

# Science Colleges Accepting IISER Entrance Exam in India

A Shiksha.com Education Consulting Report — IISER Aptitude Test (IAT) 2026

The IISER Entrance Exam, popularly known as the IISER Aptitude Test (IAT), is a national-level entrance examination that provides admission to the 5-year BS-MS (and related BS/B.Tech) programmes offered by the Indian Institutes of Science Education and Research (IISERs). Besides the seven IISERs, IAT scores are also accepted by a few other premier institutes for specific programmes. Below is the consolidated list of Science colleges in India that accept the IISER Entrance Exam for admission, as listed on Shiksha.com.

## Colleges Accepting IISER Entrance Exam (IAT) Scores

| College / Institute   | Location                     | Type & Est.          | Programme Offered via IAT   |
|---|------------------------------|----------------------|---|
| <b>IISER Pune</b><br>Indian Institute of Science Education & Research               | Pune, Maharashtra            | Public<br>Estd. 2006 | 5-Year BS-MS (Biological / Chemical / Physical / Mathematical / Earth & Climate Sciences)           |
| <b>IISER Kolkata</b><br>Indian Institute of Science Education & Research            | Mohanpur, Nadia, West Bengal | Public<br>Estd. 2006 | 5-Year BS-MS + 4-Year BS/B.Tech (incl. Computational & Data Sciences, Chemical Engineering, EECS)   |
| <b>IISER Mohali</b><br>Indian Institute of Science Education & Research             | Mohali, Punjab               | Public<br>Estd. 2007 | 5-Year BS-MS (incl. Geology & Environmental Sciences majors)  |
| <b>IISER Bhopal</b><br>Indian Institute of Science Education & Research             | Bhopal, Madhya Pradesh       | Public<br>Estd. 2008 | 5-Year BS-MS + 4-Year BS in Economic Sciences + B.Tech (Chemical Engg., EECS, Data Science & Engg.) |
| <b>IISER Thiruvananthapuram</b><br>Indian Institute of Science Education & Research | Thiruvananthapuram, Kerala   | Public<br>Estd. 2008 | 5-Year BS-MS  |
| <b>IISER Tirupati</b><br>Indian Institute of Science Education & Research           | Tirupati, Andhra Pradesh     | Public<br>Estd. 2015 | 5-Year BS-MS + 4-Year BS in Economic & Statistical Sciences   |
| <b>IISER Berhampur</b><br>Indian Institute of Science Education & Research          | Berhampur, Odisha            | Public<br>Estd. 2016 | 5-Year BS-MS  |
| <b>IISc Bangalore</b><br>Indian Institute of Science                                | Bangalore, Karnataka         | Public<br>Estd. 1909 | 4-Year BS Programme (admission through IAT channel)   |
| <b>IIT Madras</b><br>Indian Institute of Technology Madras                          | Chennai, Tamil Nadu          | Public<br>Estd. 1959 | BS in Medical Sciences and Engineering (admission through IAT channel)                              |

Note: Shiksha.com's science-college listing for the IISER Entrance Exam shows a total of about 11 colleges (9 public, 1 private) offering B.Sc./M.Sc./MS-level programmes linked to this exam once location-specific and specialization-specific campus entries are counted individually. The seven IISERs above form the core of admissions purely through IAT; IISc Bangalore and IIT Madras accept IAT scores only for their own specific programmes as noted. For the latest, exact college-wise cutoffs and seat-matrix data, please refer to the live Shiksha.com page.

## Key Facts About IISER Entrance Exam (IAT)

- Total seats offered through IAT (2025-26 cycle): approximately 2,363 seats across all participating institutes.
- Exam pattern: 60 questions (15 each from Biology, Chemistry, Mathematics and Physics), 240 marks total.
- Since the 2025 academic session, admission is offered only through IAT scores — the earlier JEE Main and KVPY channels have been discontinued.
- Popular specializations available across these institutes include Biological Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Physical Sciences, Mathematical Sciences, Earth & Environmental Sciences, Data Science, Economic Sciences and Engineering Sciences (at select IISERs).

## Location Snapshot

| State / UT     | City               | Institute(s)             |
|----------------|--------------------|--------------------------|
| Maharashtra    | Pune               | IISER Pune               |
| West Bengal    | Nadia (Mohanpur)   | IISER Kolkata            |
| Punjab         | Mohali             | IISER Mohali             |
| Madhya Pradesh | Bhopal             | IISER Bhopal             |
| Kerala         | Thiruvananthapuram | IISER Thiruvananthapuram |
| Andhra Pradesh | Tirupati           | IISER Tirupati           |
| Odisha         | Berhampur          | IISER Berhampur          |
| Karnataka      | Bangalore          | IISc Bangalore           |
| Tamil Nadu     | Chennai            | IIT Madras               |

## Counsellor's Note

As your Shiksha.com education consultant, my recommendation is to shortlist IISERs based on your preferred specialization track and campus location, since the core BS-MS curriculum and research exposure are broadly comparable across all seven IISERs. If your interest lies specifically in Engineering Sciences or Economic Sciences, IISER Bhopal and IISER Tirupati are currently the only campuses offering these tracks. Candidates aiming for IISc Bangalore or IIT Madras through the IAT channel should note that these are separate, highly selective admission routes distinct from the regular IISER counselling process.

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