Eligibility

1. **Who can apply?**
   Students from any discipline who are in their final year of Bachelors, recent graduates, professionals with work experience are eligible to apply.

2. **I am awaiting the results of my undergraduate degree. Am I eligible to apply?**
   Yes. You may apply with the latest academic record available. However, if selected, you will have to produce a provisional certificate indicating your year of graduation. After this, you will have to submit proof of your official degree certificate by December 2024.

3. **Is there any age limit to apply for the course?**
   No, there is no age limit to apply for the course.

4. **Is there a grade prerequisite for the programme?**
   The applicant should have a first division/class in their Bachelor's degree.

5. **Is this a full-time course or a part-time course?**
   This is a one-year, full-time programme starting from July 2024. Classes will be conducted on the IIIT-B campus.

Application Process

1. **When is the last date to apply for the programme?**
   The last date to apply is May 3, 2024.

2. **How do I apply?**
   As a first step, register on https://pravesh.iiitb.net/home. After registration, you will receive your login credentials by email. Log in with your credentials on https://pravesh.iiitb.net/home and start filling out the application form.

3. **The online application portal is not working. What should I do?**
   For clarifications, details and queries, write to the Admissions Team at admission-ds@iiitb.ac.in.
   .

4. **When is the entrance exam?**
   Online written test and personal interviews will be conducted on 11th and 12th May, 2024 respectively.

5. **Where will the entrance exam and personal interviews be conducted?**
   Both the entrance exam and the personal interview will be conducted online. Candidates, who request and seek prior permission, will also have an option to appear for the written test and interview in person at the IIIT-B campus, in which case candidates will have to arrange for their own accommodation.

6. **Who is exempt from the entrance exam for the programme?**
   Candidates with a valid score in CAT 2023, CEED 2024, CUCET 2024 or CUET (PG) 2024 may be exempted from appearing for the written test as part of the selection process.

7. **I have a valid test score (from CAT 2023, CEED 2024, CUCET 2024 or CUET (PG) 2024) but I still wish to appear for the IIIT-B entrance exam. What can I do?**
   You may choose to appear for the online entrance exam conducted by IIIT-B. Please note that the better of the two sores will be considered while evaluating your application.

8. **How do I prepare for the entrance exam?**
   For sample questions, please visit this link:
   https://www.iiitb.ac.in/includefiles/userfiles/files/PGP-DPDM_Sample%20questions(1).pdf

9. **If I am exempted from the entrance exam, do I still have to appear for the personal interview?**
   Yes, candidates will have to appear for personal interviews even if they are exempted from the entrance examination.

10. **For the exempt categories, is there a cutoff for the scores?**
    There is no explicit cutoff for exempt categories. However, applicants will be evaluated cumulatively based on their performance in high school and undergraduate education (40% weightage), submitted exam scores (either IIIT-B entrance exam or valid test scores) (30% weightage) and personal interviews (30% weightage).

11. **How do I know if I am offered admission?**
    The first set of selected candidates will be notified via email by 20 May, 2024 (additional lists may be released if required).

About the Programme

1. **What is the curriculum of the 1-year programme?**
   The 1-year programme constitutes of an orientation month followed by two terms, with the final four months concurrently dedicated to undertaking a capstone project (from March-June, 2025). For more details on the detailed curriculum structure, please visit 'Curriculum Structure' section at iiitb.ac.in/courses/post-graduate-programme

2. **Is this programme entirely residential?**
   Classes will be conducted on campus at IIIT-Bangalore. However, it is not mandatory for students to stay in the Institute hostels. If required, on-campus accommodation can be provided depending on availability (additional hostel and mess fee will be applicable).

3. **Am I eligible for placements?**
   Upon graduating, students of the PGP-DPDM will be eligible for assistance from IIIT-B's placement office.

4. **What happens after I complete the programme?**
   Students will have the option of lateral entry (for selected candidates) to IIIT-B's Master of Science by Research in the Digital Society domain after the successful completion of the one-year PGP-DPDM.

5. **What are the placement opportunities available?**
   Some job roles include:
   - UX/User Researchers
   - PhD Scholars
   - Product Managers
   - Data Analysts
   - Policy Researchers
   - Social Entrepreneurs

For Candidates with Disability

1. **I am a candidate with disability and need assistance. What do I do?**
   Please write to admission-ds@iiitb.ac.in stating your request along with an attachment of your disability certificate. Our Admissions Committee will review your request and get back to you.

2. **I require a scribe, what is the procedure for me to take the written test?**
   We will be able to accommodate requests for scribes from persons with print disability and others who may need them to take the entrance exam. We will need a disability certificate of the candidate and an identity proof of the scribe chosen by the candidate. We request that the scribes chosen are of educational levels similar to the candidate's or lower. If required, additional time will also be provided to such candidates. For the written test, the scribe can help the candidate to navigate through the questions and write the answers on the online test platform.

3. **Is there a separate fee for PwD?**
   There is no separate application fee or course fee for candidates with disability. However, they may be considered for scholarships. Such scholarships will be awarded on a case-by-case basis.