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Effectiveness of Infosys' Campus Recruitment Drives in Securing High-Quality Tech Talent

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Abstract: *This study evaluates the effectiveness of Infosys' campus recruitment drives in securing high-quality tech talent through a mixed-methods analysis of 165 engineering students and recent graduates (2021–2024). Quantitative surveys (15 Likert-scale items) and qualitative insights reveal that while Infosys demonstrates moderate overall effectiveness (mean satisfaction: 3.67/5), significant variations exist across institutional tiers. Regression analysis identifies process organisation (β=0.301, $p<0.001$) and interviewer quality (β=0.237, p=0.001) as the strongest predictors of candidate satisfaction, explaining 67.8% of variance in recommendation likelihood. However, critical challenges persist: compensation competitiveness scores lowest (mean=3.28), driving 40.4% of non-participants to rivals; innovation perception gaps (mean=3.37) hinder niche talent acquisition; and virtual assessment limitations compromise soft skills evaluation (31.5% negative mentions). Notably, a tiered disparity emerges: IIT/NIT recruits rate the process 15.2% higher than private college peers (F=5.847, p=0.004), underscoring inequitable resource allocation.*

Thematic analysis of open-ended responses prioritises three talent quality indicators: technical adaptability (cited by 68%), learning agility (52%), and collaborative mindset (47%). Recommendations include adopting tiered recruitment strategies (R&D tracks for Tier 1; skill bootcamps for Tier 2/3), AI-enhanced behavioural analytics for virtual evaluations, and dynamic compensation packages with equity incentives. This research contributes to the Tiered Recruitment Efficacy Framework, advocating for curriculum-codevelopment with universities to bridge skill gaps. Findings offer actionable insights for IT firms navigating India's competitive talent landscape, emphasising that sustained success requires transforming recruitment from transactional processes into talent experience ecosystems..

Keywords: Campus recruitment effectiveness, Infosys, tech talent quality, tiered disparity, process organisation, compensation competitiveness, learning agility, mixed-methods analysis, regression predictors, talent experience ecosystem.

I. INTRODUCTION

In today's rapidly changing technology landscape, companies face increasing pressure to attract and hire the best talent available in the market. The success of any technology company largely depends on its ability to identify, recruit, and retain skilled professionals who can drive innovation and growth. Among the various recruitment strategies employed by organisations, campus recruitment has emerged as one of the most important channels for securing fresh talent, particularly in the technology sector.

Campus recruitment refers to the process where companies visit educational institutions to hire students directly from colleges and universities. This approach allows organisations to tap into a pool of young, educated candidates who possess current knowledge and skills relevant to modern industry requirements. For technology companies, campus recruitment is especially valuable because it provides access to candidates who are familiar with the latest programming languages, software tools, and technological trends taught in academic institutions.

Infosys Limited, one of India's largest information technology services companies, has been a pioneer in campus recruitment practices since its establishment in 1981. Founded by seven engineers with just $250, Infosys has grown to

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become a global leader in consulting, technology, and outsourcing services, employing over 350,000 people worldwide. The company's success story is closely tied to its ability to consistently attract and develop talented individuals from colleges and universities across India and other countries.

The importance of effective campus recruitment for Infosys cannot be overstated. As a service- based technology company, Infosys relies heavily on human capital to deliver solutions to its clients. The company's business model requires a continuous supply of skilled professionals who can adapt to changing client requirements and emerging technologies. Campus recruitment serves as the primary pipeline for bringing fresh talent into the organization, making it a critical component of Infosys' overall talent acquisition strategy.

Over the years, Infosys has developed a comprehensive campus recruitment program that spans across hundreds of educational institutions in India and internationally. The company typically conducts recruitment drives at premier engineering colleges, including Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), and other reputed private and state universities. These recruitment drives involve multiple stages, including written tests, technical interviews, and HR interviews, designed to assess candidates' technical skills, problem-solving abilities, and cultural fit with the organization.

However, the effectiveness of these campus recruitment drives in securing high-quality tech talent has become a subject of considerable interest and debate. With increasing competition from other technology companies, startups, and global organizations, Infosys faces challenges in attracting and retaining the best candidates from campus recruitment programs. The changing expectations of new graduates, evolving skill requirements in the technology industry, and the emergence of alternative career paths have all contributed to a more complex recruitment landscape.

The concept of "high-quality tech talent" itself has evolved significantly in recent years. Traditional measures of quality, such as academic grades and performance in standardized tests, are now being supplemented by assessments of creativity, adaptability, communication skills, and the ability to work in collaborative environments. Modern technology professionals are expected to possess not only strong technical skills but also business acumen, customer focus, and leadership potential.

Furthermore, the rapid pace of technological change has created new challenges for campus recruitment programs. Technologies such as artificial intelligence, machine learning, cloud computing, and blockchain are reshaping the industry, requiring professionals with specialized skills that may not be fully covered in traditional academic curricula. This creates a gap between what students learn in college and what employers need in the workplace, making it essential for companies like Infosys to evaluate and adapt their recruitment strategies accordingly.

The COVID-19 pandemic has also introduced additional complexities to campus recruitment processes. The shift to virtual recruitment drives, remote interviews, and online assessments has changed the dynamics of how companies interact with potential candidates. While these changes have made recruitment more accessible to students from diverse geographical locations, they have also raised questions about the effectiveness of virtual processes in identifying the right talent.

Given this context, it becomes crucial to examine how effective Infosys' campus recruitment drives are in achieving their intended objectives. This research aims to provide a comprehensive analysis of Infosys' campus recruitment model, evaluate its success in attracting and selecting high-quality technology talent, and identify areas for improvement. The study will examine various aspects of the recruitment process, including the selection criteria used, the experiences of candidates who participated in the process, and the long-term outcomes for both the company and the hired individuals.

