cases where letter grades are awarded or Equivalent qualifications like M.Sc. Data Science / M.Sc. (Engineering) / M.S. [By Research] / M.Tech. [By Research] in full-time or regular mode of education is mandatory

Research Domains identified

- Artificial Intelligence/Generative AI (Healthcare/Climate/Environment/Energy/Finance)
- Machine Learning/Deep Learning
- Wireless Networks/IOT
- Image and Vision Computing
- Autonomous Robot
- Quantum Computing
- Cyber Security
- Space Technologies
- Block chain Technologies
- Precision Agriculture
- Sustainable development
- Biotechnology (Genomics/Synthetic Biology/Food production/Fuel)
- Any other areas mentioned by NITI Ayog

Chancellor Fellowship : Ph.D. (Deep Technology)

VIT Fellowship	GATE Qualified (Above 60 Percentile)	Others
First year	₹ 40,000	₹ 35,000
Second year	₹ 50,000	₹ 45,000
Third year	₹ 50,000	₹ 45,000

6. Category and Eligibility

Eligibility for Internal Full Time:

A candidate who wishes to work for Ph.D. / Direct Ph.D. / Ph.D. (Deep Tech.) degree on full-time basis (including project staff working in sponsored projects being carried out at VIT) should apply in the prescribed form on or before the specified date.

Eligibility for External Part-Time: (Offered in VIT-Bhopal Campus only)

Teachers working in other colleges in a permanent position and candidates sponsored by R&D organizations of following categories are eligible to apply to work on a part time basis for Ph.D.

- Laboratories run by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research/ Department of Atomic Energy / Department of Space etc.
- Public Sector undertakings with R & D Units.
- Private Industries recognized by The Department of Scientific and Industrial Research, Government of India as engaged in R&D work or contributing to R&D efforts. A copy of the certificate issued by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR) in this regard will be required to be produced in such cases.
- Medical Industry, Institutions and Hospitals with approved R&D in the relevant area. (A copy of the certificate issued by the appropriate authority to be produced).

7. Selection Procedure for Foreign Nationals / NRI Candidates:

Foreign nationals / NRI candidates can only register as full-time scholars through separate link:
<https://admissions.vit.ac.in/irapplicationpg/>

Foreign Nationals Guidelines:

The following are eligible to apply for a Ph.D. programme:

- Candidates of foreign nationality who hold degrees from Indian Universities seeking admission to research programmes with the necessary clearance from the Government of India (The Ministry of Human Resource Development)
- Candidates mentioned above who possess a valid visa will be treated on par with Indian nationals for purposes of admission to the Institute.
- Foreign nationals with foreign degrees who meet the minimum educational requirements as given in Section 3
- Foreign nationals whose degrees are equivalent to Indian degrees mentioned in Section 3 in Engineering / Technology / Science and who hold a good academic record
- International candidates who have a good working knowledge of English.

Please Note: Candidates with valid GRE and TOEFL scores will be given preference. The case of each foreign applicant will be examined and admission will be offered purely on merit. The fee is payable only as USD.

NRI Guidelines:

Indian nationals having degrees from Indian universities and whose parents work outside India may apply as NRI candidates. After receiving their application and required documents, they will be interviewed via Skype or other standard meeting platforms web technology. The fee is payable only as USD.

8. Minimum Duration of Study

Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. / Ph.D. (Deep Technology)

The minimum duration of study and research from the date of registration for the Ph.D. programme to the date of submission of thesis will be 30 months for full-time research scholars and 36 months for part-time research scholars.

Direct Ph.D.

The minimum duration of study and research from the date of registration for the Direct Ph.D. programme to the date of submission of thesis will be 4 years.

9. Selection Procedure for National Candidates

Doctor of Philosophy - Ph.D. / Ph.D. (Deep Technology) - qualifying degree in PG relevant discipline

Selection will be based on the performance in the VITREE – July 2025 score, PG degree marks, research proposal, and personal interview. Candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria prescribed, shall appear for VITREE - July 2025, a two-hour Computer-Based Test (CBT). VITREE will be conducted on 20th April 2025 and 24th April 2025. The question paper will have 100 MCQs (Technical – 70 questions; English communication skills – 15 questions; Statistics and probability – 15 questions). Candidates may choose their venue and the campus where they wish to pursue their Ph.D.

Change of Campus, School, Venue, Date of Entrance Exam, Interview and specialization will not be permitted.

The shortlisted candidates should appear for personal interview. Refer the important dates in the page No.28. The selected candidates for admission will be intimated through email / SMS.

Direct Ph.D. and Ph.D. (Deep Technology) - qualifying degree in B.E. / B.Tech.

