



## Centre for Earth Sciences

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### Guidelines for students shortlisted for research interviews

(M.Tech. (Res) and Ph.D.)

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Dear student,

Thank you for your interest in applying to the Indian Institute of Science. We are pleased to inform you that you have been **shortlisted** to attend the **online interviews** for admission to the research programs at the **Centre for Earth Sciences, IISc**. You would already have received some communication from the Institute. Although, you might have been shortlisted for interviews in other departments, the **guidelines** below pertain only to the research interviews in the Centre for Earth Sciences.

1. Prior to the interviews:

The online interviews will be conducted over **Microsoft Teams**. Please **download** this software on your laptop/desktop (preferred) or tablet/smartphone by **July 2, 2020**. We **will contact you (dry run)** over Microsoft Teams **on July 3** for a few minutes to ensure that the audio and video quality is ok on both sides. Please email us ([office.ceas@iisc.ac.in](mailto:office.ceas@iisc.ac.in)) before July 3, in case of any problems.

The following is a collection of YouTube videos that are useful to get started with Microsoft Teams.

Learn Microsoft Teams (7 minute Video): [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ojm-SkL\\_zE](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Ojm-SkL_zE)

Microsoft Teams: Basics and Beyond: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AIrD0zgUwhc>

2. On the day of the interview:

The Centre for Earth Sciences will conduct **one round of oral interviews**. Please ensure that you are seated comfortably in a quiet room just by yourself. We recommend that you use a headphone and a good microphone. Before the interviews begin, you will have to **show us**: (i) the pdf/print-out of the signed agreement form that you have already sent to the Institute, (ii) the call letter and (iii) your original certificates. Please keep them handy.

You will be asked questions on broad topics in Earth Sciences (both information-based and thought-based), your area of interest, and basic sciences. You are encouraged (not mandatory) to prepare an Earth Science-related research problem that you find exciting. Please keep 3-4 sheets of white paper attached to a clipboard and a black/blue coloured pen (not pencil) handy to work out the thought-based questions. Please write your answers clearly on the white paper and show it to us over video, when requested.

In case of any loss of internet connectivity during the interviews, we will contact you over your registered telephone number and reschedule your interviews.

We wish you all the best for the interviews.



(Chairman, Centre for Earth Sciences)