



REGIONAL CENTRE FOR BIOTECHNOLOGY

PhD Programme in Biotechnology Admissions 2026-27 (Autumn Semester)

1. The Institution

The Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB) is an Institution of National Importance created by an Act of Parliament, established by the Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, under the auspices of UNESCO. RCB has emerged as a pioneering institute for research in Biotechnology and is defining new horizons in providing world-class education, training and research at the interface of multiple disciplines.

RCB is committed to exploring new frontiers, furthering science and connecting contemporary and emergent areas of Biotechnology through cutting-edge research. The Centre is equipped with the state-of-the-art research laboratories at par with the global standards. Its Advanced Technology Platform Centre (ATPC) is a highly sophisticated instrumentation facility comprising high throughput technology platforms such as Genomics, Proteomics, Mass Spectrometry, Microscopy platforms including Electron Microscopy and Super Resolution Confocal Microscopy, Molecular Interaction, and Animal Experimentation Platforms. RCB has also established a Bio-incubator in association with BIRAC (DBT) that links promising research outcomes to commercialization by nurturing technology development in the broad area of biopharmaceuticals.

2. The Doctoral Degree Programme

The Centre offers a doctoral programme leading to the award of the PhD degree to students holding a post-graduate degree (or an equivalent) in any field of science, medicine, or technology. The selected students undergo coursework followed by research leading to a doctoral thesis under the mentorship of a faculty. The programme is suited to candidates having an interest in working at the interface of multiple disciplines in the areas related (but not limited) to structural biology, molecular medicine, infectious disease biology, agricultural biotechnology, systems and synthetic biology, and cancer & cell biology. The details of various research programmes at RCB can be found on our website (www.rcb.res.in).

3. Eligibility Criteria

- i. **Qualifications:** 4-year Bachelor's degree or Master's degree from a recognised institution in any area of science and technology, or a Bachelor of Medicine, Bachelor of Surgery degree, or an equivalent degree.
- ii. **Qualifying Marks:** 60% aggregate score or equivalent grade in the qualifying degree examination (5% relaxation for SC/ST/OBC-NCL/differently-abled allowed as per the GoI norms).

- iii. **No of seats:** 09
- iv. **Reservation of seats:** As per the GoI guidelines.
- v. In addition to the above, candidates should have qualified for any of the following examinations and hold a valid fellowship offer at the time of the interview:
 - Joint CSIR-UGC test for Junior Research Fellowship (CSIR/UGC JRF)
 - DBT Junior Research Fellowship (DBT-JRF)
 - ICMR Junior Research Fellowship (ICMR-JRF)
 - Any other nationally competitive fellowship offered by the Government of India. Your candidature is contingent upon holding a valid fellowship tenable for a period of 5 years.

4. Selection Process

The application shall be submitted as per the link given below. Subsequently, an application fee of Rs.500/-, if applicable, is to be submitted by the applicant before the due date. SC/ST/PwD/EWS candidates are exempt from payment of application fee. The applications received by the due date will be scrutinized for eligibility. Eligible candidates will be called for a **written test and/or interview on 15-16 December 2026 at RCB, Faridabad.**

Providing false/incorrect information in the application form or non-possession of essential qualifications detected at any stage of the selection process will lead to the disqualification of the candidate. The decision of the Competent Authority at RCB shall be final and binding in this regard.

5. Fellowship

The students admitted to the programme will have to avail the fellowship for which they have qualified as per the rules of the funding agency. RCB will have no financial liability regarding the same.

The student admitted to the PhD programme will have to pay the following fees:

6. FEES

The following fees are payable at the beginning of each semester.

Particulars	Semester I-II	Semester III onwards
Academic Administration Fee	Rs. 5000	Rs. 5000
Tuition Fee	Rs. 6000	-
Laboratory Fee	Rs. 6000	Rs. 6000
Medical Fee	Rs. 3000	Rs. 3000
Student Amenities Fee	Rs. 1000	Rs. 1000
Hostel Fee	Rs. 1200	Rs. 1200

Caution money (Rs. 5000; refundable) is payable at the time of admission. Hostel Security Deposit of Rs. 5000 (if applicable).

PhD thesis examination fee (Rs. 10,000) is payable at the time of PhD thesis submission. Hostel electricity charges are as per the installed meter, and the cooperative mess charges are to be paid as per actual.

The fee may be revised during the course as per the provisions in the RCB Ordinance.

7. Application Process

You are advised to visit the RCB website (https://rcb.ac.in/rcb_website/faculty) to explore the faculty profile/research areas before filling up the Online Admissions Form.

Click below for online form:

[Online Form for PhD Admissions](#)

Application Fee Rs.500/- (to be submitted in continuation with the online form)

The last date for submitting online applications is 12.11.2026

For admission related queries, please write to rcbadmissions@rcb.res.in

For application fee payment related queries, please write to it@rcb.res.in