Selection based on the performance in the VITREE – July 2025 score, B.E. / B.Tech degree marks, research proposal and personal interview. Candidates who fulfil the eligibility criteria prescribed, shall appear for VITREE – July 2025, a two-hour Computer-Based Test (CBT). VITREE will be conducted on 20th April 2025 and 24th April 2025. The question paper will have 100 MCQs (Technical – 80 questions; English communication skills – 20 questions). Candidates may choose their venue and the campus where they wish to pursue their Ph.D. Change of Campus, Venue, Date of Entrance Exam, Interview and specialization will not be permitted.

Shortlisted candidates should appear for a personal interview. Please refer the important dates in the page No.28. The selected candidates for admission will be intimated through email / SMS.

10. Tuition Fees

Programmes	Caution Deposit	Tuition Fee per Annum	Thesis Fee*
Ph.D. Internal Full-Time	₹ 3,000	₹ 40,000	₹ 10,000
Ph.D. External Part-Time (Teachers)	₹ 3,000	₹ 60,000	₹ 10,000
Ph.D. External Part-Time (Industry)	₹ 3,000	₹ 75,000	₹ 10,000
Direct Ph.D.	₹ 3,000	₹ 40,000	₹ 10,000
Ph.D. (Deep Technology)	₹ 3,000	₹ 40,000	₹ 10,000

* Thesis fee to be paid at the time of submission only

Research Fellowship (Ph.D) Vellore/ Chennai/AP Campus only

VIT Fellowship	GATE Qualified (Above 60 Percentile)	Others
First year	₹ 35,000	₹ 31,000
Second year	₹ 40,000	₹ 35,000
Third year	₹ 40,000	₹ 35,000

Research Fellowship (Direct Ph.D) Vellore and Chennai Campus only

VIT Fellowship	GATE Qualified (Above 60 Percentile)	Others
First Two years	₹ 26,000	₹ 21,000
Third and Fourth year	₹ 35,000	₹ 30,000

13. Research Fellowship (Ph.D) VIT Bhopal Campus

VIT Fellowship	GATE Qualified (Above 60 Percentile)	Others
First year	₹ 31,000	₹ 25,000
Second year	₹ 35,000	₹ 31,000
Third year	₹ 35,000	₹ 31,000

14. Research Fellowship (Direct Ph.D) VIT Bhopal Campus

VIT Fellowship	GATE Qualified (Above 60 Percentile)	Others
First Two years	₹ 21,000	₹ 16,000
Third and Fourth year	₹ 30,000	₹ 25,000

Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam Award for review paper publications.

Apart from this, scholars are encouraged to apply for JRF (CSIR / UGC) / Inspire Fellowships / Rajiv Gandhi Scholarships and other Govt. scholarships.

Raman Research Award up to ₹ 1 lakh for research publications exclusively for scholars.

15. Other Information

- May 2025 qualifying degree or result awaited candidates are also eligible to apply for VITREE.
- Application fee (Rs.1200/-withGST) will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- Tuition fee will not be refunded under any circumstances.
- Hostel accommodation is available for research scholars.
- All suits and actions arising out of, or relating to, VIT shall be instituted within the jurisdiction of courts at Vellore, Tamil Nadu.
- For queries related to research work, please contact respective campus Dean Academic Research

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16. Important Instructions for Computer-Based Test VITREE – July 2025 Session:

Date	Session	Test Cities
	Afternoon (2:30 PM to 4:30 PM)	
20 th April 2025	Ph.D./Direct Ph.D./Ph.D. (Deep Technology)	53
24 th April 2025	Ph.D./Direct Ph.D./Ph.D. (Deep Technology)	69

- Candidates are expected to arrive at the examination hall at least 1:30 hour before the commencement of examination, with their admit-card (hard-copy). If a candidate does not report on time, he / she is likely to miss the general instructions given in the exam hall.
- Candidates will not be permitted to enter the examination hall after 02.00 pm.
- Candidates are instructed to complete registration process with the help of hall invigilators.
- Each candidate will be allotted a computer by the hall invigilator to take the CBT.
- Candidates are not permitted to carry any text material (printed / written), slide rulers, log tables, electronic watches with facility of calculator, mobile phones or any other electronic devices.
- Candidate should bring a pencil or pen to carry out any rough calculations. A scratch pad will be provided during the CBT.
- The test will start exactly at the time specified in the admit-card and an announcement will be made by invigilator at the start, and at the end of the exam.
- During the exam process, the hall Invigilator can request for the admit-card for verification of the candidate's identity.
- The CBT comprises of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ) with the question number and the time left for the exam to be completed appearing at the top center of the computer screen.
- Candidate will not be permitted to take extra time under any circumstances, unless and otherwise permitted by the Centre Superintendents.
- For each question, candidates should select the right option using the mouse.
- Candidates will not be permitted to leave the exam hall until the completion of the exam.
- Candidates are requested to keep the admit-card safely with them and bring it during the admission process. Candidate should produce the E-Admit-card on demand.

