

Application to progress from Part II to Part III of the Computer Science Tripos

To be completed by the student

Name of Student:

CRSID:

College:

I apply to be a candidate for Part III of the Computer Science Tripos in the academical year that starts on 1 October 20____.

I understand that my application will be assessed using the criteria in the Standing Order of the Faculty Board of Computer Science & Technology regarding progression from Part II to Part III of the Computer Science Tripos (see overleaf). I understand that I must be deemed, by the Faculty Board's Sub-Committee, to have obtained a satisfactory standard in previous honours examinations in order to progress to Part III of the Computer Science Tripos.

Signed: Date:

To be completed by the College

Name of College Officer:

Position in College:

I confirm that the above named student has the support of his/her College in making this application. The College understands that the student must be deemed, by the Faculty Board's Sub-Committee, to have obtained a satisfactory standard in previous honours examinations in order to progress to Part III of the Computer Science Tripos.

Signed: Date:

This form must be completed, signed by both the student and the appropriate College officer, and submitted to Student Administration in the William Gates Building by the Division of Easter Term (14 May in 2014 or 2015; 21 May in 2016, 2017 or 2018) in the academical year immediately preceding that stated above.

Standing Order of the Faculty Board of Computer Science & Technology regarding progression from Part II to Part III of the Computer Science Tripos

The Regulations for Part III of the Computer Science Tripos require that, in order to be a candidate for Part III, a student must demonstrate that he or she “has attained a satisfactory standard, as defined by the Faculty Board, in previous honours examinations” (Regulation 18, condition (b)). This Standing Order defines what is meant by “satisfactory standard” and the mechanism for assessment of individual students.

1. A student who wishes to progress to Part III must submit an application on the form approved by the Faculty Board by a date specified annually by the Faculty Board. The application must be supported by the student’s College. It must be signed by both the student and the appropriate College Officer (the student’s Tutor or Director of Studies).
2. The Faculty Board will appoint a Sub-Committee of three of its members to consider all applications. No two members of the Sub-Committee shall be members of or direct studies at the same College.
3. The Sub-Committee will meet to consider all applications as soon as practicable after the publication of the class list for Part II of the Computer Science Tripos. The Sub-Committee will be provided with the mark book for Part II of the Computer Science Tripos and with any class lists required to make their judgement. Where a member of the Sub-Committee is also a member of an applicant’s College or is an applicant’s Director of Studies, that Sub-Committee member shall take no part in the consideration of that applicant.
4. The Sub-Committee will assess all applications using the following criteria.
 - (a) A student is deemed to have automatically attained a satisfactory standard, provided that he or she has achieved First class honours in Part II of the Computer Science Tripos.
 - (b) A student who does not meet criterion (a) may, at the Sub-Committee's discretion, be deemed to have attained a satisfactory standard provided that he or she has achieved an overall mark at or above the median mark of all candidates who were awarded honours in Part II of the Computer Science Tripos *and also either*
 - (i) has achieved a dissertation mark in the top decile of all candidates who were awarded honours in Part II of the Computer Science Tripos (the ‘exceptional dissertation’ criterion);
or
 - (ii) has achieved at least one written paper mark that is in the top decile for that paper of all candidates who were awarded honours in Part II of the Computer Science Tripos (the ‘exceptional written paper’ criterion); or (iii) has achieved First-class honours in two other honours examinations (the ‘exceptional Part I’ criterion).
 - (c) A student who has been deemed to have deserved honours in Part II under Regulation 18 for the Computer Science Tripos may, at the Sub-Committee's discretion, be deemed to have attained a satisfactory standard. (Regulation 18 deals with student exchanges, for instance to MIT.)
 - (d) A student who has achieved First Class honours in Part II of another Tripos may, at the Sub-Committee's discretion, be deemed to have attained a satisfactory standard provided that the Sub-Committee is satisfied that he or she has adequate background to undertake Part III.