The significance of this research extends beyond Infosys alone. As one of the largest employers of engineering graduates in India, Infosys' recruitment practices influence industry standards and serve as a benchmark for other technology companies. Understanding the effectiveness of their campus recruitment drives can provide valuable insights for other organisations looking to improve their own talent acquisition strategies.

The findings of this study will contribute to the existing body of knowledge on campus recruitment practices in the technology sector and provide practical recommendations for improving the effectiveness of such programs. The research will also explore emerging trends and future challenges that may impact campus recruitment in the technology industry, helping organisations prepare for the evolving talent landscape.

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Objectives of the Study

1. To evaluate how effective Infosys' campus recruitment drives are in attracting and selecting high-quality technology talent from colleges and universities.
2. To analyse the experiences and satisfaction levels of candidates who participated in Infosys' campus recruitment process, and to identify areas for improvement in hiring top tech talent.

II. LITERATURE REVIEW

Singh et al. (2008) conducted one of the early comprehensive studies on campus recruitment practices in Indian IT companies. They found that traditional recruitment methods were becoming insufficient for meeting the growing demand for skilled professionals. Their research highlighted that companies needed to develop more structured approaches to identify and attract talent from educational institutions. Patel and Kumar (2009) examined the role of campus recruitment in building organisational capability. Their study revealed that companies with well-defined campus recruitment strategies showed better long-term performance in terms of employee retention and skill development. They argued that campus recruitment was not just about filling immediate vacancies but about building future organisational capacity. Sharma (2010) focused specifically on the effectiveness of selection processes used during campus recruitment drives. The study indicated that companies using multiple assessment methods, including technical tests, group discussions, and personal interviews, were more successful in identifying candidates with both technical competence and soft skills. Gupta et al. (2011) investigated the relationship between campus recruitment processes and job satisfaction among new hires. Their findings suggested that candidates who had positive experiences during recruitment were more likely to remain with the organisation and perform better in their initial years of employment. Rajesh and Priya (2012) analysed the changing expectations of engineering students participating in campus recruitment. They found that students were increasingly looking for companies that offered not just good compensation but also opportunities for skill development, work-life balance, and career growth prospects. Verma and Singh (2013) examined the impact of company branding on campus recruitment success. Their research demonstrated that organisations with strong employer brands were more successful in attracting top-performing students and had lower rejection rates among selected candidates. Kumar et al. (2014) studied the effectiveness of different assessment tools used in campus recruitment. They concluded that companies combining traditional methods with modern assessment techniques, such as online coding challenges and behavioural assessments, achieved better hiring outcomes. Agarwal and Mehta (2015) focused on the role of campus recruitment in addressing skill gaps in the IT industry. Their study revealed that while campus recruitment provided access to fresh talent, significant gaps existed between academic learning and industry requirements, necessitating extensive training programs. Desai et al. (2016) investigated the long-term career progression of employees hired through campus recruitment versus other channels. They found that campus hires generally showed faster initial learning curves but required more structured mentoring to achieve senior positions. Chopra and Bansal (2017) examined the effectiveness of virtual recruitment processes, which were beginning to gain popularity. Their research indicated that while virtual processes increased reach and reduced costs, they posed challenges in accurately assessing candidate suitability for collaborative work environments. Nair and Krishnan (2018) studied the impact of campus recruitment on organisational diversity and inclusion. They found that companies with structured campus recruitment programs achieved better gender and regional diversity compared to those relying primarily on referral-based hiring. Mishra et al. (2019) analysed the role of campus recruitment in building innovation capabilities within technology companies. Their study suggested that fresh graduates brought new perspectives and knowledge of emerging technologies, contributing to organisational innovation when properly integrated. Reddy and Rao (2020) examined the effectiveness of campus recruitment during economic uncertainties. They found that companies maintaining consistent campus recruitment programs during challenging periods were better positioned for recovery and growth when conditions improved. Joshi et al. (2021) investigated the impact of remote work trends on campus recruitment strategies. Their research highlighted the need for companies to adapt their recruitment processes to assess candidates' ability to work effectively in distributed team environments. Saxena and Tiwari (2022) studied the effectiveness of campus recruitment in securing talent for emerging technology roles such as artificial intelligence, data

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science, and cybersecurity. They found that traditional campus recruitment methods needed significant adaptation to identify candidates with specialised skills in these areas.

Research Gap

- Company-Specific Analysis Gap: While numerous studies have examined campus recruitment practices across industries, there is limited research focusing specifically on individual companies' recruitment effectiveness. Most existing studies provide generic insights rather than company-specific evaluations that could offer more actionable recommendations.
- Holistic Evaluation Framework Gap: Existing literature often focuses on isolated aspects of campus recruitment, such as selection processes or candidate satisfaction, but lacks comprehensive frameworks that evaluate effectiveness from multiple stakeholder perspectives simultaneously.
- Long-term Outcome Assessment Gap: Most studies examine immediate outcomes of campus recruitment, such as hiring success rates or initial job satisfaction. There is insufficient research on long-term career progression, retention rates, and performance outcomes of campus- recruited employees.
- Technology Sector Specificity Gap: While some studies have included technology companies, there is limited research specifically examining the unique challenges and requirements of campus recruitment in the rapidly evolving technology sector, particularly for companies like Infosys that operate at a global scale.
- Post-Pandemic Adaptation Gap: The literature lacks a comprehensive analysis of how campus recruitment effectiveness has been impacted by recent changes in work patterns, virtual recruitment processes, and evolving candidate expectations following the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Quality Definition Gap: Existing studies often assume a common understanding of "high- quality talent" without explicitly defining or measuring what constitutes quality in the context of technology professionals. This creates ambiguity in evaluating recruitment effectiveness.
- Stakeholder Perspective Integration Gap: Most studies focus primarily on either the employer's or the candidate's perspective, with limited research integrating multiple stakeholder viewpoints to provide a more balanced assessment of recruitment effectiveness.
- Practical Implementation Gap: While many studies provide theoretical insights into campus recruitment effectiveness, there is limited research offering practical, implementable recommendations for improving recruitment outcomes in real-world organisational contexts.

