Frequently Asked Questions 2018-19

1. Why IAR?

Ans: Institute of Advanced Research, Gandhinagar is a young and growing University. We believe our students will follow the footsteps of three visionaries of our university, namely Prof. Nathu Ram Puri, Shri Narendra Modi, and Dr. A.P.J. Abdul Kalam, who are always an inspiration to us. Our aim is to provide an excellent education through research in order to create researchers, academicians, leaders and entrepreneurs.

2. How education at IAR is different from other Universities?

- Highly qualified and experienced faculties. Many of them have post-doctoral research experience from overseas.
- Percentage of Faculty having PhDs in each School:
  - Biological Sciences and Biotechnology   : 100%
  - Centre for Engineering and Enterprise   : 80%
  - Leadership and Business School   : 84%
- Good research infrastructure, with well-equipped research labs.
- Over 80 publications in high-impact international journals in last few years.
- Research-based quality education. The curriculum is designed by incorporating analytical, logical and practical knowledge.
- Students have an opportunity to assist in research project and learn.
- Project work/ dissertation and thesis submission at UG and PG level.
- Only 30 students per class.
- Industrial exposure through visits and seminars.
- Visiting lectures by learned academicians, educators and industry experts.
- Inter-disciplinary academic program, with Choice Based Credit System (CBCS)
- Regular seminars, science conclaves and various co-curricular activities for all-round growth and development of students.
- Students given opportunities to develop their leadership and soft skills and entrepreneurial skills.
- University alumni are well-placed for higher studies in reputed Indian and foreign universities/ research institutes, or in work force.
- On-campus celebrations of festivals and national and international days.
- Focusing on the overall development of the students.

3. What are major achievements of IAR?

Ans: IAR has many feathers on its cap, some of the achievements are mentioned below:

- IAR, Gandhinagar is a Nodal Centre for UK-India Education and Research Initiative (UKIERI) with West Nottinghamshire College, United Kingdom.
- IAR is registered as a Nodal Institute under the Gujarat Govt startup scheme. It hosts Innovation and Entrepreneurship cell to promote innovations and start-ups.
- IAR, Gandhinagar is a recognized SIRO by DSIR. It has received funding support from most of the prestigious funding agencies of India:
  - Department of Biotechnology (DBT)
  - Department of Science and Technology (DST)
  - Indian Council of Medical Research (ICMR)
  - Science and Engineering Research Board (SERB)
  - Board of Research In Nuclear Sciences (BRNS)
  - Gujarat State Biotechnology Mission (GSBTM)
  - Gujarat Council on Science & Technology (GUJCOST), etc.
- Many Science faculties have been awarded the Young Investigator grants; International travel grants; and Best conference presentations. They have been invited as Keynote Speakers and as Chairpersons in scientific gatherings.
- All our PhD scholars are well placed internationally and nationally. 29 students are currently enrolled in our PhD program.

4. Is there any entrance test for getting admission in IAR?

Ans: At this moment, only PhD program admissions are through entrance test. For all other UG and PG courses, admissions are based on the merit list.

5. When is the last date for submitting the application form?

Ans: The last date for submitting the application form is as follows:

- PG programs   : **20 June 2018***   **(* *Dates may be extended*)**
- UG programs   : **25 June 2018***
- Engineering students   : **As suggested by ACPC**

6. What is the procedure of admission?

Ans: Admission is based on the merit list. To remove ambiguity among interested students, the admission team plans to go with the following:

1) Students with more than 60% marks will be given direct admission.
2) Students who have scored 50-59% marks will have a spot interview by the respective School/Centre and will then decide on confirmed admission.
3) Students who have scored 33-49% marks will also have a spot interview but the results will be given when the merit list is out.
4) All students whose admission has been approved need to pay both application fee (Rs 500) and registration fees (Rs 10,000) to secure their confirmed seat.

7. What documents are to be submitted with the application form?

Ans: Submit photocopies of the following documents while applying for admission:
- (10+2) School Marksheet and Certificates
- Date of Birth Certificate
- Aadhar Card
- 3 Passport size photographs
- Medical Fitness Certificate (only for physically handicapped candidates)
- B.Sc. Marksheets and certificates (for M.Sc. Admission)

8. Are there any fees involved in the admission process?

Ans: Yes. We have application fee and non-refundable fee for all courses.
- An **application fee of Rs. 500/-** is to be paid when submitting the application form.
- A **non-refundable registration fee of Rs. 10,000/-** is to be paid for securing admission.
- Admission to all Engineering Courses is provided by ACPC, and so the application fee and registration fee are not applicable to Engineering students.

