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The Indian Institutes of Science Education & Research (IISERs) were established by the Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India, based on the recommendation of the Scientific Advisory Council to the Prime Minister. Five IISERs have been created and are functioning at Pune, Kolkata, Mohali, Bhopal and Thiruvananthapuram. The basic mandate of the IISERs is to carry out research in frontier areas of science and to provide quality science education at the undergraduate and the postgraduate level. Each IISER is an autonomous institution and awards its own degrees.

The **foundation stone** of Indian Institute of Science Education & Research (IISER) Mohali was laid on 27th September 2007 by the Prime Minister of India Government of India. The first Director Prof.N Sathyamurthy joined on 18th June 2007. Classes for the first MS (Int) batch began on 16th August 2007. The transit campus was inaugurated on 13th November 2007. IISER Mohali started its academic programs in 2007 with a small batch of students in the BS-MS dual degree program. Five batches of students have completed the course requirements and have been awarded their degrees. The PhD program was started in 2008 and more than 30 students have graduated. The Integrated PhD program was started in 2012.

IISER Mohali's fully residential campus is coming up on 125 acres of land given by the Punjab Government, in the Knowledge City at Sector 81 Mohali. Most of the buildings in the initial phase have been completed and are in use. With a faculty of 80, various programs for 1170 students are being conducted along with cutting edge research in basic sciences.

MS (Integrated) Program

The 5 yr MS (Int) program in Science at IISER Mohali admits students after 10+2. The course structure is interdisciplinary & research oriented in nature, with a focus on the basic sciences. The first two years of the program constitute a common core with courses from Physical Sciences, Chemical Sciences, Life Sciences, Mathematics & Computer Science, Humanities & Social Sciences, as well as Interdisciplinary courses. The MS degree is awarded in the subject in which the student opts to major in, after the core years. In the fifth year, the students will undertake a research project, and participate in state-of-the-art scientific research at IISER Mohali's research labs. The graduates are expected to take up science as a career, although the diverse skills gained will equip them to pursue high-profile careers in any field, including industry.