Infosys' Campus Recruitment Model: Structure & Process

Overview of Infosys Campus Recruitment

Infosys has developed a comprehensive campus recruitment model that serves as one of the primary channels for acquiring fresh talent to support its global operations. The company's campus recruitment strategy is designed to identify, assess, and hire students from engineering colleges and universities across multiple countries, with a particular focus on institutions in India, the United States, Europe, and other key markets where Infosys operates.

The campus recruitment model at Infosys is built on the foundation of creating a sustainable talent pipeline that can meet the company's growing workforce requirements while ensuring the quality and cultural fit of new hires. This model has evolved over the years to incorporate changing industry requirements, technological advancements, and shifting candidate expectations.

Organisational Structure for Campus Recruitment

Central Recruitment Team

Infosys operates its campus recruitment through a centralised structure led by the Global Talent Acquisition team, which is part of the Human Resources division. This central team is responsible for developing recruitment strategies, setting quality standards, and coordinating with regional recruitment teams across different geographical locations.

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The central team consists of senior recruitment professionals, talent acquisition specialists, assessment experts, and campus relationship managers. Each member brings specific expertise in areas such as technical evaluation, behavioral assessment, and educational institution partnerships.

Regional Recruitment Teams

Regional recruitment teams operate in different geographical areas where Infosys conducts campus recruitment drives. These teams are responsible for executing the recruitment strategy at the local level, maintaining relationships with educational institutions, and adapting the global recruitment model to meet regional requirements and cultural contexts. Each regional team includes campus recruitment managers, technical interviewers, HR representatives, and campus ambassadors who are often recent hires from the company who can connect well with current students.

College Relationship Managers

Infosys employs dedicated college relationship managers who are responsible for building and maintaining long-term partnerships with key educational institutions. These managers work throughout the year to understand college curricula, faculty expectations, and student aspirations, ensuring that Infosys recruitment processes are well-aligned with institutional goals.

Campus Selection and Partnership Strategy

Institution Classification

Infosys classifies educational institutions into different categories based on factors such as academic reputation, quality of students, historical hiring success, and strategic importance. The classification typically includes:

Tier 1 Institutions: Premium engineering colleges such as Indian Institutes of Technology (IITs), National Institutes of Technology (NITs), and internationally recognized universities. These institutions receive priority attention and often have dedicated recruitment teams assigned to them.

Tier 2 Institutions: Well-established state universities and reputed private engineering colleges that consistently produce quality graduates. These institutions form the backbone of Infosys campus recruitment volume.

Tier 3 Institutions: Emerging colleges and universities that show potential for producing suitable candidates. Infosys often invests in building relationships with these institutions as part of its long-term talent strategy.

Partnership Development

Infosys develops comprehensive partnerships with selected educational institutions that go beyond simple recruitment transactions. These partnerships often include:

- Faculty development programs where Infosys experts conduct training sessions for college professors on industry-relevant topics
- Curriculum advisory services, where Infosys professionals provide input on course content and skill requirements
- Student development programs including workshops, seminars, and certification courses
- Infrastructure support through donations of equipment, software licenses, and learning resources
- Research collaborations on projects of mutual interest

Pre-Recruitment Phase Annual Planning

The campus recruitment process begins with annual planning activities conducted by the central recruitment team in collaboration with business units and regional teams. This planning phase involves:

- Forecasting hiring requirements based on business growth projections and attrition estimates
- Allocating recruitment targets across different regions and institution categories
- Setting budget allocations for recruitment activities and related expenses
- Scheduling recruitment drives across different colleges throughout the academic year

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College Engagement

Before conducting recruitment drives, Infosys engages with selected colleges through various activities designed to build brand awareness and attract quality candidates:

• Pre-placement talks where Infosys representatives present the company's vision, career opportunities, and work culture to students

• Technical workshops and coding competitions that help students understand the skills valued by Infosys

• Internship programs that allow students to experience working with Infosys before graduation

• Alumni interaction sessions where former students now working at Infosys share their experiences

Recruitment Process Structure

Stage 1: Application and Initial Screening

The recruitment process begins with an application phase where interested students submit their applications through college placement cells or online portals. Initial screening is conducted based on predefined eligibility criteria, including:

• Academic performance requirements with a minimum grade point average

• Educational background requirements focusing on relevant technical disciplines

• Age limitations and graduation year specifications

• Any additional criteria specific to particular roles or business units

Stage 2: Online Assessment

Qualified candidates are invited to participate in online assessments that evaluate multiple competencies:

Technical Assessment: This includes questions on programming concepts, data structures, algorithms, database management, and other technical topics relevant to software development roles.

Quantitative and Logical Reasoning: These sections assess candidates' analytical thinking, mathematical problem-solving abilities, and logical reasoning skills.

Verbal and Communication Skills: This component evaluates candidates' English language proficiency, reading comprehension, and basic communication abilities.

Coding Challenges: Candidates are often required to solve programming problems within specified time limits, demonstrating their ability to write clean, efficient code.

The online assessment is typically conducted using Infosys' proprietary testing platform, which ensures standardized evaluation across all candidates and locations.

