

Candidates qualifying for the programme through the national selection process {currently through the GAT-B (Graduate Aptitude Test - Biotechnology) managed by the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Faridabad on behalf of the DBT, Govt. of India} receive a studentship of Rs. 5,000/- p.m. during their two-year study period. The placement profile of each outgoing batch has also been excellent, with the students successfully securing positions in nationally as well as internationally renowned institutions.

During their third and fourth semesters, the students undertake independent research projects as part of the curriculum. Field trips/boat cruises are arranged to provide hands-on working experience. Summer training (4-6 weeks) is mandatory after completion of the second semester and the students are placed by the Department in R&D laboratories of national institutes and industries. The curriculum also includes a unique course in [Scuba Diving. \(Click here to view\)](#). Significantly, we stand out as one of the few Universities that has successfully conducted practicals / dissertation projects in the offline mode, besides timely examinations even during COVID-19 pandemic.

The close interaction of the University with the CSIR - National Institute of Oceanography, Goa for teaching as well as research, provides the students with direct opportunities for a comprehensive taste of the world of marine research. The Department also has collaborations with other reputed institutions such as the National Centre for Polar and Ocean Research (NCPOR), Goa, BITS-Pilani Goa Campus, ICAR - Central Coastal Agricultural Research Institute, Goa, the National Centre for Cell Science, Pune as well as the IITs, besides being closely connected with research groups in its sister disciplines of chemistry, marine sciences and microbiology at the University. Notwithstanding the easy access to the centralized sophisticated instrumentation thus available, viz., Atomic force as well as Scanning electron microscopy, LC-MS, Atomic absorption spectrometry, etc., the Department is self-contained in research facilities such as AKTA start Protein purification system, Class II Biosafety cabinet, Ultracentrifuges, RT-PCR machine, fluorescence microscope, *Qubit* fluorometer, ELISA microtiter plate reader, Fermenter unit, UV-Vis spectrophotometers, electrophoresis systems, high-speed refrigerated centrifuges, lyophilizer, -80°C and -20°C freezers, Bioinformatics lab, tissue and cell culture laboratories and walk-in cold room, besides housing its own well-stocked Library of reference books. The laboratories and classrooms are WiFi - enabled. The campus also has a bio-incubator facility coming up in Block-E.