• Don’t forget to bring...
  - Passport size and stamp size photographs.
    • Take as many as you can as you need them for a new cell phone connection or your Mess ID Card.
  - All relevant documents like mark lists, certificates and relieving letter (If applicable).
  - Offer letter for admission, proof of Fees paid…
    • Photostat copies of all the above documents
  - If you have the tickets of travel (to and fro) of the day on which you attended the admission test and interview, bring them.
    • You may get the money back.
  - If you have an existing Bank Account in SBI or Canara Bank, bring the account details.
  - If you have PAN Card, bring it and its Photostat copy. It is required to start a new Bank Account, if you wish so.

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  • **Reaching IISc Campus (Remember, IISc = TATA Institute)**
    – Indian Institute of Science is locally known as TATA Institute.
      • Auto rickshaw drivers and bus conductors may not know IISc, but they know TATA Institute.
    – From Bengaluru International Airport
      • City Taxis are available at the airport who charge on the taxi meter.
      • Distance to the campus is roughly 30km and you may have to pay around Rs.500.
    – From Majestic (Kembagowda Bus Station or SBC – Bangalore Railway Station)
      • Distance to the campus is roughly 8km and you may have to pay around Rs.10 for BMTC buses, Rs.60 for Auto rickshaw.
      • Take the buses to Yeshwantpura. IISc gate comes after Malleshwaram 18th Cross. There is a bus stop.
    – From any other points, board buses that go to Yeshwantpura. Take ticket to ‘IISc or TATA Institute.’
    – Students’ Council of IISc may arrange for transport from Railway Stations and Bus Stations. Contact phone number is:
      • +91-80-22932653
    – Visit the following link for other contact details of Students’ Council (2009):
      • http://www.iisc.ernet.in/scouncil/index.php/team-2009-10
Hostel Accommodation and Mess

- The first thing to do after arriving at the campus is to get your hostel room.
- Go to the Hostel Office.
  - Help is available, ask anyone for directions. Once you get there, show the proof of hostel fees paid.
- You will be assigned a room randomly.
  - There is an option for room change after three months.
- The Room Allotment letter will be issued.
  - This is considered as your proof of residence.
  - Photostat copies of this document is needed to take a mobile phone connection or new SBI/Canara Bank accounts.
- You will also get Mess ID Card.
  - There are three types and you can get admission to any one of them.
    - ‘A’ Mess: Pure Vegetarian Mess
    - ‘B’ Mess: North Indian Vegetarian and Non Vegetarian Mess
    - ‘C’ Mess: South Indian Vegetarian and Non Vegetarian Mess

Food is available at:
- ‘Nesara’ restaurant that opens by 7:00AM in the morning.
- ‘Kabani’ Canteen also opens by that time.
  - Both of them are near to the Hostel Office.
- A Tea Kiosk known as ‘Tea Board’ opens by 9:00AM.
On Joining Day

- The formalities like mark list verification, issuing temporary ID Card, issuing SR Number… happen on this day at Faculty Hall in the IISc Main Building.

- Have an early breakfast, come early to the hall and appear in your best dress and makeup.
  - Because, your photograph for the IISc ID Card will be taken there.
  - Imagine my situation when I arrived at the place out of breath with unkempt hair and unshaven face!

- Most probably, you will see a queue.
  - Token numbers are issued according to your position in the queue.
  - Admission procedures are completed according to this token number.
  - Moral: come early.

- You may have to write your name and address a million times in many documents.
- You may have to stick your photo in many documents.
  - Glue is usually provided.
- The procedure ends with the issue of temporary ID Card that has a unique SR Number.
  - You will need this SR number virtually for everything as it is your identification number.
  - Learn it by heart and write it somewhere for easy reference.
Bank Account for Scholarship

- You need to have a bank account for getting scholarship from IISc.
- The bank account should be in SBI or Canara Bank
  - Accounts in other banks are not encouraged, for some strange reason.
  - Inside the campus, SBI and Canara Bank branches are there. Getting an account is easy.
  - You can use your existing SBI or Canara Bank accounts or you can transfer the accounts to IISc Campus Branch.
- If you are taking a new Account at SBI Branch in IISc
  - You will be issued ATM Cum Debit card.
  - Online Banking will be enabled.
  - Special request need to be separately given for allowing IISc to automatically deduct Mess Bill from your SBI Account. This is known as ‘Regularize’ the account.
  - Special request is needed to register and link your mobile number with the bank account. Third party account transfer needs this linking of mobile number.
- I don’t have first hand experience with Canara Bank of IISc.
• **Mobile Network and New Connections**
  - IISc campus has a BSNL Customer Care Centre where new pre-paid connections can be purchased.
    - Student plans are available.
    - Post paid connections were not available last year (2008).
  - Students’ Council of IISc allows a vendor to sell SIM cards of private operators in the campus.
    - In 2008, Airtel had the best coverage in the campus than other operators.

• **Other Facilities**
  - Students’ Council of IISc allows vendors to sell beds and pillows in the campus.
  - Items like bucket, soap, shampoo, clothes hangers… are available in a stationary store near Hostel Office.
  - Tailor shop, Barber shop, Medical shop… are also there.

• **Moral of the whole story:**
  - Travel light. Bring only the necessary items. You are in Bangalore, everything can be purchased from here.

  **All the very best!**