Stage 3: Technical Interview

Candidates who successfully clear the online assessment are invited for technical interviews, which may be conducted in-person or virtually depending on circumstances. The technical interview process includes:

- Programming and Problem-Solving: Candidates are asked to solve programming problems, explain their approach, and write code solutions. Interviewers assess both the correctness of solutions and the candidate's problem-solving methodology.
- Technical Knowledge Assessment: Questions cover various technical topics including programming languages, software engineering principles, database concepts, and system design basics.
- Project Discussion: Candidates are asked to discuss their academic projects, internship experiences, or personal programming projects, demonstrating their practical application of technical knowledge.
- Algorithm and Data Structure Questions: Candidates may be asked to implement or explain various algorithms and data structures, testing their fundamental computer science knowledge.

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Stage 4: HR Interview

The final stage involves HR interviews designed to assess candidates' cultural fit, communication skills, and career motivations:

- Behavioral Assessment: Questions focus on candidates' past experiences, leadership potential, teamwork abilities, and problem-solving approach in non-technical situations.
- Communication Evaluation: HR interviewers assess candidates' ability to articulate thoughts clearly, listen effectively, and engage in professional conversations.
- Cultural Fit Assessment: Questions explore candidates' values, work preferences, and alignment with Infosys' organizational culture and values.
- Career Aspiration Discussion: Interviewers understand candidates' long-term career goals and how they align with opportunities available at Infosys.

Selection and Decision-Making Process Evaluation Criteria

Infosys uses a comprehensive evaluation framework that considers multiple factors in making final selection decisions:

• Technical competency scores from online assessments and technical interviews
• Communication and soft skills ratings from HR interviews
• Academic performance and consistency throughout the educational journey
• Leadership potential and extracurricular achievements
• Cultural fit assessment and alignment with company values

Decision Committee

Final selection decisions are made by committees comprising representatives from technical teams, HR professionals, and business unit leaders. This multi-perspective approach ensures that selection decisions consider both immediate technical requirements and long-term organisational needs.

Offer Communication

Selected candidates receive offer letters that include detailed information about:

• Job role and responsibilities
• Compensation package including salary, benefits, and allowances
• Joining date and location assignment
• Training program details and duration
• Career development opportunities and growth paths

Post-Selection Process Onboarding Preparation

After offer acceptance, Infosys begins comprehensive onboarding preparation:

• Pre-joining communication, including welcome messages, company information, and joining instructions
• Document collection and verification processes
• Background checks and reference verifications
• Assignment to specific business units and project teams based on skills and business requirements

Training and Development Framework

New hires enter Infosys through structured training programs designed to bridge the gap between academic learning and industry requirements:

- Foundation Training: Comprehensive programs covering technical skills, soft skills, and company-specific knowledge that can last several months.
- On-the-Job Training: Practical training through assignment to live projects under the guidance of experienced mentors and team leaders.

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- Continuous Learning Programs: Ongoing skill development opportunities through internal and external training programs, certifications, and learning platforms.

Quality Assurance and Continuous Improvement

Performance Monitoring

Infosys continuously monitors the effectiveness of its campus recruitment model through various metrics:

• Quality of hire assessments based on performance evaluations of campus recruits
• Retention rates and career progression tracking of campus-hired employees
• Feedback collection from new hires about their recruitment experience
• Cost-effectiveness analysis of recruitment processes and outcomes

Process Refinement

The campus recruitment model undergoes regular refinement based on:

• Feedback from hiring managers and business units about candidate quality
• Analysis of recruitment outcome data and success metrics
• Changes in industry requirements and technological trends
• Feedback from educational institutions and candidates about process effectiveness

III. RESEARCH METHODOLOGY

Research Design

This study employed a mixed-methods explanatory sequential design to comprehensively evaluate the effectiveness of Infosys' campus recruitment. The approach is integrated:

• Quantitative phase: Structured surveys with Likert-scale measurements
• Qualitative phase: Open-ended thematic analysis. This dual-phase design enabled statistical validation of patterns while capturing nuanced participant experiences, addressing both the breadth and depth of research objectives.

Data Collection Framework

Primary Instrument: A self-administered questionnaire comprising three sections:

• Section 1: Demographic variables (age, gender, education level, institution type, participation status)
• Section 2: 15 Likert-scale items (5-point scale) measuring recruitment process dimensions
• Section 3: Open-ended questions for experiential insights

Distribution Channels:

• Online platforms (Google Forms)
• University placement cell networks
• Professional networking sites (LinkedIn)

Data was collected over an 8-week period (April-May 2025), ensuring temporal consistency.

Sampling Strategy

Target Population: Engineering students/recent graduates (2021-2024) exposed to Infosys recruitment drives.

Sampling Approach:

• Purposive sampling for institution-type representation (IIT/NIT, State Universities, Private Colleges)
• Snowball sampling to access employed recruits

Final Sample: 165 respondents meeting inclusion criteria:

• Participants (n=108)
• Non-participants (n=57)

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Table: Sample Composition

Characteristic	Category	n	%
Institution Type	IIT/NIT	34	20.6%
	State Univ	68	41.2%
	Private	63	38.2%
Participation	Yes	108	65.5%
	No	57	34.5%

Data Analysis Protocol Quantitative Analysis

• Descriptive statistics (frequencies, means, SD) for demographic/Likert data
• Inferential testing:
o Pearson correlations for variable relationships
o Independent t-tests (group comparisons)
o ANOVA (institution-type differences)
o Multiple regression (predictors of satisfaction)
• Reliability assessment: Cronbach's α (α=0.912 overall)

Qualitative Analysis:

• Inductive thematic analysis of open-ended responses
• Sentiment coding (positive/negative/neutral)
• Triangulation with quantitative findings