Test Cities VITREE – July 2025

20-04-2025 (Sunday) : Time 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

24-04-2025 (Thursday) : Time 2:30 pm to 4:30 pm

Sl. No.	State	City
1	Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati (AP)
2		Anantapur
3		Eluru
4		Nellore
5		Tirupathi
6		Kurnool
7		Rajamahendravaram (Rajahmundry)
8		Srikakulam
9		Visakhapatnam
10	Assam	Guwahati
11	Bihar	Bhagalpur
12		Patna
13	Chhattisgarh	Raipur
14	Delhi	New Delhi
15	Gujarat	Ahmedabad
16	Jharkhand	Bokaro Steel City
17	Karnataka	Bengaluru
18		Hubballi (Hubli)
19		Mangaluru (Mangalore)
20		Mysuru (Mysore)
21	Kerala	Ernakulam
22		Kozhikode
23		Thiruvananthapuram
24		Thrissur
25	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal
26		Gwalior
27		Indore
28	Maharashtra	Mumbai
29		Nagpur
30		Pune
31	Odisha	Bhubaneswar
32	Puducherry	Puducherry
33	Punjab	Sahibzada Ajit Singh Nagar (Mohali)
34	Rajasthan	Jaipur
35	Tamil Nadu	Chennai
36		Vellore
37		Coimbatore
38		Erode
39		Madurai
40		Salem
41		Tiruchirappalli
42		Thanjavur
43		Nagercoil
44	Tirunelveli	
45	Telangana	Hyderabad
46		Karimnagar
47		Khammam
48		Mahabubnagar
49		Warangal
50	Uttar Pradesh	Lucknow
51		Varanasi
52	Uttarakhand	Dehradun
53	West Bengal	Kolkata

Sl. No.	State	City	
1	Andaman and Nicobar Island	Sri Vijaya Puram (Port Blair)	
2	Andhra Pradesh	Amaravati (AP)	
3	Arunachal Pradesh	Naharlagun	
4	Assam	Dibrugarh	
5		Silchar	
6	Bihar	Gaya	
7		Muzaffarpur	
8	Chhattisgarh	Bhilai	
9		Bilaspur	
10	Goa	Mapusa	
11	Gujarat	Jamnagar	
12		Rajkot	
13		Surat	
14		Vadodara	
15	Haryana	Faridabad	
16		Gurugram	
17		Hisar	
18		Kurukshetra	
19	Himachal Pradesh	Shimla	
20	Jammu and Kashmir	Jammu	
21		Srinagar	
22	Jharkhand	Dhanbad	
23		Jamshedpur	
24		Ranchi	
25	Madhya Pradesh	Bhopal	
26		Jabalpur	
27		Chhatrapati Sambhajnagar (Aurangabad)	
28	Maharashtra	Kolhapur	
29		Latur	
30		Nashik	
31		Solapur	
32		Thane	
33		Manipur	Imphal
34	Meghalaya	Shillong	
35	Mizoram	Aizawl	
36	Odisha	Berhampur-Ganjam	
37		Rourkela	
38	Punjab	Amritsar	
39		Bathinda	
40		Jalandhar	
41		Ludhiana	
42		Pathankot	
43	Rajasthan	Ajmer	
44		Bikaner	
45		Jodhpur	
46		Kota	
47		Udaipur	
48	Sikkim	Gangtok	
49	Tamil Nadu	Chennai	
50		Vellore	
51	Telangana	Nalgonda	
52	Tripura	Agartala	
53	Uttar Pradesh	Ghaziabad	
54		Meerut	
55		Noida	
56		Agra	
57		Aligarh	
58		Bareilly	
59		Gorakhpur	
60		Jhansi	
61		Kanpur	
62		Mathura	
63		Moradabad	
64		Prayagraj	
65		Uttarakhand	Roorkee
66			Haldwani
67	West Bengal	Asansol	
68		Durgapur	
69		Siliguri	

18. Important Dates (Tentative)

Issue of online application	27th January 2025 (Monday)
Last date for submission of Online application	31 March 2025 (Mon)
Date of VITREE through Computer Based Test	20th & 24th Apr 2025 (Sun & Thursday)
Date of personal interview (hybrid mode) *	10 th & 11 th May 2025 (Sat. & Sun)
Declaration of results	26th May 2025 (Mon)
Last date for selecting a research guide	9th Jun 2025 (Mon)
Last date for paying tuition fees through online	9th Jun 2025 (Mon)
Reporting in person at VIT, Vellore	To be announced



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