



**DEPARTMENT OF BIOTECHNOLOGY
MINISTRY OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY,
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POST GRADUATE PROGRAMME IN BIOTECHNOLOGY/ALLIED AREAS

Guidelines and tentative schedule of activities regarding admissions to DBT supported Post Graduate (PG) Programmes in Biotechnology, in academic session 2026-2028, through Graduate Aptitude Test-Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026.

Results of Graduate Aptitude Test-Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026 are displayed on the website of Department of Biotechnology & Regional Centre for Biotechnology (<https://dbt.gov.in/> & <https://rcb.res.in/>) for access to participating universities/institutions and candidates.

Guidelines for candidates

1. Following declaration of results of Graduate Aptitude Test-Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026, candidates will download GAT-B 2026 Score and Rank card from the link provided on the website of National Testing Agency (NTA) (<https://exams.nta.nic.in/gat-bet/>). The GAT-B 2026 Score and Rank Card can be downloaded only from NTA website and from no other website.
2. RCB has displayed details of participating universities/institutions, DBT supported PG Programmes, sanctioned seats and respective eligibility criteria of universities/institutions on the website (<https://rcb.res.in/DBTPG/>). For detailed information regarding admissions at participating universities/institutions, candidates may visit the website of the respective universities/institutions they wish to apply. Candidates shall fill the application form of individual universities/institutions as per institutional admission and selection norms.
3. Following display of admission list by participating universities/institutions, candidates may contact respective DBT PG Program Coordinator regarding admissions related formalities and queries.
4. GAT-B 2026 Score and Rank Card is valid for admission in academic year 2026-27 only. Issuance of GAT-B 2026 Score and Rank Card does not guarantee admission to DBT supported Post Graduate (DBT PG) Programmes in Biotechnology at participating universities/institutions. Confirmation of admission to DBT supported Post Graduate (DBT PG) Programmes in Biotechnology, in academic session 2026- 28, is subject to candidate's fulfillment of requisite eligibility criteria of respective participating universities/institutions. Department of Biotechnology (DBT), GoI and Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) do not play any role and responsibility in the admission and selection process of universities / institutions, following declaration of merit list of GAT-B 2026.

Guidelines for participating universities/institutions

1. Participating universities/institutions shall display the eligibility criteria for admissions, DBT sanctioned seats, seat matrix following Reservation Policy of Government of India and related information, on the institutional website, notices/ advertisement/ information bulletin/ prospectus for admissions to DBT supported Post Graduate (DBT PG) Programmes in Biotechnology, in academic session 2026-2028 through GAT-B 2026.

2. Participating universities/institutions may decide admission and selection criteria as per institutional norms and display the list of selected candidates for admissions, along with waiting list. Reservation policy as per Government of India norms shall be followed for admissions to DBT supported Post Graduate Programmes in Biotechnology through GAT-B 2026.
3. Participating universities/institutions should not charge any application fee from applicants (GAT-B 2026 qualified Score and Rank card holder). However, this is subject to individual norms and policies of the respective universities/institutions. Fee may be collected from the admitted students at a later time along with tuition fees.
4. Participating universities/institutions may allow transfer of a candidate once in academic session 2026-28 and refund of fees as per UGC norms.
5. Participating universities/institutions should follow timelines proposed in the table below for admissions to DBT supported Post Graduate (DBT PG) Programmes in Biotechnology, in academic session 2026-28, through Graduate Aptitude Test-Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026.

Suggested admission schedule recommended by the Result Finalisation committee and approved by DBT for GAT-B 2026:

S. No.	Tentative Admission Activity	Date
1.	GAT-B 2026 Examination	17 th May, 2026
2.	GAT-B 2026 Score and Rank Card download from NTA website.	13 th June, 2026
3.	Admission process begins.	15 th June, 2026
4.	Display of 1 st admission list by participating universities/institutions.	17 th July, 2026
5.	Display of vacant seats and 2 nd list of candidates, if required.	31 st July, 2026
6.	Transfer of candidates, if any.	14 th August, 2026
7.	Closure of admissions.	31 st August, 2026
8.	Submission of list of admitted students to DBT.	3 rd September 2026