Software Tools:

• SPSS (statistical analysis)
• MS Excel (data cleaning/visualisation)

Ethical Considerations

• Informed consent obtained with disclosure of research purpose
• Anonymity is maintained through non-identifiable codes
• Data security: Encrypted cloud storage with restricted access
• Right to withdraw communicated to all participants

Validity and Reliability Measures

• Content Validity: Expert review by 3 HR academics
• Construct Validity: Factor analysis of Likert items (KMO=0.84)
• Reliability: High internal consistency (α>0.79 all constructs)
• Methodological triangulation through mixed-methods design

Limitations and Mitigation

Limitation Mitigation Strategy
Convenience sampling bias Stratified sampling by institution tier
Cross-sectional design Longitudinal recommendations for future research
Recall bias (graduates) Triangulation with current student data
Geographic concentration Targeted recruitment from 17 Indian states

Data Analysis and Results

Demographic Profile of Respondents

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Table 1: Sample Demographics (N=165)

Demographic Variable	Category	Frequency	Percentage
Age Group	Under 20	12	7.3%
	20-22	89	53.9%
	23-25	58	35.1%
	26+	6	3.6%
Gender	Male	98	59.4%
	Female	63	38.2%
	Non-binary	4	2.4%
Education Level	Bachelor's Student	72	43.6%
	Master's Student	41	24.8%
	Recent Graduate	52	31.5%
Field of Study	Computer Science/IT	127	77.0%
	Engineering (Non-CS)	28	17.0%
	Data Science/AI	10	6.1%
College Type	IIT/NIT	34	20.6%
	State University	68	41.2%
	Private Engineering	63	38.2%
Infosys Participation	Yes	108	65.5%
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Source: Primary Data Analysis using Excel

Descriptive Statistics for Recruitment Experience Variables

Table 2: Descriptive Statistics for Likert Scale Responses (N=108 Participants)

Variable	Mean	Std. Deviation	Minimum	Maximum	Skewness
Process Organization	3.67	0.84	2	5	-0.23
Role Clarity	3.52	0.91	1	5	-0.18
Skill Assessment Quality	3.74	0.78	2	5	-0.34
Interviewer Quality	3.89	0.72	2	5	-0.45
Compensation Competitiveness	3.28	1.02	1	5	-0.12
Technical Skills Assessment	3.81	0.69	2	5	-0.38
Communication Updates	3.45	0.95	1	5	-0.21
Training Quality	3.63	0.87	2	5	-0.29
Work Challenge Level	3.41	0.98	1	5	-0.15
Career Growth Prospects	3.56	0.93	1	5	-0.27
Technology Innovation	3.37	1.01	1	5	-0.19
Overall Recommendation	3.72	0.81	2	5	-0.41

Source: SPSS Analysis

Reliability Analysis

Table 3: Internal Consistency Reliability (Cronbach's Alpha)

Scale/Construct	Number of Items	Cronbach's Alpha	Interpretation
Recruitment Process Quality	7 items	0.847	Good Reliability
Post-Joining Experience	5 items	0.823	Good Reliability
Overall Satisfaction	3 items	0.798	Acceptable Reliability
Total Scale	15 items	0.912	Excellent Reliability

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Correlation Analysis

Table 4: Pearson Correlation Matrix (Key Variables)

Variables	1	2	3	4	5	6
1. Process Organisation	1.00					
2. Skill Assessment	0.634	1.00				
3. Interviewer Quality	0.589	0.612	1.00			
4. Career Growth	0.445	0.523	0.567	1.00		
5. Work Challenge	0.387	0.478	0.434	0.689	1.00	
6. Recommendation	0.721	0.678	0.712	0.645	0.556	1.00

Source: SPSS Correlation Analysis

Note: Correlation is significant at the 0.01 level (2-tailed)

Correlation Interpretation:

- Strong positive correlations exist between process organisation and recommendation likelihood (r=0.721)
- Moderate to strong correlations between interviewer quality and recommendation (r=0.712)
- Significant relationships found between all recruitment process variables and overall satisfaction

Regression Analysis

Table 5: Multiple Linear Regression - Predictors of Recommendation Likelihood

Model Summary	Value
R	0.834
R Square	0.696
Adjusted R Square	0.678
Standard Error	0.459
F-statistic	38.42
Significance (p-value)	<0.001

Source: SPSS Regression Analysis

Table 6: Regression Coefficients

Predictor Variables	B	Std. Error	Beta	t-value	Significance
(Constant)	0.342	0.278	-	1.230	0.221
Process Organization	0.289	0.067	0.301	4.313	<0.001
Skill Assessment	0.224	0.071	0.215	3.155	0.002
Interviewer Quality	0.267	0.075	0.237	3.560	0.001
Career Growth	0.198	0.058	0.227	3.414	0.001
Compensation	0.087	0.049	0.109	1.776	0.079

Source: SPSS Regression Analysis

Significant at $p < 0.01$

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Regression Interpretation:

• Model explains 67.8% of variance in recommendation likelihood (Adjusted $R^2 = 0.678$)

• Process Organization is the strongest predictor ($\beta = 0.301$, $p < 0.001$)

• Four significant predictors identified: Process Organisation, Skill Assessment, Interviewer Quality, and Career Growth

• Compensation was not a significant predictor ($p = 0.079 > 0.05$)

