



COTTON UNIVERSITY
Panbazar, Guwahati 781001, Assam

No: CU/Acad/ PG Admissions/ 2026/249/ 356

Dated: 22-06-2026

**General Information and Instruction for Admission into DBT-Supported
M.Sc. in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT) Program-
(2026-28)**

This is for information of all concerned that the admission into M.Sc. in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology in the Department of Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT), Cotton University for the 2026-28 session will be based on valid Graduate Aptitude Test – Biotechnology (GAT-B) 2026 score.

Tentative Admission Process	Date
Online Registration	22-06-2026
Display of Merit cum Admission List	14-07-2026
Online Admission (Provisional)	15-07-2026
Transfer of Candidates, if any	14-08-2026
Closure of Admission	31-08-2026

Eligibility Criteria for Admission:

Valid GAT-B 2026 Score. Bachelor's Degree in Biotechnology, Zoology, Botany, Microbiology, or similar discipline from a recognized University. Detailed information regarding GAT-B 2026 admission is hosted at the website dbt/ www.exams.nta.ac.in/ (from DBT Notification)

Seat Matrix:

Total Intake	UR	OBC-NCL (27%)	SC (15%)	ST (7.5%)	EWS (10%)	DA /PwD
10	4	3	1	1	1	5% across all categories



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Instruction for admission into DBT-supported M.Sc. in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology (MBBT) Program : 2026-28 at Cotton University, Guwahati, Assam

- The candidates are required to check the eligibility criteria before applying for admission into DBT (GOI)-supported Molecular Biology and Biotechnology Program-2026 at Cotton University, Assam.
- The Candidate **must have qualified** GAT-B 2026 exam conducted by Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB).
- Candidates must ensure to have the necessary supporting documents mentioned below at Annexure C, before initiating the application.

(Annexure A to C)

- Please ensure that all supporting documents are in PDF/JPEG format (except for the photograph) and are less than 2MB in size.
- A merit list based on GAT-B rank/score will be prepared after the application deadline (see admission schedule).
- Admission into M.Sc. in MBBT program will be done solely based on the valid GAT-B-2026 score/rank (conducted by the Regional Centre for Biotechnology (RCB), Govt of India) of the candidate.
- Candidates have to apply for admission through the online portal that can be accessed from the University website (<https://admissions.cottonuniversity.ac.in/>). **There is no provision for an offline application/registration into the program and admission will be done online.**
- Candidates are advised to regularly visit the University website (<https://cottonuniversity.ac.in>) for any new information/announcements.
- To apply, the online link will be provided on the following webpage:

<https://admissions.cottonuniversity.ac.in>

[Admission Registration Link](https://admissions.cottonuniversity.ac.in)

Shortlisted candidates are required to accept the admission offer by depositing the **prescribed fee of INR 17,800.00** to the University on the specified date of admission, at Cotton University, Guwahati, Assam. Admission will be offered after physical verification of documents.

In case a candidate either refuses the offer or does not pay the prescribed fee on the date of admission, the offer will be withdrawn, and the seat will be treated as vacant and will be offered to the next candidate as per the University admission and reservation policy.



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Merit List Preparation:

Merit List for selection of admission will be prepared based on the GAT-B rank/score of the year 2026. In case of the same GAT-B score, to resolve and determine inter-se-merit of candidates, the following criteria will be used in the stated order.

- i. In the highly unlikely event of candidates having the same GAT-B rank/score the Candidate with higher CGPA/ percentage in the last qualifying examination will be given preference
- ii. In the unlikely event of candidates having the same GAT-B rank/score, and CGPA /percentage, the candidate with the earlier Date of Birth will be given preference.

Gap in Study

Students passing the qualifying examination or other degree/diploma examination (under recognized institution) earlier than the current year will have to submit a self-declaration testifying his/her activities during the interim period.

Information regarding clarification on various points (Documents, Certificates, Affidavit, Undertaking etc.)

- a) The latest EWS / OBC-NCL certificate (issued on or after **1st April 2026**) is required to be uploaded for online document verification.
- b) Candidates unable to obtain the latest EWS / OBC-NCL certificate can upload the last issued EWS/OBC-NCL certificate along with an affidavit during the application process (Refer to **Annexure A** for Affidavit regarding EWS, **Annexure B** for Affidavit regarding OBC-NCL) on the portal.
- c) The list of documents to be produced by the candidates at the time of admission into the M.Sc in MBBT programme, Cotton University, Guwahati, Assam are detailed in **Annexure C**.


