



Srishti Manipal Selection Protocols 2026_UGPP

Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology (Srishti Manipal/SMI) has a uniquely defined learning approach and pedagogy, and it is of critical importance that applicants who aspire to study in Srishti Manipal have the necessary capabilities, aptitude, and attitude to undertake a program of study that demands both agency and the ability to self-manage their own learning.

Admission to undergraduate courses offered by Srishti Manipal for the Professional Program (UGPP) is in accordance with rules, procedures and guidelines set down under the Srishti Manipal Selection Protocols 2026_UGPP (SMSP 2026_UGPP).

The Selection Process

Admission to any course at the undergraduate level into Srishti Manipal comprises the following:

1. Submission of a completed Application Form for a chosen course or courses.
2. Successful completion of the Srishti Manipal Entrance and Aptitude Test (SMEAT 2026_UGPP).
3. Declaration and verification of Minimum Educational Qualifications (MEQ).
4. Payment of all required fees

The Selection Protocols

Admission to an undergraduate course of study at Srishti Manipal is subject to the following protocols:

A. Protocol: Nationality

MAHE admits students under the following categories: All admissions to all programs will be on a merit basis as specified in the Eligibility Criteria & Admission Process of the respective programs. Applicants must view the fees structure for each category which is shown under each program on the SMI website

(A) General Category

- Indian Nationals
- Overseas Citizen of India (OCI)
- Person of Indian Origin (PIO)
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(B) NRI/Foreign/International Category

- Applicants under this category are subject to equivalence of their prior learning as verified by the Association of Indian Universities. This is the responsibility of the applicant.

B. Protocol: Application

1. An applicant can apply for more than one UGPP course in a given academic year.
2. Applicants who apply for SMEAT 2026 in any one round will not be able to appear for the entire or part of SMEAT 2026 in any subsequent Round.
3. An applicant can apply to any number of UGPP courses offered in one application.
4. When applying for more than one course, the applicant must choose courses in order of preference.
5. An Admissions Timeline with dates, deadlines and deliverables is shown on the Srishti Manipal Admissions page of the website. Information on this is updated regularly and all responsibility for checking any changes rests entirely with the applicants only.
6. Application forms for the Academic Year 2026-27 are available from the Srishti Manipal Admissions webpage.
7. All forms are to be submitted via the online application process
 - a. All application forms must have the required documents as listed uploaded.
 - b. The **non-refundable** application fee is to be paid online through the payment portal provided with the online application.
 - c. All submitted documents and fees paid will be verified by the Srishti Manipal Office.
8. Srishti Manipal will not inform an applicant if the application is incomplete. Incomplete applications will be disqualified, and application fees will not be refunded.
9. Once the application is submitted, changes are not possible and requests to do so will not be entertained.
10. The last date for the receipt of the relevant application forms for the academic year will be published on the website. Any changes to the last date will be notified on the website. All responsibility for checking any changes rests entirely with the applicants only.
11. Only application forms received by the Srishti Manipal Office before the published deadlines will be issued a hall ticket.

C. Protocol: Eligibility Criteria and Minimum Educational Qualifications (MEQ)

1. Applicants seeking admission to Srishti Manipal must fulfil the eligibility criteria of minimum educational qualifications as published for each undergraduate course by Srishti Manipal on its website for the academic year in which admission is sought.
2. Applicants who are awaiting the results of their qualifying examination can apply and take the SMEAT 2026_UGPP.
3. Applicants with 12th grade or equivalent from foreign universities will have to produce a certificate or recognition/equivalence by the Association of Indian Universities (AIU), as equivalent to the corresponding Indian degrees, for the purpose of higher studies.
4. Srishti Manipal reserves the right to update and change the eligibility criteria for each course. Each applicant is responsible for verifying their eligibility prior to submission of the application form.
5. The responsibility for correct and accurate information with the inclusion of the necessary documents of proof lies solely with the applicant. Srishti Manipal has the right to cancel, at any stage, the admission of an applicant in accordance with the rules and regulations in force, if it is found that any information provided by the applicant is not true and/or is misleading.

D. Protocol: Age of Applicant

1. Srishti Manipal encourages applications from applicants between the ages of 18 and 25 for its undergraduate program

E. Protocol: Rounds

1. Round

- a. **Round** represents a specific timeframe comprising a set of published dates and times, within which applicants can apply.
- b. **An applicant can apply for only ONE Round in a given academic year. Applicants who apply for SMEAT 2026 in any one round will not be able to appear for the entire or part of SMEAT 2026 in any subsequent Round.**
- c. An applicant can apply for more than one UGPP course in a Round.
- d. Applications made by an applicant for subsequent rounds in the same course of study or to another course of study in a subsequent round will be disqualified.
- e. Rounds are restricted as per availability of a course; and also, by number of seats available in each course.
- f. The Admissions Timeline published on the website will provide information on each Round. All responsibility for checking details of the Rounds rests entirely with the applicants only.

