



# UNIVERSITY OF PUNE



## Bioinformatics National Certification (BINC) Examination

*Instituted by*

Department of Biotechnology, Government of India, New Delhi

*Coordinated by*

Bioinformatics Centre, University of Pune

Registration starts : **1 December 2009**  
Registration closes : **16 January 2010**  
Examination : **20–21 February 2010**

### 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 and 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 2009** and will continue until **16 January 2010**. 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 **20–21 February 2010** 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 each of the three papers.

Fifteen research fellowships will be awarded to BINC qualified Indian nationals, in order of merit, to pursue Ph.D. in Indian Institutes/Universities. Note that the candidate must 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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