# UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS
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**VIT**®
**Vellore Institute of Technology**
(Deemed to be University under section 3 of UGC Act, 1956)

# B.Sc. (Hons.)
# AGRICULTURE
# PROGRAMME
## (4 YEAR)

PROSPECTUS

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## 1. About VIT

VIT (Vellore Institute of Technology), established in 1984, was conferred with the status of a deemed university in 2001 by the Government of India. Over three decades, the institution has evolved into an innovator in higher education, expanding from 180 students to over 67,000. Today, it stands among India's most prominent and esteemed universities, offering top-ranked academic programs. The main campus is located in Vellore, with additional campuses in Chennai, VIT-AP at Amaravati, and VIT-Bhopal at Madhya Pradesh, established as State Private Universities later on. Designed with eco-friendly principles and equipped with cutting-edge infrastructure, VIT fosters an environment conducive to learning and living. Emphasizing quality in teaching, research, and innovation, VIT is dedicated to a student-centred culture, prioritizing excellence and consistency in learning, teaching, and research endeavours.

## 2. School of Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning (VAIAL)

VIT School of Agricultural Innovations and Advanced Learning (VAIAL) is engaged in Agricultural education, research and extension. Core activities of the school revolves around teaching in Agriculture, training of students, organizing farmers training programmes, outreach and field programmes for the farmers as well as research in agricultural and allied sectors on a techno-commercial scale. Integrated and self-sustainable organic farming is the main focus of the school. The School is strengthened with qualified faculty in various fields of agriculture including Agronomy, Soil Science, Entomology, Plant Pathology, Agricultural Microbiology, Plant Breeding and Genetics, Plant Biotechnology, Crop Physiology, Agro Processing, Agricultural Engineering, Geoengineering, Horticulture, Water Technology and Agricultural Extension. Many of our faculty are trained abroad either for Ph.D. or Postdoctoral Research in countries like USA, UK, Canada, Mexico, Philippines, South Korea, France and Switzerland.

The current research strength of VIT in agriculture and allied subject areas includes microbial biotechnology, tissue culture technology, crop genomics research, molecular markers for crop improvement, Hi-Tech horticulture, remote sensing applications in agriculture, management of problem soils, medicinal plant research, food quality and processing, fermented food and food product development, renewable energy for agriculture and design of cost-effective farm machinery. For our research, we collaborate with multiple institutes in the country and abroad including Agricultural Universities and Research Institutes in addition to Agricultural organizations and multinational companies.

## 3. Curriculum

Core activities of the school revolves around teaching in Agriculture, training of students, organizing farmers training programmes, outreach and field programmes for the farmers as well as research in agricultural and allied sectors on a techno-commercial scale.
**Curriculum : https://vit.ac.in/school/course/vaial/ug**

## 4. Facilities

The School has facilities for teaching, research and extension activities in agriculture. Some of the facilities include teaching labs with high-end equipment and analytical instrumentation, smart classrooms, conference halls, research labs for multi and trans-disciplinary research, sufficient space of agricultural and horticultural land, botanical garden, medicinal plant garden, composting units, irrigation facilities, farm office and farm machinery. VAIAL also enjoys the facilities of other Schools and various branches of Engineering, Science and Technology of VIT. The School also has reasonable number of farm staff to monitor and execute day-to-day farm activities. Crops such as rice, vegetables, pulses, coconut, millets etc are grown in the farm and are marketed to the VIT faculty, staff and students at a reasonable cost on regular basis. Excess farm produce is supplied to VIT guest house and student hostels.

**Facilities: https://vit.ac.in/schools/vaial**



## 5. Selection Procedure

- There is NO ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
- Applicants who have studied through regular, full-time, and formal education are eligible to apply.
- Admission will be based on the performance in the qualifying examination (10+2).

## 6. Eligibility

### 6.1 Nationality
The applicant should be either a Resident Indian National or a Non-Resident Indian National.

### 6.2 Age Limit:
- Applicants born on or after 01.07.2004 are eligible to apply for B.Sc. Agriculture admission for the academic year 2024.
- Applicants must present the original birth certificate as proof of their age during counselling/admission. Failure to do so will result in disqualification from the admission process.