F. Protocol: SMEAT 2026_UGPP

1. Applicants seeking admission at the undergraduate level should appear for the SMEAT 2026_UGPP.
2. The test dates will be published under the Admissions Timeline on the Srishti Manipal website. Any updates as well as changes in dates or times will be published on the website. All responsibility for checking details rests entirely with the applicants only.
3. Each round in the SMEAT 2026_UGPP will have different question papers, but with the same number of questions, same total marks, and similar difficulty levels.
4. Applicants unable to take the test will not be refunded the application fee. Such applicants are not eligible to apply for transfer to further rounds of SMEAT 2026_UGPP.

G. Protocol: SMEAT 2026_UGPP – Testing Procedures and Processes

1. The SMEAT 2026_UGPP is a set of procedures and processes that will evaluate an applicant's readiness, capability, and aptitude. This process is outlined below.

The SMEAT 2026_UGPP will comprise of the following:

i. Test 1 (T1)

- This is a General Test of Ability.

ii. Test 2 (T2)

- This is a Theme or Context based Test

UCEED

- UCEED 2026: **All India Rank 600 or below can choose to be exempted from the SMEAT 2026.**
- **Consideration is applicable only if the applicant is able to submit the result before the Round 1 of SMEAT 2026.**

All other Applicants

1. **It is mandatory for all applicants to take Test 1 and Test 2.**
2. All admissions are done on the basis of merit calculated on the performance of the applicant on Test 1 and Test 2.
3. The Srishti Manipal Admissions Committee reserves the right to offer a place in another course (other than the one chosen by the student) that reflects the aptitude and ability of the student as evidenced in their performance in the tests.
4. The decision of the Srishti Manipal Admissions Committee is final and binding.

H. Protocol: Grounds for Disqualification from the Admission Tests

1. Grounds for Disqualification

- a. Not being present on time or on the date given for any of the tests.
- b. Not having the hall ticket issued by Srishti Manipal and not having a valid ID (issued and recognised by a government authority – such as a driving license, passport, PAN or Aadhar card).
- c. Cheating or copying during a test and plagiarism.
- d. Use of unauthorized electronic transmitting or Wi-Fi enabled devices during a test.
- e. Disruptive or non-cooperative behavior
- f. The onus of correctly submitting test papers is on the candidate.

2. Decision for Disqualification

- a. The decision to disqualify an applicant rest with the Test Coordinator and the Srishti Manipal Admissions Committee.

3. Consequences of Disqualification

- a. Applicants who have been disqualified for any of the reasons listed above or any other reason will not be able to claim a refund of their application fees.
- b. Such applicants also cannot apply for a subsequent “**Round**” in the same year.

I. Protocol: Admission Results and Registration

1. The results of each **Round**, published as an Accept, Regret or Waitlist will be announced via the Srishti Manipal Online Admissions Portal.
2. Each list will be published with a last date for registration and acceptance of admission at Srishti Manipal.
3. Appearing in SMEAT 2026_UGPP or being named on a published waiting list neither guarantees nor entitles an applicant to automatic admission.
4. Payment of all fees as published in the Fee Schedule will constitute acceptance of admission to Srishti Manipal.
5. After the last date for fee payment in each **Round** the vacant seat/s will be allocated to the waitlisted applicant/s.
6. Application fees from applicants who have not been selected will not be refunded.
7. Applicants who have successfully completed the SMEAT 2026_UGPP and are awaiting the results of their qualifying examination will be given provisional admission upon meeting all other admission requirements. Admission will be confirmed upon submission of all required documents before the deadline given on the website; failing which admission will be revoked.
8. The SMEAT 2026_UGPP score is valid only for admission in the Academic Year 2026-27.

J. Protocol: Special Needs

1. Srishti Manipal has an affirmative and inclusive philosophy regarding diversity and the differently abled among its student community.
2. All applicants with declared special needs with supporting documents, as stated in the relevant section on the application form, will be:
 - a. provided with assistance during the SMEAT2026_UGPP as far as possible, within the limits of the existing infrastructure at the place or venue where the SMEAT 2026_UGPP is conducted.
 - b. given admission only if they make the merit criteria set by the Srishti Manipal Admissions Committee of the SMEAT_2026_UGPP.
3. While Srishti Manipal's policy on inclusion and diversity allows applicants with varied needs to join the institute, it will not be possible to cater to the specific needs of all applicants and admission will be based on the infrastructure (both soft and hard) currently available within Srishti Manipal, that will enable the applicant to function and work alongside others as equals.

K. Protocol: Power of Srishti Manipal Admissions Committee

1. In all matters concerning the results of SMEAT 2026_UGPP, the decision of the Srishti Manipal Admissions Committee will be final and binding on all the applicants.
2. With regard to the interpretation of the provisions on any matter not covered in this document, the decision of the Srishti Manipal Admissions Committee 2026 shall be final and binding on all parties concerned.
3. In case of any claims or disputes arising with respect to SMEAT 2026_UGPP, it is hereby made absolutely clear that Srishti Manipal Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Bangalore shall have the sole and exclusive jurisdiction to entertain and settle any such disputes and claims.

*Note: Please email **ramesh.kalkur@manipal.edu** for any clarifications on the protocols for admission to any Undergraduate Professional Program.*