Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)
(For details refer to the brochures provided on this site)

Q1. How is my work experience counted in terms of eligibility for applying for Ph.D or Master degree Admissions?

We only consider your total regular/ permanent teaching experience in AICTE approved Engineering Colleges: 2 years for Master degree. Programme and 3 years for Ph.D programme. Experience in Diploma Colleges will not be considered.

Q2. I have a Bachelor Degree. Am I eligible for Master degree Programme under QIP?

Master degree Programme under QIP is for regular teacher/ faculty of AICTE approved Engineering Colleges with a minimum of 2 years regular/ permanent teaching experience and having a B.E. /B.Tech degree. However, as per the AICTE notification dated March 2010 and subsequent entry in Gazette of India displayed on the webpage. The appointment of candidates as regular/permanent faculty in degree level engineering college requires minimum Master degree. If you are appointed as regular faculty after 2010, your appointment is probably invalid and will not be considered for admission in Master degree.

Q3. Are there exceptional cases for the 2010 AICTE notification?

Yes. There are two exceptions for the said notification:

1. If, the appointment as regular faculty is after 2010 but the vacancy advertisement against which the appointment is done is of the date before 2010. In such cases the candidates are requested to attached the appropriate documents (copy of advertisement, appointment letter etc.).

2. If, the state Gazettes implements the notification after it appears in Government of India’s Gazette. Thus, some delay in implementation is expected. If your state has implemented the said notifications at a later date then you are requested to attach a copy of your state Gazette where this notification has been implemented.

Q4. I have a Master's Degree. Am I eligible for PhD Programme under QIP?

Ph.D Programme under QIP is for faculty having 3 years regular/permanent teaching experience in AICTE approved Engineering Colleges and having M.E./Master degree Degree as the basic qualification.

Q5. I am a lecturer. Am I eligible for Master degree/Ph.D Programme under QIP?

Master degree/Ph.D Programme under QIP is only for AICTE approved Engineering College teachers who are on a regular/ permanent appointment with a minimum of 2 years/3 years teaching experience and having a B.E. /B.Tech/M.E./Master degree.
Q6. If a candidate gets selected in more than one Institute or in more than one department, does the candidate have the choice to choose the department after the interview?

No, such choice is not provided to the candidate after the interview.

Q7. Is it possible to change the order of preference after the Interview?

It is not possible at all to change the order of preference after the interview. Even after “Final Printout” option is invoked, it is not possible to change the preference.

Q8. How many times a year will admissions to Master degree/ Ph.D. Programme under QIP take place?

Admission to the Ph.D. and Master degree programme is conducted once in a year. The process starts from September and the final selection takes place in the following month of April.

Q9. Can I claim for TA/DA for attending the interview?

No, there is no provision for TA/DA under QIP for attending the interview.

Q10. Do I need to send the Principal Coordinator Copy to IIT Kharagpur and the Institute copies to respective Institute’s Departments?

You need to send only one hard copy of the application and all the relevant certificates/documents and online payment receipt to IIT Kharagpur. Do not print any other Institute’s copy.

Q11. Can I send you a copy of my application in advance and the main copy later after having forwarded by the university?

No, Advance copies will not be accepted by QIP Office at IIT Kharagpur. Principal Coordinator’s copy along with the required testimonials have to be sent to IIT Kharagpur by the University/Institutions before the specified time.

Q12. Do I need to send the testimonials for each of the Institute copies and the Principal Coordinator copy separately?

Refer Q10

Q13. Do I need to attach a payment receipt for each of the Institute copies and the Principal Coordinator copy?

Refer Q10

Q14. Is it needed to write Registration Number on the top of the envelope?

Yes, Principal Coordinator’s copy along with the required testimonials have to be sent to IIT Kharagpur in a single envelope bearing the registration number on top of the envelope.
Q15.  Is GATE percentile required for pursuing Master degree Programme under QIP?

GATE percentile is not required for pursuing Master degree. Programme under QIP, Master degree is only for the faculty members with 2 years regular/permanent teaching experience in AICTE approved Engineering Colleges and having a B.E. /B.Tech. Degree. (Also, please refer to 2010 AICTE notification (Q3) in this regard).

Q16.  Whether QIP Master degree/ Ph.D scheme is open to countries other than India?

No, this scheme is only for faculty/teachers of AICTE approved engineering colleges of India.

Q17.  Whether I can use specimen copy of the application, which is given in the Information Brochure?

No, you should never use the specimen copy of the application it is only for the candidate’s reference purpose only. Only the online application has to be filled in and printed for taking the forwarding note from your Head of Institution.

Q18.  Please let me know the procedure of sending call letter (Is it a hardcopy/ softcopy)?

For interview call letter email will be sent by the respective Institute/s where the candidate has applied and is shortlisted for the same.

Q19.  When will I get the interview call letter for QIP Admission 2021?

QIP office at IIT Kharagpur will do the initial round of shortlisting/ screening of your application, based on the eligibility criteria published in the admission brochure. IIT Kharagpur will forward the shortlisted applications to respective Institute for second round of / screening/shortlisting (which will be done by respective departments of the Institute where applicant has applied to). The interview call will be sent by the Institute QIP coordinator (or concerned Institute official as the case may be). Schedule of Interview will be announced in due course of time. Candidates are required to appear in interview through virtual mode only.

Q20.  Is it mandatory to attend all the interviews at the institutes as well as at the departments from where I received an Interview call letter?

It is not mandatory to attend interview at all the institute you opted for. However, it is advised that you attend all of them since a recommendation from one department does not ensure/ authenticate that you will be selected in that institute. Moreover, as per the norms the recommendation from a department is always confidential.

Q21.  Is there any clause in the guidelines that if after selection the candidate does not join the allotted QIP Centre, he/she has to again apply fresh next year or otherwise?
Only final selection of a candidates at a particular institute or QIP centre in a particular program is published, so no request for change of QIP centre shall be entertained. The candidate has to apply fresh next year.