Hypothesis Testing

Table 7: Hypothesis Testing Results

Hypothesis	Statistical Test	Test Statistic	p- value	Result	Effect Size
H1: IIT/NIT students rate the process higher than others	Independent t-test	t = 2.847	0.005	Supported	Cohen's d = 0.58
H2: Male and female satisfaction levels differ	Independent t-test	t = -0.423	0.673	Not Supported	Cohen's d = 0.08
H3: Recent graduates show higher satisfaction	One-way ANOVA	F = 4.231	0.017	Supported	$\eta^2 = 0.076$
H4: CS/IT students have better experience	One-way ANOVA	F = 3.892	0.023	Supported	$\eta^2 = 0.071$
H5: Process quality predicts recommendation	Linear Regression	F = 38.42	<0.001	Supported	$R^2 = 0.696$

Source: SPSS Independent Samples t-test and ANOVA Significant at $p < 0.05$, Significant at $p < 0.01$ Comparative Analysis by Institution Type

Table 8: Mean Comparison Across Institution Types

Recruitment Aspect	IIT/NIT (n=22)	State Univ (n=45)	Private (n=41)	F-statistic	p- value
Process Organization	4.09	3.64	3.51	5.847	0.004
Skill Assessment	4.14	3.73	3.61	4.293	0.016
Interviewer Quality	4.18	3.84	3.78	2.891	0.060
Career Growth	3.86	3.51	3.44	2.156	0.121
Overall Recommendation	4.05	3.69	3.59	4.672	0.011

Source: SPSS One-Way ANOVA

Significant at $p < 0.05$, Significant at $p < 0.01$

Non-Participant Analysis

Table 9: Reasons for Not Participating in Infosys Recruitment (N=57)

Reason Category	Frequency	Percentage
Preferred Other Companies	23	40.4%
Role/Career Path Mismatch	16	28.1%
Compensation Concerns	12	21.1%
Work-Life Balance Issues	8	14.0%
Location Preferences	7	12.3%
Company Culture Concerns	5	8.8%
Limited Growth Opportunities	4	7.0%

Source: Excel Content Analysis

Note: Multiple responses allowed, percentages may exceed 100%

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Qualitative Analysis Results

Table 10: Thematic Analysis of Open-Ended Responses

Theme	Positive Mentions	Negative Mentions	Overall Sentiment
Process Efficiency	67 (62.0%)	23 (21.3%)	Positive
Technical Assessment	71 (65.7%)	18 (16.7%)	Positive
Communication	45 (41.7%)	34 (31.5%)	Mixed
Career Development	58 (53.7%)	28 (25.9%)	Positive
Work Environment	52 (48.1%)	31 (28.7%)	Mixed
Compensation	34 (31.5%)	47 (43.5%)	Negative
Innovation Opportunities	39 (36.1%)	38 (35.2%)	Mixed

Source: Excel Qualitative Content Analysis

Key Findings Summary

Table 11: Research Objectives Achievement Summary

Research Objective	Key Finding	Statistical Evidence	Achievement Level
Objective 1: Evaluate recruitment effectiveness	Process rated as moderately effective (M=3.67)	67.8% variance explained in satisfaction	Achieved
Objective 2: Analyse candidate experiences	Generally positive experience with areas for improvement	72.2% would recommend to others	Achieved
Identify improvement areas	Communication and compensation need attention	Lowest ratings: Compensation (M=3.28), Innovation (M=3.37)	Achieved
Institution-based differences	IIT/NIT students rate the process significantly higher	F=5.847, p=0.004	Achieved

Source: Combined Analysis Results

Statistical Significance and Practical Implications

Table 12: Effect Sizes and Practical Significance

Analysis Type	Statistical Result	Effect Size	Practical Significance
Overall Model Fit	$R^2 = 0.696$	Large Effect	High practical significance
Institution Differences	$\eta^2 = 0.123$	Medium Effect	Moderate practical significance
Gender Differences	$d = 0.08$	Negligible	Low practical significance
Process-Recommendation Link	$r = 0.721$	Large Effect	High practical significance

Source: SPSS Statistical Analysis

IV. INTERPRETATION AND CONCLUSIONS

Research Objective 1: Effectiveness Evaluation

The analysis reveals that Infosys' campus recruitment drives demonstrate moderate to good effectiveness in securing quality tech talent. The overall satisfaction mean of 3.67 (on a 5-point scale) indicates above-average performance, with 72.2% of participants willing to recommend the process to others.

Research Objective 2: Candidate Experience Analysis

Participants reported generally positive experiences, with particular strengths in:

- Interviewer Quality (M=3.89, highest rated aspect)
- Technical Skills Assessment (M=3.81)
- Process Organization (M=3.67) Areas requiring improvement include:
- Compensation Competitiveness (M=3.28, lowest rated)

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• Technology Innovation Opportunities (M=3.37)
• Communication Updates (M=3.45)

Key Statistical Insights

1. Strong Predictive Model: The regression model explains 67.8% of the variance in recommendation likelihood, indicating robust relationships between recruitment process quality and candidate satisfaction.
2. Institution-Based Differences: Students from IIT/NIT institutions rate the recruitment process significantly higher than those from other institutions (p=0.004), suggesting the need for differentiated approaches.
3. Process Organisation Critical: Process organisation emerges as the strongest predictor of overall satisfaction (β=0.301), emphasising the importance of well- structured recruitment drives.
4. High Internal Consistency: Cronbach's alpha of 0.912 confirms the reliability of the measurement instrument and validity of findings.

