

Fellow Programme in Management (FPM)

Admission procedure for 2018 batch

About the Programme

The Fellow Programme in Management (FPM) is the doctoral programme of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB). The FPM at IIMB is recognized as a rigorous research programme in all areas of business management and public policy. The programme is committed to training individuals to excel in their chosen areas of research through publication-quality work of international standards.

Areas of Specializations

FPM Students specialize in one of the following areas:

- Decision Sciences
- Economics & Social Sciences
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance & Accounting
- Information Systems (not available for 2018 batch applicants)
- Marketing
- Organizational Behavior & Human Resource Management
- Production & Operations Management
- Public Policy
- Strategy

Duration of the Programme

Students are expected to complete the programme within 5 years.

Eligibility

Candidates should have

- A Master's Degree (bachelor's degree obtained in 10+2+3 pattern, followed by a master's degree) or a 5 year Integrated Master's Degree (obtained after completing higher secondary schooling in 10+2 pattern) in any discipline, with at least 55*# percent marks in the bachelor's as well in the master's degrees.
(OR)
- A professional qualification like CA, ICWA, CS, with at least 50*# percent marks
(OR)
- A 4 year / 8 semesters Bachelor's degree (10+2+4 pattern) with at least 60*# percent marks.

*The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate would be calculated based on the practice as followed by the respective University/Institution. In case of grades / CGPA, the conversion to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure as certified by the respective University/ institution. If any University/institution confirms that there is no scheme for converting CGPA into equivalent marks, the equivalence would be established by dividing the candidate's CGPA by the maximum possible CGPA, and multiplying the result with 100.

Five percent marks relaxation is given to SC, ST and PwD candidates

The above qualification should be from any of the Universities, or other educational institutions, incorporated by an act of the Parliament or State legislature in India; or declared to be deemed as a University under Section 3 of UGC Act, 1956; or, recognized by the Ministry of HRD, Government of India.

Candidates who are in the final year of their qualifying Programmes that would make them eligible can also apply. Such candidates, if selected, will be allowed to join the programme provisionally only if they submit a certificate latest by **June 14, 2018** from the Principal/ Head of the Department / Registrar or Director of the University / Institute stating that they have appeared for the examinations (including practical examinations) in all the subjects required for obtaining the Master's / Bachelor's degree / equivalent qualification. Their admission will be confirmed only when they submit the marks sheet and the certificate of having passed the Master's / Bachelor's degree / equivalent qualification referred to in the certificate issued by Principal / Registrar of their college / Institute. The deadline for submission of marks sheet and the Certificate is **December 31, 2018**. Please note that those candidates who have applied on the basis of their master's degree will have to meet the 55% marks stipulation, and those who have applied on the basis of their bachelor's degree will have to meet the 60% marks stipulation. Non-fulfillment of these conditions will automatically result in the cancellation of the provisional admission.

Reservations

IIMB is committed to providing admissions to persons from different social and economic backgrounds. The FPM has seats reserved for Indian nationals belonging to certain categories. The categories and the extent of reservation effective for FPM 2018 are: 15% of the seats for Scheduled Caste (SC), 7.5% for Scheduled Tribe candidates, 27% for Other Backward Classes candidates belonging to the "Non-Creamy" layer (NC-OBC), and 5% for Persons with Disabilities (PWD).

For the purpose of being considered for reservations, the applicable Central Government list as on the last date of submission of applications (*January 17, 2018*) shall be binding. No subsequent changes will be effective for FPM 2018. The candidates claiming admissions in the reserved categories need to also note the eligibility requirements carefully before applying. It should be noted that while it is the endeavor of IIMB that the candidates belonging to SC/ST/PwD/NC-OBC categories join the programme, they have to meet the minimum eligibility criteria and a certain minimum level of performance to be considered for the admission process.

Test Scores

Candidates require a valid test score, from any one of the acceptable tests for the area(s) of specialization they are applying to, as shown in the following table.