9. What happens to the Registration fees if students do not join IAR after taking admission?

Ans: Registration Fee of 10,500 collected from students who come under point (1) and (2) of Question 6 **will not be** refunded. Registration Fee of 10,000 collected from waiting list category can either be converted as confirmed admission after approval of committee, or if cancelled fees can be refunded.

10. Can an application form be submitted without the application fee?

Ans: Application form can be submitted without an application fee. However, application form will be processed only after fee is paid. Admission will be confirmed only after receiving both application and registration fees.

11. Is there any hostel facility available? If so, what is the hostel fee?

Ans: Yes, we have separate hostels for both boys and girls in the campus. Hostel accommodation is on a shared basis (3 students per room). We also help students finding accommodation facility nearby the campus.

Hostel fees is Rs. 35,000/- per semester. It is inclusive of both accommodation and food.

12. What measures are taken by the University for the Safety of the students?

- **Ans:** The University campus is very safe. Hostel Wardens live in the campus.
- Both boys and girls hostels have CCTV, and also security guards.
- Security guards are placed at main gate, main building and around the campus.

13. What are the courses offered, fees charged and number of seats available?

Ans: The University has three Schools/Centres. Each School offers various courses.

School/Centre	Course	Fees per Semester (Rs)	Number of Seats
School of Biological Sciences and Biotechnology	M.Sc. Biotechnology	32,500	30
	M.Sc. Microbiology	32,500	30
	M.Sc. Life Sciences	32,500	30
	M.Sc. Plant Mol Biology & Biotech	32,500	10
	M.Sc. Environmental Science	32,500	15
	B.Sc. Biotechnology	27,000	40
	B.Sc. Microbiology	27,000	40
	B.Sc. Life Sciences	27,000	20
	B.Sc. Biomedical Science	27,000	30
Centre for Engineering and Enterprise	M.Sc. Physics	30,000	15
	M.Sc. Chemistry	30,000	30
	B.Sc. Physics	27,000	25
	B.Sc. Chemistry	27,000	25
	B.Sc. Computer Science	27,000	25
	B.Sc. Mathematics	27,000	20
	B.Sc. Physical Science	27,000	10
	B.Tech. Biotechnology	27,500	30
	B.Tech. Chemical Engineering	27,500	30
	B.Tech. Computer Engineering	27,500	30
	B.Tech. Electronics & Instrumentation	27,500	30
	B.Tech. Information Technology	27,500	30
Leadership and Business School	M.Com	15,000	30
	P.G. Diploma in Business Mgmt	12,000	30
	B.Com	11,000	30
	BA Economics	11,000	30
	BBA	20,000	30

14. Can a student from other state get admission at IAR's B.Tech programme?

Ans: Students from across India can get admission to our B.Tech programme by registering with the Gujarat ACPC at gujacpc.nic.in and can opt for IAR as their preference.

15. How is the fee payment made?

Ans: The fees can be paid either through online payment or demand draft or cash. If online payment is made, please bring a copy of the **online transactional receipt**.

BANK DETAILS FOR ONLINE PAYMENT

A/C Name   : **THE REGISTRAR, UNIVERSITY OF IAR**
A/C NO   : **202010110022154**   **A/C TYPE**   : **SAVING**
Bank Name   : **BANK OF INDIA**
Branch   : **GANDHINAGAR BRANCH - 382016**
IFSC CODE   : **BKID0002020**
MICR Code   : **380013044**

16. Does the university provide any financial support?

Ans: Yes, the university provides financial support for deserving students whose family annual income is below Rs. 2 lakhs.

17. Are there any Scholarships awarded to students?

Ans: Yes. We have 9 Merit Scholarships (3 per School/Centre) and they are awarded to students who have excellent academic performance at 10+2 exams.

18. Is transport facility available for students?

Ans: Bus facility is there for Ahmedabad and Gandhinagar.

- **Arrival time at university** 9:00 a.m. and departure at 5:30 p.m.
- Pickup points will be discussed with students
- Alternative arrangement with PDPU is available.

19. When does the University reopen?

Ans: The courses will start on the following dates:

- UG and PG classes (**old** batch students) : **2 July 2018**
- UG and PG classes (**new** batch students) : **16 July 2018**
- Engineering students (**new** batch)   : **As suggested by ACPC**

20. Does the university have other certifications and recognitions?

Ans: Our University is a recognized Scientific and Industrial Research Organization (SIRO) by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research (DSIR).

- University's name is included in Government websites (UGC, MHRD). UGC approval is in under process. It is registered and recognized under MHRD.
- The process of getting NAAC accreditation is also under process.

21. Is migration from any other University possible?

Ans: Yes, migration from other Universities to IAR, Gandhinagar is possible. Some cross-credit can be given based on the courses / credits hours they have studied earlier.