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GRADUATE APTITUDE TEST-BIOTECHNOLOGY (GAT-B) 2020

(Eligibility test for admission to DBT-supported PG Programmes in Biotechnology in participating institutions across India: M.Sc. Biotechnology, M.Sc. Agricultural Biotechnology, M.V.Sc., M.Tech. Biotechnology and M.Sc. in allied areas)

This eligibility test replaces Combined Entrance Examination for Biotechnology (CEEB) conducted previously by Jawaharlal Nehru University (JNU).

1. GENERAL

Biotechnology is a multidisciplinary area on the educational scene and programmes have been developed to meet the growing demand for trained manpower for any meaningful Biotechnological activity in the country. The programmes are designed to expose the students to methodology, basics and advances of various areas of biotechnology including health, industry, agriculture and medicine.

2. GRADUATE APTITUDE TEST-BIOTECHNOLOGY (GAT-B)

The Graduate Aptitude Test in Biotechnology (GAT-B), being conducted by the Regional Centre for Biotechnology on behalf of the Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, is the admission eligibility test for DBT-supported PG programmes in the various institutions.

The GAT-B examination centres will be spread across the country. The list of examination centres can be seen at www.rcb.res.in/GATB. The examination will be a Computer Based Test (CBT). The duration of the examination will be 180 minutes. The details of examination, marking scheme and syllabus is available at www.rcb.res.in/GATB.

Note that the GAT-B rank is valid for the academic year 2020-21 only. Call for admissions will be advertised separately by the participating institutions for DBT-supported programmes. RCB/DBT will not be responsible for the admission & selection process by the individual participating institutions.

3. DETAILS OF GAT-B EXAMINATION

The examination will be conducted in a single shift for a duration of 180 minutes. The question paper will have two parts:

PART- A: Part A will have 60 compulsory multiple choice questions of the level of 10+2 in the subjects: Physics, Chemistry, Mathematics and Biology. Each correct answer will be of one mark each. There will be negative marking and for each wrong answer, ½ (half) mark will be deducted.

PART-B: Part B will have multiple choice questions of bachelor's level requiring thinking and analysis. There will be questions from basic Biology, Life Sciences, Biotechnology and allied areas as per syllabus attached. There will be 100 questions out of which the candidates will have to attempt 60 questions. Each correct answer will have a weightage of

3 marks. There will be negative marking and for each wrong answer one mark will be deducted.

Sample question papers are available on RCB website. A mock test is also available on the RCB website.

4. PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS AND DBT-SUPPORTED PROGRAMMES

The list of participating institutions and DBT-supported programmes is given in Annexure-A. Based on the rank as per the All India category-wise merit list generated through the GATB test, the student may apply to different DBT-supported programmes of participating institutions to secure admission as per their respective admission and selection process. All correspondence regarding admissions to the DBT-supported programmes may be sent to the respective participating institution.

5. ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Candidates meeting eligibility criteria for admission to DBT-supported programmes in participating institutions as per Annexure-A are eligible to apply for GAT-B. You may further verify the eligibility criteria for a programme on the respective institution website.

In case you do not meet the minimum eligibility criteria (as per Annexure A) and still appear in the entrance examination, you will do so at your own risk and cost.

If at any stage, it is found that you do not fulfil the minimum eligibility requirements of the requisite DBT-supported programme, the rules of the participating institution for cancellation/termination of admission will be applicable.

6. RESERVATION POLICY

There will be separate merit lists of qualified students for the various categories of students as per the Government of India norms. The participating institutions are required to follow the reservation rules as applicable to them.

7. MERIT LIST

An All-India category-wise merit list of students appearing in the examination will be drawn. Based on the GAT-B rank, the participating institutions (as per Annexure-A) may conduct admissions and generate their own waiting list as per their respective norms.

8. STUDENTSHIP SUPPORT

All students admitted under the DBT-supported programmes of any participating institution will be paid the stipend as under:

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| a) M.Sc. in Biotechnology & Allied Areas | - | Rs. 5000/- per month |
| b) M.Sc. in Agricultural Biotechnology | - | Rs. 7500/- per month |
| c) M.Tech./M.V.Sc. programmes | - | Rs. 12000/- per month |

The continuation of stipend for the second year of the programme is subject to satisfactory progress of the student, to be certified by the participating institutions.

The participating institutions shall provide the list of students admitted through this process into the DBT-supported programmes and stipends will be disbursed to the students through the admitting institutions after due verification.

9. MODE OF APPLICATION

Detailed procedure for filling the application form, payment of application fee and uploading of required documents/certificates in the prescribed format, is given at: www.rcb.res.in/GATB. A non-refundable and non-transferable application fee of Rs. 1000/- is payable online by General/ OBC candidates and Rs. 500/- by SC/ ST/ EWS/ Differently abled candidates.

A candidate may opt for the test centre of his choice from the options given in the application form.

10. IMPORTANT NOTES

- This examination is to rank the eligibility of the candidate among all applicants. The candidates will be given a GAT-B rank based on which they may apply to the various DBT-supported PG programmes in participating institutions. The participating institutions will advertise and admit students as per their admission & selection process.
- Candidates are requested to kindly go through the Advertisement and the How to Apply Guide on the GAT-B portal before filling the application form.
- If any information furnished by the candidate in the application form is found to be false, his/her admission, may be cancelled, ipso facto.
- Candidates may note that failed payment will be reverted automatically. However, for duplicate payments, refund will be made post closure of the application form.
- RCB reserves the right to change/cancel any Centre of Examination without assigning any reason thereof.
- Candidates must fill the application form carefully, once submitted after payment of requisite fee, no edits/modifications will be permitted.

IMPORTANT DATES

EVENT	DATE
Online Registration Start Date	01 st June, 2020
Online Registration Close	18 th June, 2020
Issue of Admit Card	25 th June, 2020
GAT-B 2020	30 th June, 2020
Display of Question Paper and Answer Key on Website	2 nd July, 2020
Last date of accepting representation of any discrepancy in Question paper and Answer Key	06 th July, 2020
Declaration of GAT-B rank of Candidates	20 th July, 2020

Disclaimer: Based on the GAT-B rank, candidate may apply to the various DBT-supported programmes in different participating institutions. The institutions will advertise and admit students as per their admission & selection process.

RCB/DBT will not be responsible for admission & selection process of participating institutions.

In view of on-going COVID-19 situation, the exam centres may be shifted/changed, depending on the guidelines of the respective states for conduct of the tests.

The decision of the competent authority will be final and binding in all cases.

For any queries, please write to helpdesk ID: helpdesk.gatb@rcb.res.in.