

MetMeSS 2026 — Pre-conference School on Meteoritics

25 October 2026 • Department of Geology & Geophysics, Indian Institute of Technology Kharagpur
Eligibility, selection criteria and important dates

About the school

As part of MetMeSS 2026, the 6th Symposium on Meteoroids, Meteors and Meteorites: Messengers from Space, the Department of Geology & Geophysics, IIT Kharagpur is organising a one-day school on meteoritics on **25 October 2026**, immediately before the symposium.

The school aims to motivate bright and talented young minds from Indian universities, colleges, and academic and research institutes to take up a career in planetary sciences. It will consist of lectures by subject experts, tutorials, hands-on sessions, group discussions and laboratory visits.

Eligibility

- Candidates pursuing MSc (first year or final year), MTech, or Integrated MSc (fourth or fifth year) in Physics, Chemistry, Geology, Remote Sensing and allied subjects.
- Candidates pursuing a PhD (first or second year) in the same or allied disciplines.
- Candidates having scored at least 60 per cent, or equivalent grade, in their last examination.

Required documents

- **Curriculum vitae**, including date of birth, address, present affiliation, and educational background from high school onwards with percentage marks in all subjects.
- **Statement of purpose** describing your research interests and your reasons for attending the school. One page is sufficient.
- **Reference or recommendation letter** from the Head of the Department, Dean, or a senior faculty member.
- **No Objection Certificate (NOC)** from your institute.

Financial support

- Selected participants will be provided travel support (sleeper class by train, or bus), accommodation and food for the duration of the school.
- There is no fee to attend the school.
- Participants who also wish to attend the MetMeSS 2026 symposium during 26–27 October 2026 may do so by registering at the applicable student rate. Registration for the symposium is separate from this application.

How to apply

Send all four documents as a **single PDF** to metmess2026@gmail.com, with the subject line **Pre-conference school application – [your name]**. Applications received after the deadline will not be considered.

Important dates

Application deadline	5 October 2026
Selection notification	10 October 2026
Pre-conference school	25 October 2026
MetMeSS 2026 symposium	26 - 27 October 2026
Mode of the school	In person

Contact

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