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JNCASR has a bright and diverse student body. At present, there are 291 students registered in the various academic programmes of the Centre. While the majority of these students are pursuing Ph. D. degree, we also have students enrolled in our Integrated Ph. D., M. S. / M. S. (Engg.) programmes. The student population at JNCASR is drawn from across the length and breadth of the country; in addition, we frequently have foreign students visiting the Centre under various exchange programmes. The majority of new students joining the Centre during the August semester each year are admitted, based on their performance in interviews carried out in the early summer. Certain programmes also consider admitting students halfway through the academic year (i.e., at the start of the January semester). In order to be eligible for consideration in these interviews, students have to meet various academic criteria, as specified under the various degree programmes listed in the menu page. Admission in these programmes is fairly competitive. All students who are admitted to the Centre's programmes receive stipends that are more than adequate to cover their tuition and living expenses, including hostel fees, etc.

We generally expect students to take less than five years to complete a regular Ph. D. programme. Students who are admitted to the Integrated Ph. D. programme also get an M. S. degree, typically three years into their programme of study.

In addition to carrying out research, students take a combination of required and elective courses. The majority of courses are held on-campus, and taught by the Centre's faculty members. However, students can also choose to attend a few courses at other scientific institutes in the Bangalore area.

In addition to regular academic courses, there are also seminar courses, and we have recently introduced a course on scientific writing. After completing two years in their Ph. D. programmes, students have to pass an oral comprehensive examination, where they present and are quizzed about their research, as well as the material covered in their coursework.

Since 2002, the Centre is recognized as a "Deemed to be University" by the University Grants Commission, and students' degrees are awarded directly by JNCASR. Since the inception of the Centre, 324 degrees have been awarded; these include 178 Ph. D.'s, 87 M. S. degrees (Integrated Ph. D.), 55 M. S. (Engg.) and 4 M. Sc. (by research - Biological Sciences). Students who are alumni of the Centre have gone on to enjoy successful academic careers, and are currently spread out across the world.