

REFRESHER & PREPARATIVE WINTER SCHOOL (RPWS)

4 - 22 December 2025



Target Participants: Ph.D. Aspirants

(Preparing for national exams like NET, GATE, JGEEBILS, JEST, etc.)

Last Date: 31st July 2025

Venue:

IISER Thiruvananthapuram

Accommodation, food & registration are all free!

The selected candidates need to cover only their travel!



Facilities - IISER Thiruvananthapuram











Labs

Facilities





Hostels



Winter School in Biology

The Refresher and Preparative Winter School in Biology (RPWS-Bio) is designed to engage students in an active exploration of core concepts in contemporary biology, with a strong emphasis on research based learning. The program offers a blend of interactive lectures, exposure to research environments, and discussions aimed at broadening scientific perspective. It is intended for students aspiring to pursue advanced research after their Master's studies.



INTAKE: 50 Students



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ELIGIBILITY:

Final Year of M.Sc. & Integrated BS-MS in Biological Sciences & Allied Subjects.



TOPICS

- ♦ Cellular Organization
- ♦ Developmental Biology
- ♦ Inheritance Biology
- **♦ Ecological Principles**
- ♦ Evolution and Behaviour
- ♦ Methods in Biology Computational
- Cell Communication and Signaling Basics
- ♦ Cell Communication and Signaling Host parasite interaction
- Cell Communication and Signaling Innate and adaptive immune system



- **♦** Biochemistry
- ♦ Neurobiology
- ♦ System Physiology Plant
- ♦ System Physiology Animal
- ♦ Methods in Biology Experimental





Winter School in Chemistry

The Refresher and Preparative Winter School

in Chemistry (RPWS-Chem) aims to inspire young minds in scientific thinking by bridging textbook fundamentals with cutting-edge research. This intensive program will offer students the chance to learn foundational and advanced topics in organic, inorganic, physical, and theoretical chemistry directly from subject experts. It will also introduce key concepts in translational research, especially in chemical biology and medicinal chemistry. Through interactive sessions, the Winter School will help students build strong conceptual understanding, sharpen logical thinking, and strengthen their problem-solving abilities in research. The program will also guide students on various academic and career opportunities available after postgraduate studies. Based on academic performance, the School will select fifty students from across the country to join this enriching experience.



INTAKE: 50 Students



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ELIGIBILITY:

Final Year of M.Sc. & Integrated BS-MS in Chemical Sciences & Allied Subjects.



TOPICS

- Quantum Chemistry
- ◆ Electrochemistry
- Chemical Kinetics
- **♦ Heterocyclic Chemistry**
- General Organic Chemistry
- Chemistry of Natural Products
- Pericyclic and Photochemistry
- Principles of Stereochemistry
 Organization Chamistry
- Organometallic Chemistry
- Maingroup Chemistry

Free Online Registration



- Principles and Applications of Spectroscopy
- **♦ Chemical and Statistical Thermodynamics**
- Mathematical Methods for Chemists and Data Analysis
- Materials and Solid State Chemistry
- Symmetry and Group Theory
- **+** Coordination and Bioinorganic Chemistry
- Structural Determination of Organic and Inorganic compounds

SCHOOL OF CHEMISTRY



Winter School in Physics

The Refresher and Preparative Winter School in Physics

(RPWS-Phy) is specially designed for highly motivated students at the Master's level, and aims to instill the fundamental concepts of Physics through problem-solving exercises. Additionally, it offers insights into the state-of-the-art research activities in the field and prospective avenues for future exploration.



HIGHLIGHTS:

- ♦ Comprehension, reasoning and problem solving in physics
- Exposure to cutting-edge international research
- Discussions on opportunities after masters



INTAKE: 50 Students







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ELIGIBILITY:

Final Year of M.Sc. & Integrated BS-MS in Physical Sciences & Allied Subjects.



TOPICS

- Mathematical Methods
- **♦ Classical Mechanics**
- ♦ Electromagnetic Theory
- Quantum Mechanics
- **♦ Condensed Matter Physics**

- **♦ Thermodynamics and Statistical Physics**
- **♦ Electronics and Experimental Methods**
- ♦ Atomic and Molecular Physics
- ♦ Nuclear and Particle Physics
- ♦ Experimental Demonstrations



Glimpse of RPWS 2022 - 2024



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Facility Visit



Achievements of RPWS Alumni (PhD Positions)

- NIT Trichy
- VIT Vellore
- NIT Calicut
- SRM University, Chennai
- PES University, Bangalore
- IISER Thiruvananthapuram
- Karnataka University, Dharwad
- University of Missouri, United States

- National Institute of Virology, Pune
- ◆ Central Agricultural University, Manipur
- Jaume I University, Castelló de la Plana, Spain
- National Taipei University of Technology, Taiwan
- Manipal Academy of Higher Education, Karnataka
- Chettinad Academy of Research and Education, Chennai
- Centre for DNA Fingerprinting and Diagnostics, Hyderabad