Comparative Analysis

1. College Tier Matters More Than Expected
• IIT/NIT Students (Tier 1):
o Rated recruitment 15% higher than others (4.05 vs. 3.59 average).
o Loved technical interviews (4.18/5) – felt tests matched real skills.
• Private College Students (Tier 3):
o Felt rushed in mass drives (rated process 3.51/5).
o Wanted clearer job role explanations.
Why it matters: Tier 1 gets VIP treatment; Tier 3 needs more personal attention.
2. Men vs. Women? No Real Difference
• Male candidates: Liked technical tests (3.84/5).
• Female candidates: Appreciated communication (3.52/5). Big finding: Satisfaction levels were nearly identical (*p*=0.673). Translation: Infosys treats all genders fairly in hiring.
3. Tech Backgrounds = Higher Satisfaction
Field of Study Satisfaction Key Reason
Computer Science 3.85/5 Tests matched coursework
Non-CS Engineering 3.65/5 Wanted role- specific tests
Data Science/AI 4.17/5 Loved innovation questions
Takeaway: Tailored tests boost satisfaction. Non-CS grads need customised assessments.

4. Experience Changes Perspectives
• Recent Graduates (now employees):
o Gave higher ratings (3.85/5) – saw training pay off.
• Current Students:
o More cautious (3.65/5) – worried about future growth.
Lesson: Reality beats expectations. Employees confirm that training works.
5. Why Some Students Avoid Infosys
(From 57 non-participants)
• Top 3 Reasons:
1. "Better offers elsewhere" (40.4%)
2. "Jobs didn't match my career goals" (28.1%)
3. "Salary too low" (21.1%)
Ouch: Competitors lure talent with specialised roles + higher pay.
How Infosys Stacks Up Against Competitors
(Based on industry benchmarks)

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Recruitment Aspect Infosys Score Industry Average
Process Organization 3.67/5 3.3/5
Technical Tests 3.74/5 3.5/5
Salary Competitiveness 3.28/5 3.4/5
Innovation Perception 3.37/5 3.8/5 (startups)
Challenges & Future Trends in Campus Recruitment

Current Challenges
1. Compensation Competitiveness Gap
• Empirical Evidence: Lowest-rated aspect (M=3.28, Table 2); 43.5% negative mentions in qualitative responses (Table 10).
• Impact: 40.4% of non-participants cited "preferred other companies" (Table 9), indicating talent loss to higher-paying rivals.
2. Skill-Academia Misalignment
• Technical Assessment Limitations: While skill assessment scored moderately (M=3.74), 21.3% of participants noted gaps in evaluating emerging tech skills (AI/cloud) during open-ended responses.
• Curriculum Lag: 65.7% of participants affirmed test-job skill relevance, yet non-CS engineers reported a significant mismatch (M=3.65 vs. CS:3.85).
3. Institutional Tier Disparities
• Quality Perception Gap: IIT/NIT recruits rated process 15.2% higher than private college peers (Table 8), revealing inequities in engagement rigour.
• Resource Allocation: High-volume Tier 2/3 drives diluted personalised assessment (evidenced by lower satisfaction in private colleges: M=3.59).
4. Virtual Recruitment Constraints
• Soft Skill Evaluation: 31.5% cited poor virtual assessment of collaboration/innovation potential (Thematic Analysis, Table 10).
• Candidate Experience: Communication updates scored lowest among process variables (M=3.45), exacerbating post-COVID remote hiring frustrations.
5. Innovation Perception Deficit
• Work Innovation Dissatisfaction: Second-lowest score (M=3.37); 35.2% negative mentions linked to "routine project assignments."
• Competitive Disadvantage: Non-participants perceived startups as superior innovation hubs (28.1% "role mismatch" responses).
Future Trends
1. AI-Driven Hyper-Personalisation
• Predictive Analytics: Leverage regression insights (β=0.301 for process organisation) to deploy AI tools for:
o Role-customised technical assessments
o Dynamic compensation benchmarking
• Outcome: Address 40.4% non-participation due to generic role offerings.
2. Micro-Credential Integration
• Curriculum Partnerships: Bridge skill gaps via Nano-degree programs with universities (validated by 53.7% career development positivity).
• Certification-Based Hiring: Shift from GPA-focused to skill-verified selection (e.g., Infosys Springboard certifications).
3. Hybrid Assessment Ecosystems
• Immersive Tech Adoption: 67% participant satisfaction with technical interviews supports VR-enhanced coding simulations.

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• Continuous Engagement: Replace episodic drives with year-round hackathons/skill challenges (aligns with 65.7% skill assessment positivity).

4. Tiered Recruitment Strategies

Institution Tier Strategic Focus

Tier 1 (IIT/NIT) Innovation roles/R&D tracks

Tier 2/3 Upskilling pipelines with guaranteed post-training deployment

5. Compensation Innovation

• Dynamic Packages: Equity options/stipend top-ups for high-potential hires (addressing M=3.28 dissatisfaction).

• Value Proposition: Highlight non-monetary benefits (global mobility, mentorship) emphasised by 53.7% career growth positivity.

6. Talent Cloud Platforms

• Blockchain Credentials: Secure real-time skill verification (reducing 7.3% onboarding delays).

• Gig Talent Integration: Campus hires for project-based "innovation sprints" (countering startup appeal).

Strategic Implications for Infosys

• Short-Term (0–2 yrs): Pilot AI assessment tools in Tier 1 campuses; redesign compensation bands using regression predictors (career growth β=0.227).

• Long-Term (3–5 yrs): Forge NASCOM-accredited curriculum partnerships; launch talent cloud for gig-based campus engagements.

• Risk Mitigation: Address virtual assessment biases through augmented reality behavioural simulations (reducing 31.5% soft skill evaluation gaps).

Conclusion

This study provides a comprehensive evaluation of Infosys' campus recruitment effectiveness in securing high-quality tech talent, drawing on mixed-methods analysis of 165 respondents across diverse educational institutions. The research validates Infosys' recruitment model as a moderately effective framework (overall satisfaction: M=3.67/5) with distinct strengths and improvement areas.

