MSR/PhD Interviews at IIIT Bangalore (12-16 July 2021)
Guidelines for Candidates

I. General guidelines

1. The interviews will be conducted using the online Zoom platform. The link to your interview panel's Zoom meeting will be shared with you along with the date and tentative time of your interview. Please ensure you are familiar with Zoom calls and slide-sharing and the device you plan to use to connect for the interview has the right settings configured for sharing video and audio.

2. Please be ready to join the interview 30 min. before your designated interview time; if need be (e.g., a previous candidate does not turn up) the interview panel might call you, on your mobile, and ask you to join earlier.

3. Please join the Zoom meeting 15 min before the designated time of your interview. You will have to be in the waiting room till the interview panel is ready to let you in.

4. While joining the Zoom meeting, please use your full name (as provided in the application) so that the interview panel can identify you. You can use the "Rename" option to change your label if it does not show your full name as mentioned in the application form.

5. You will have to switch on your video during the interview, so please ensure the primary connection is good. Try to sit in a quiet place having a plain background, if possible. It is also advisable to keep a back-up alternate connection.

6. A typical interview may last 15 to 30 minutes. The actual duration may depend on the interview panel and the candidate, so please be prepared for an additional 10-15 minutes, if required.

7. Some questions might require you to write on a sheet of paper and show the answer on the camera, so please keep a sheet of paper and pen ready. This will depend on the research domain and the interview panel.

8. After the interview, please do not get in touch with anyone from the interview panel whose phone number you might have in course of establishing the connection etc. Do keep their phone numbers confidential. The results will be notified as per the timeline announced on the Institute website.

9. Keep a soft copy of all the documents uploaded as part of your application.

10. You may reach out to Ms. Nandakumari/ Ms. Roshni D'Souza on (080) 41407777 / 28527627 if you face any issues in connecting with the interview panel.

II. Research domain specific guidelines

<u>Computer Science (CS)</u>
The candidates MAY (not essential) make a presentation of their interests for NOT more than 5-8 minutes. The remainder of the interview will be of an interactive nature with the panel.

<u>Data Science (DS)</u>
The first five minutes of the interview is yours; you are requested to prepare 6 slides - 1 slide to give a background of yourself, and 5 slides which are technical where you can talk about your project/thesis, essentially showing your technical interest and competence. STRICTLY maximum 5 min please!! After five minutes, the interview panel, consisting of 3-5 faculty members, will ask questions.

<u>Information Technology & Society (ITS)</u>
As part of the interview process, please be prepared to make a 12-15 min presentation on your SOP/Research statement, which will be followed by questions and a discussion from the panel members.

<u>Networking, Communications and Signal Processing (NCSP)</u>
The first five minutes of the interview is yours; you are requested to prepare 6 slides - 1 slide to give a background of yourself, and 5 slides which are technical where you can talk about your project/thesis, essentially showing your technical interest and competence. STRICTLY maximum 5 min please!! After five minutes, the interview panel, consisting of 3-5 faculty members, will ask questions.

<u>VLSI</u>
Please spend the first 2-3 minutes introducing yourselves. Please have a pen and paper ready to answer questions.