## 6.3 Qualifying Examination

- The final examination must be from the 10+2 system of Higher Secondary Examination conducted by the State Board, Central Board of Secondary Education (CBSE, New Delhi), or The Council for Indian School Certificate Examination (ISCE, New Delhi), Intermediate, or Two-year Pre-University Examination conducted by a recognized board/university, or an equivalent examination.
- NIOS Board and Open schools recognized by JEE are acceptable.
- Students who have appeared for their standard XII examination and are awaiting results are also eligible to apply, provided they submit their passing certificate by the notified date.

## 6.4 Subject Eligibility in the Qualifying Examination

- **A pass with an overall aggregate of 70% with Physics, Chemistry and Mathematics / Biology (Botany & Zoology) / Agriculture as subjects in the qualifying examination mentioned above.**
- In case, applicants belong to SC/ST community or hail from Jammu and Kashmir/ Ladakh and the North Eastern States of Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Manipur, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Nagaland, Sikkim and Tripura, 10% relaxation is provided (i.e.,) 60% minimum aggregate as per the condition, in the qualifying examination mentioned above.

## 7. Admission Procedure

- There is NO ENTRANCE EXAMINATION
- Admission is through merit and is based on mentioned qualifying examination
- A rank list will be prepared on the basis of 10+2 marks
- Shortlisted applicants will be called for counselling ( online / physical )
- The fact that a candidate has been qualified and called for the counselling does not guarantee admission to him / her. This depends upon the candidates rank and the availability of seats

## 8. Online Application Form

- Applications must be submitted online via the website: https://admissions.vit.ac.in/bsc-agriculture-2024-applications
- Candidates should register with a valid email ID and mobile number, as all correspondence will be communicated through these registered email/mobile number only
- **The application cost is Rs.700, and it is non-refundable**

**Steps to be followed for online application:**

Step 1: Register yourself by clicking on "New applicant."

Step 2: Verify your registered email address by using the OTP received from VIT.

Step 3: Once OTP is validated, a password will be sent to your registered email address. Keep this email ID and password secure until the admission process is complete.

Step 4: Fill out the application form online using Net banking, Debit card, Credit card, or Paytm.

Step 5: Pay the non-refundable application fee of Rs.700.

Step 6: Upload age proof certificate, 12th mark sheet

**Applicants are required to upload the below mentioned documents on the application portal (based on availability within the time frame)**
- Copy of Age proof certificate / Copy of Aadhar Card
- Copy of XII Hall Ticket (for applicants awaiting results)
- Copy of XII Mark statement (for all attempts)
- Copy of Community Certificate (For SC/ST Applicants)
- Copy of Nativity Certificate (For Applicants hailing from North Eastern States and Jammu & Kashmir/ Ladakh)

## 9. Declaration of Results

- The results of shortlisted candidates will be announced
  Shortlisted candidates will then be invited for online counselling

## 10. Online Counselling Procedure

- BEING CALLED FOR ONLINE COUNSELLING DOES NOT GUARANTEE A SEAT.
- Seat allotment is based on the candidate's rank, and seat availability.
- Once a seat is allotted, the category cannot be changed.
- Details regarding seat allotment, instructions for admission fee payment, and downloading the allotment letter will be communicated to candidates through the counselling portal.
- Provisional admission will be cancelled if the candidate does not meet the eligibility norms.

## 11. Tuition Fees

**Category 1**

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| Tuition Fee (Per Annum) | INR 1,10,000 |
| Caution Deposit (Refundable) (One time payment) | INR 3,000 |
| Total fees to be paid for the first year | INR 1,13,000 |

**Category 2**

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| Tuition Fee (Per Annum) | INR 1,95,000 |
| Caution Deposit (Refundable) (One time payment) | INR 3,000 |
| Total fees to be paid for the first year | INR 1,98,000 |

**Category 3**

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| Tuition Fee (Per Annum) | INR 2,25,000 |
| Caution Deposit (Refundable) (One time payment) | INR 3,000 |
| Total fees to be paid for the first year | INR 2,28,000 |