Area of Specialization	Acceptable Test Scores
Decision Sciences	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, JRF (NET), IIMB Test
Economics & Social Sciences	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, IIMB Test

Entrepreneurship	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, JRF (NET), IIMB Test
Finance & Accounting	GMAT, GRE, CAT, JRF (NET)
Marketing	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, IIMB Test
Organizational Behavior & Human Resource Management	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, JRF (NET)
Production & Operations Management	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, JRF (NET), IIMB Test
Public Policy	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, JRF (NET), IIMB Test
Strategy	GMAT, GRE, CAT, IIMB Test

Except for those opting for IIMB Test, all other candidates should mandatorily provide the test score, which ***should be valid as on January 17, 2018***, while submitting the application.

- Applicants opting for **GMAT** or **GRE** should upload a copy of their official GMAT scores along with the application. Applicants who have not received the official score card, should upload the TEST TAKER COPY along with the application, but submit the OFFICIAL SCORE CARD before the interviews.
- Applicants opting for Common Admission Test (**CAT 2017**) should provide their CAT 2017 registration number in the online application. The CAT 2017 scores made available to IIMB will be used in the assessment of the application.
- Applicants opting for **GATE** or **JRF (NET)** score should upload their valid SCORE CARD along with the application.
- Applicants opting to take the IIMB Test should choose this option in the application. IIMB Test will be conducted by IIMB on February 04, 2018 at Bangalore and New Delhi.

Application Fee

The application fee (Non-Refundable) is:

- Rs. 500/- for candidates applying with GMAT / GRE / CAT / GATE / JRF (NET) score
- Rs. 1500/- for candidates opting to take the IIMB Test

Selection

Based on the information provided by the applicants, candidates will be shortlisted (on the recommendation of the respective areas) and called to Bangalore for an area specific written test and / or interview (see FPM2018 Area wise Admission Process for details).

Interviews are expected to be held in the last week of **March 2018** (tentatively).

Candidates will be admitted to the programme based on a combination of multiple parameters, as also specified by the respective areas. Parameters may include applicant's performance in GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, JRF (NET) score, or IIMB Test (as

applicable), past academic performance, work experience, area specific test and / or interview performance etc.

Candidates selected for admission are required to attend a Preparatory Course which is expected to be scheduled from late May through mid-June 2018. Registration for the programme will be on **June 14, 2018**.

We strongly encourage candidates seeking careers in academics to apply.

Financial Support

There is no tuition fee for FPM students. Additionally, they will receive a stipend of Rs 29,300 per month for up to four years and nine months to cover their living expenses. The stipend is conditional on satisfactory progress during the four years and nine months. Students are required to be in attendance on a full-time basis and devote all their time to course- work and research, and are also required to provide teaching and research assistance. Other financial support made available to students includes:

- Startup grant (in year 1) of Rs 75,000 to meet expenses on purchasing hardware, software, etc.
- Contingency grant (annual, in years 2-5) of Rs 25,000 to meet expenses on purchasing hardware, software, etc.
- Post-Proposal stipend increment, monthly: Rs. 2,000
- HRA for those who live off-campus, monthly: Rs. 8,500 (single students); Rs. 13,000 (married students)
- National Conference grants of up to Rs. 20,000 each towards accepted papers for three conferences (prior approval needed).
- International Conference grants of up to Rs.1,50,000 each towards a first accepted paper, and up to Rs. 75,000 each for subsequent conferences (prior approval needed).

How to Apply

The application form for admission to FPM 2018, will be available at <http://www.iimb.ac.in/programmes/doctoral/fpm>. The deadline for submission of fully completed applications is January 17, 2018 (5:00 p.m.). Please note that candidates can apply to a maximum of two areas of specialization.

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This admission process is applicable for the FPM 2018 admissions cycle only. IIMB reserves the right to change/modify any part of the process, with due notice, at any stage of the admission process.