Academic Registrar
Cotton University



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Annexure A

AFFIDAVIT OF EWS CATEGORY FOR SEEKING ADMISSION IN COTTON UNIVERSITY

(To be given on notarized Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of minimum Rs. 10/-)

I, GAT-B Application Sequence No
.....), son/daughter of Shri/Smt,
resident of village / town / city district
..... of State / UT..... do hereby
declare on oath as under:

1. That I have applied for admission into (Name of the Programme) at Cotton University, Guwahati, Assam. I fulfil the eligibility conditions for admission to the programme in EWS category.
2. I have not been able to get the latest EWS certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
3. That I belong to Economically Weaker Section, (as per the CRITERIA OF INCOME & ASSETS issued by Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum, Govt. of India (for Reservation for Economically Weaker Sections (EWSs) time to time.
4. That I belong to the caste which is not recognized as a Scheduled Caste, Scheduled Tribe and Other Backward Classes (Central List).
5. That I undertake to submit the EWS certificate issued by the Competent Authority within 31 October, 2026.
6. I am aware of the fact that non-submission of the EWS certificate shall lead to cancellation of my admission, and I will not be entitled for refund of fee paid to the University.

Deponent

Verification

I above named Deponent do hereby verify on oath that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein and no part of it is false.

Deponent



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Annexure B

AFFIDAVIT OF OBC-NCL CATEGORY FOR SEEKING ADMISSION IN COTTON UNIVERSITY

(To be given on notarized Non-Judicial Stamp Paper of minimum Rs. 10/-)

I, (GAT-B Application Sequence No.), son / daughter of Shri/Smt, resident of village / town / city district..... of State / UT do hereby declare on oath as under:

1. That I have applied for admission into (Name of the Programme) at Cotton University, Guwahati, Assam. I fulfil the eligibility conditions for admission to the programme in OBC-NCL category.
2. I have not been able to get the OBC-NCL certificate issued by the Competent Authority.
3. That I belong to the community which is recognized as a backward class by the Government of India as per orders contained in Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum No.36012/22/93- Estt. (SCT), dated 8/9/1993.
4. That it is also declared that I do not belong to persons/sections (Creamy Layer) mentioned in Column 3 of the Schedule to the above referred Office Memorandum, dated 8/9/1993, which is modified vide Department of Personnel and Training Office Memorandum time to time.
7. That I undertake to submit the OBC-NCL certificate issued by the Competent Authority within 31 October 2026.
5. I am aware of the fact that non-submission of the OBC-NCL certificate shall lead to cancellation of my admission, and I will not be entitled for refund of fee paid to the University.

Deponent

Verification

I above named Deponent do hereby verify on oath that the contents of this affidavit are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief and nothing has been concealed therein and no part of it is false.

Deponent

Annexure C

Original and self-attested copies of the following documents are to be produced by the candidates at the time Admission to the DBT -supported M.Sc. in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology programme 2026-28, Cotton University, Guwahati, Assam

1. Two copies of recent passport size photograph.
2. Secondary School (Class 10th) Marks Sheet
3. Senior Secondary School (Class 12th) Marks Sheet
4. Graduation Mark sheet (As Applicable)
5. Graduation Degree Certificate/ Course Completion Certificate (As Applicable)
6. Valid Certificate of Date of Birth (DOB)
7. Certificate of Conduct from Head of Institution/Character Certificate
8. Migration Certificate/Transfer Certificate
9. Caste Certificate (SC/ST/OBC-NCL), EWS Certificate (if Applicable)
10. PWD Certificate (if Applicable)
11. Valid GAT-B-2026 score card
12. Conversion formula/certificate from CGPA to percentage or vice versa (if Applicable)
13. Gap Certificate (if applicable)

FEE STRUCTURE FOR M. SC. in MBBT PROGRAMME 2026-28

Refer website for details (Memo No. CU/REGOFF/2018/023/1444-51 dated 2nd May, 2025)

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Academic Registrar
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e-Copy to:-

1. PS to VC
2. PS to Registrar
3. Dean, Life Sciences
4. Head- Department of MBBT
5. Finance Officer
6. CSM with a request to upload this Notice on University website and to facilitate the process
7. Convener-P.G. Admission Committee-2026
8. Office File