## 12. Document Submission at the time of Admission

**The following documents in original should be submitted at the time of reporting to the Institute:**

**Original Documents:**
• XII Mark statements of all attempts of qualifying examination
• Transfer Certificate / School leaving Certificate
• Migration Certificate (if issued by the board)
• Student Profile (https://admissions.vit.ac.in/freshersportal/login) – (Signed by Student & Parent)
• Affidavit by the Student (https://vit.ac.in/files/admissions/Affidavit_Student.pdf) – (Signed & Notarized)
• Affidavit by the Parent (https://vit.ac.in/files/admissions/Affidavit_Parent.pdf) - (Signed & Notarized)
• Hostel Affidavit (https://vit.ac.in/campuslife/hostels) - (Signed & Notarized)
• Certificate of Physical Fitness (https://vit.ac.in/files/admissions/PhysicalFitness_Certificate.pdf) (Certified by authorized Physician)
• Undertaking form (https://vit.ac.in/sites/default/files/Undertaking.pdf) - (Signed by Student & Parent)
• Recent passport size colour photos – 2 Nos.

**Copy of documents (1 set):**
• Copy of Provisional Admission Letter
• Aadhar card / Age proof certificate
• X & XII mark sheet
• Transfer Certificate/School Leaving Certificate
• Migration Certificate
• Community Certificate (For SC/ST only)
• Nativity Certificate (For candidates hailing from Jammu and Kashmir, Ladhak and the North Eastern states)

**Additional Documents required from NRI/Foreign students:**
• Passport Copy (Student & Parent)
• Employer Certificate (original)
• Sponsorship letter (original)
All copies of documents will be archived and will not be returned for any reason.

## 13. Withdrawal Procedure

• Candidates can request withdrawal either online or by submitting in person.
• The necessary form for withdrawal/clearances must be obtained to facilitate the withdrawal process.
• The withdrawal application date is considered as the date of submitting the clearance form.
• Refund will be processed through account transfer to the bank account mentioned in the withdrawal request. Accurate bank account details must be provided.

## 14. Refund of Fees

The policy announced by AICTE / UGC, will be adopted, as and when announced.

## 15. Hostel

A home away from home, the hostels at VIT are more than four walls and a roof. They are designed to offer comfortable, safe, inclusive, and secure living, fostering opportunities to forge lasting friendships and ease the transition from home to college. The residential staff is consistently available to support students from diverse backgrounds, promoting a sense of community.

**Living on campus provides students with opportunities to:**
• Develop stronger interpersonal and communication skills
• Establish relationships with faculty and staff members
• Connect with a diverse population
• Engage in campus leadership, organizations, and activities
**For more details: https://vit.ac.in/campuslife/hostels**

## 16. Campus Life

Every effort by the management and administrative boards aims to ensure that every student perceives VIT as a vibrant, enjoyable, and resourceful community to enrich their academic years. Acknowledging the impact these formative years can have on shaping national and global expectations, VIT endeavours to promote, introduce, and expand all initiatives that shape their intellect. By introducing clubs, chapters, and college festivals, students are not only exposed to a competitive environment within the university but also to reputable universities and colleges across the country.
**For more details, https://vit.ac.in/campuslife/overview**

## 17. Anti-Ragging

• At VIT, great emphasis is placed on maintaining a ragging-free campus. An Anti-Ragging Committee, chaired by the Director of Students' Welfare, includes Assistant Directors, Students' Welfare as members and nominated Faculty members from each school as Coordinators. Each school also appoints Coordinators, alongside a team of squad members comprising both faculty and staff.
• If any student experiences any form of ragging or harassment, they can bring the grievance to the attention of the Chairperson or any Committee member from their respective schools for appropriate action and resolution.

## 18. Important Dates

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| Last date for Receipt of the Application | April 2nd week, 2024 (tentatively) |
| Result Declaration | Refer website |
| Counselling | Refer website |

## 19. Accreditation and Ranking

Accredited with the highest
grade A++ by NAAC

Ranked #11
Best Engineering Institution
of India

Ranked #163 in Asia by
QS World University
Ranking - Asia, 2024.

## 20. Placements (2023 Graduated Batch)*

**947**
No. of
Companies

**4,493**
No. of Super
Dream Offers

**3,540**
No. of
Dream Offers

**6,532**
No. of
Regular Offers

**14,565**
Overall
Offers

**₹1.02 Cr.**
Highest
Package (Per Annum)

*For all programmes

## 21. Contact

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