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Bioinformatics National Certification (BINC) Examination

Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, New Delhi
Bioinformatics Centre, University of Pune

Registration starts: 1 December 2008	Registration closes: 16 January 2009	Examination: 21–22 February 2009
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Objective

University of Pune (UoP), on behalf of Department of Biotechnology (DBT), Government of India, will conduct the Bioinformatics National Certification (BINC) examination. The objective of this examination is to certify bioinformatics professionals, trained formally as well as self-trained.

Eligibility

Graduate in Science, Agriculture, Veterinary, Medicine, Pharmacy, Engineering & Technology are eligible to appear in the examination. They need not have any formal training, viz. certificate, diploma or degree in Bioinformatics. Students in final year of Bachelor's degree are also eligible to apply.

Application and syllabus

The online application begins on 1 December 2008 and will continue until 16 January 2009. The examination fee is Rs 600 for general category, Rs 450 for reserved category and US\$ 100 for foreign students. Please visit the website (<http://bioinfo.ernet.in/binc/>) for detail information. Syllabus consists of four sections: biology, physical and chemical sciences, IT, and bioinformatics.

Examination

The examination is scheduled on **21–22 February 2009** and will be in three parts. The paper I will be objective type, only those who pass this paper with a minimum of 40% marks will be eligible to appear for the paper II and paper III. The paper II will be short answer type, while the paper III will be a computer-based practical. The certification will be awarded to those who secure a minimum of 40% in all the three papers.

Research fellowships will be awarded to 15 BINC qualified Indian nationals to pursue Ph.D. in Indian Institutes/Universities. Note that the candidate must possess a postgraduate degree & meet the criteria of the institutes/universities in order to avail research fellowship. In addition, a cash prize of Rs 10,000 will be awarded to the top 10 BINC qualifiers.

For details refer to website: <http://bioinfo.ernet.in/binc/>

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