

IIT Madras & AARDO Scholarships Master of Science by Research (MS) Programme

About AARDO

African-Asian Rural Development Organization (AARDO), is a rural centric inter-governmental autonomous organization that subscribes to the spirit of South-South and Triangular cooperation. AARDO is a manifestation of solidarity among the peoples of Africa and Asia with the noble mandate of cooperation for sustainable agriculture and rural development for nearly 60 years. As an inter-governmental institution, AARDO is equally a policy advocacy organization with a total strength of 33 members of which 18 are from Africa and 15 from Asia. For more information about AARDO

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About IIT Madras

The Indian Institute of Technology Madras (IIT Madras) was established in 1959 by the Government of India and is an 'Institute of National Importance.' The activities of the Institute in various fields of science and technology are carried out in 16 academic departments as well as several advanced interdisciplinary research centres. IIT Madras fosters an active entrepreneurial culture with strong curricular support and through the IIT Madras Incubation Cell.



Ranked No.1 in the 'Overall' Category, 7th consecutive year in India released by National Institutional Ranking Framework, Ministry of Education, Government of India.



IIT Madras has also been ranked No.1 in the 'Engineering Institutions' category in the same rankings for 10th consecutive years.



Institute of Eminence by the Government of India.



180th Rank- The QS World University Rankings, 2026 places IIT Madras in the top 50 institutes from Asia and in the top 100 institutes globally in Engineering and Technology.

ACADEMIC INFORMATION



Programme : The Master of Science by Research (MS)



Duration : 2 years (with the possibility of a 6-month extension)



Medium of instruction & communication :

English (Eg. Classes, Reports, Thesis, Seminar Presentation etc.)

SEMESTER

January - May



- **Orientation:** 2nd week of January
- **Classes:** Mid-January to Mid-May
- **Exams:** 1st and 2nd week of May

July - November



- **Classes:** Last week of July to last week of November
- **Exams:** 3rd and 4th week of November

*This timeline is indicative. Dates may vary.
Students are requested to view the latest calendar at:
<https://www.iitm.ac.in/academics/academic-calendar>

ELIGIBILITY

Bachelor's Degree

In Engineering or Technology with a minimum duration of four years.

Master's Degree

In appropriate Sciences or a relevant discipline with a minimum duration of 3 + 2 years.

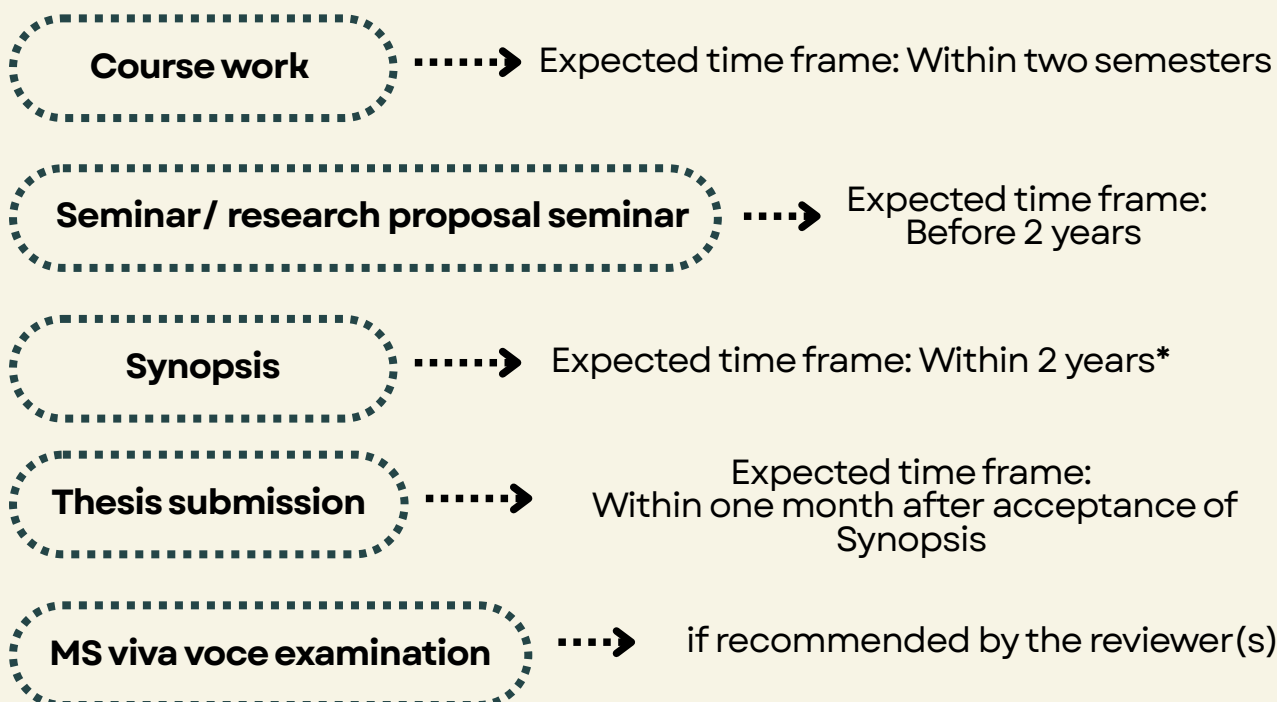
English Proficiency

Good working knowledge of English with a minimum CGPA of 7/10 or its equivalent.
If your country follows a different grading system, please convert accordingly.

Please Note

1. Foreign nationals with an eligible degree from Indian universities will be treated on par with Indian nationals for admission.
2. Foreign students are expected to have a working knowledge of English.
3. If the medium of instruction for the qualifying degree was not English, applicants must provide proof of proficiency in English:
 - **IELTS: minimum score of 6.5 (overall)**
 - **TOEFL: minimum score of 80 (overall)**
4. Test results should be dated no earlier than
5. Foreign nationals will register as full-time scholars.
6. All applicants should have a minimum **CGPA of 7.0/10.0** (or its equivalent/first class).
7. The Selection Committees may set higher evaluation criteria than the minimum eligibility requirements listed.
8. The selection, admission, and award of the MS degree will be governed by the ordinances of the Senate of IIT Madras.

PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS



**Can be extended in certain cases subject to approval
A General Test Committee constituted to assess the scholar's progress will prescribe the required courses.*

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

1. REVIEW PROJECTS

Choose up to 3 that match your interests.



2. APPLY ONLINE

Submit the application form and required documents.



3. SELECTION PROCESS

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a virtual test and/or interview.



4. DECISION NOTIFICATION

Shortlisted candidates will be invited for a virtual test and/or interview.



5. VISA PROCESSING

Issuance of necessary documents.



6. START PROGRAM

Orientation and beginning of academic session.



SCHOLARSHIP DETAILS



- Return Airfare
- International Student Tuition Fee Waiver
- Monthly Living Allowance

**For 2 years from the start of the programme subject to terms and conditions*

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