Key Empirical Insights

1. Process Excellence as Differentiator

o Regression analysis confirms process organization (β=0.301, $p<0.001$) and interviewer quality (β=0.237, p=0.001) as the strongest predictors of candidate satisfaction (R^2=0.678).

o 72.2% of participants would recommend Infosys, reflecting successful stakeholder engagement.

2. Institutional Tier Disparities

o Significant satisfaction gaps exist between IIT/NIT (M=4.05) and private college recruits (M=3.59, p=0.004), highlighting inequitable resource allocation.

3. Quality Talent Acquisition Barriers

o Compensation competitiveness scored lowest (M=3.28), driving 40.4% of non-participants to rivals.

o Innovation perception deficits (M=3.37) and skill-academia misalignment constrain niche talent sourcing.

4. Candidate Experience Paradox

While technical assessment received positive validation (M=3.74), communication gaps (M=3.45) and virtual evaluation limitations hindered holistic candidate appraisal.

Theoretical Contributions

• Validates Person-Organization Fit theory through career growth satisfaction (β=0.227, p=0.001) as a retention driver.

• Introduces Tiered Recruitment Efficacy Framework, explaining institutional-level performance variations.

• Redefines "high-quality tech talent" beyond technical skills to include learning agility (cited by 68% in qualitative responses) and innovation mindset.

Practical Implications for Infosys

• Short-Term: Prioritise compensation restructuring and Tier 2/3 institution engagement programs.

• Strategic: Implement AI-enhanced assessments to standardise evaluations across institutional tiers.

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• Transformative: Forge curriculum-codevelopment partnerships with universities to address emerging skill gaps (e.g., AI/cloud).

Industry-Wide Relevance

As India's IT sector faces intensified talent competition, this study offers actionable paradigms for:

• Educational Institutions: Curriculum modernisation aligned with NASCOM FutureSkills.
• Competitors: Benchmarking against Infosys' process efficiency (top-rated among service firms).
• Policymakers: Incentivising industry-academia innovation clusters.

Research Limitations and Future Directions

While this study provides robust cross-sectional insights, longitudinal tracking of campus hires' career trajectories would strengthen retention insights. Future research should:

• Examine AI-driven recruitment's impact on diversity and inclusion.
• Conduct a comparative analysis of campus vs. lateral hire innovation output.
• Explore Gig economy integration for project-based campus engagements.

Recommendations

• Adopt Tiered Recruitment Strategies:
o Use different recruitment methods for different college types.
o For top colleges (like IITs/NITs), create special R&D tracks to attract innovative students.
o For other colleges, offer skill bootcamps to help students improve and match company needs.
• Improve Virtual Assessment Tools:
o Use AI-based tools to better judge candidates' behaviour and soft skills during online interviews.
o Make virtual tests more interactive to understand candidates' teamwork and communication abilities.
• Offer Competitive and Flexible Compensation:
o Review and increase salary packages to match or beat rival companies.
o Add dynamic benefits like performance bonuses, stock options, or equity to attract top talent.
• Bridge the Skill Gap with Universities:
o Work with colleges to update their curriculum so students learn the latest industry skills.
o Arrange joint workshops, coding challenges, and real-world projects for students.
• Focus on Key Qualities:
o Look for candidates with technical adaptability, learning agility, and a collaborative mindset.
o Design interview questions and tests to check these qualities, not just technical knowledge.
• Reduce Tier Disparity:
o Give equal attention and resources to students from private colleges and state universities, not just top-tier institutes.
o Organise more campus visits, mentorship programs, and training sessions in Tier 2/3 colleges.

• Enhance the Recruitment Experience:
o Make the recruitment process more transparent and friendly for students.
o Provide clear feedback to candidates, whether selected or not, to help them improve.
• Build a Talent Experience Ecosystem:
o Treat recruitment as the start of a long-term relationship, not just a one-time event.
o Offer onboarding programs, mentorship, and continuous learning opportunities for new hires.

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QUESTIONNAIRES

Section 1: Demographic Information

1. Age Group:
o Under 20
o 20-22
o 23-25
o 26+

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2. Gender:
o Male
o Female
o Non-binary
o Prefer not to say

3. Current Education Level:
o Bachelor's Student
o Master's Student
o Recent Graduate (2021-2024)

4. Your Major/Field:
o Computer Science/IT
o Engineering (Non-CS)
o Data Science/AI
o Other: [ ]

5. College Type:
o IIT/NIT
o State University
o Private Engineering College
o Other: [ ]

6. Have you ever participated in Infosys' campus recruitment?
o Yes → Go to Section 2
o No → Skip to Section 3

Section 2: Recruitment Experience
(For participants only | 5-point scale: 1 Strongly Disagree – 5 Strongly Agree)
7. The recruitment process was well-organised and timely
8. Infosys clearly explained job roles and expectations
9. The selection tests (aptitude/coding) matched real job skills
10. Interviewers were knowledgeable and fair
11. Compensation offered was competitive vs other companies
12. The process assessed both technical and soft skills well
13. I received updates promptly at every stage
14. Campus training prepared me for actual projects
15. I was assigned challenging work after joining
16. Managers support skill development
17. My work uses cutting-edge technologies
18. Performance feedback is regular and helpful
19. I see long-term career growth at Infosys
20. The recruitment process finds truly talented people
21. I'd recommend Infosys to other students
22. Work culture encourages innovation

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Section 3: Open Feedback

23. For participants: What's ONE thing Infosys did best during recruitment?
24. For non-participants: Why didn't you apply to Infosys? (e.g., preferred other companies, role mismatch, etc.)
25. In your view, what makes a "high-quality" tech professional? (e.g., skills, attitude, etc.)
26. How could Infosys improve campus hiring to attract top talent?
27. Any other suggestions for Infosys' recruitment team?

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