



## Admission Process (International Applicants) for the PGPBA 2024-26 Batch through GMAT/GRE

International candidates are candidates holding foreign passports (including those of Indian origin). Eligible candidates can visit the admissions page on the IIMB website <https://www.iimb.ac.in/admissions> and apply online. No application fee needs to be paid for applying to the programme. Please read the below details carefully before applying.

Eligibility Criteria for applying as an International applicant:

The applicants should have

- a foreign passport
- a Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification (from at least a three year programme) with at least 50% marks or equivalent CGPA/Grades from a recognized university/institute
- a valid GMAT/GRE (administered in test centre) score. The GMAT code for IIMB's Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGPBA) is Q9H-KK-49 and GRE code is 1675. Online GMAT/GRE score (exam taken at home) is not applicable for PGPBA 2024
- The test scores should have been reported to GMAC/ETS respectively before applying to IIMB.

Please note that fulfilling eligibility criteria does not guarantee invitation for personal interview.

Important dates & Application process : The application process for International applicants shall be conducted in two rounds. Applicants can apply in only one of the rounds. Applicants found applying to both rounds shall be disqualified.

	Round-1	Round-2
Applications open	October 04, 2023	November 11, 2023
Applications close	November 10, 2023	January 31, 2024
Interview process *	November 20 / 21, 2023	February 15 / 16, 2024
Offers *	December 1 / 2, 2023	February 28, 2024
Offer acceptance *	December 15, 2023	March 08, 2024

\*: *These dates are tentative and subject to change if necessary and as decided by IIMB*

The selection process for international applicants will be done in two stages. In the first stage, an evaluation committee will go through each application in detail, and, in particular, will evaluate the academic background, the international experience, and the GMAT/ GRE scores of the candidates. Based on these details, the committee will decide whether the applicant qualifies to be moved to the next stage, namely the Writing Ability Test (WAT) and Personal Interview (PI) stage.

Those candidates who qualify for the next stage would be required to appear for a PI/WAT process, either in person or through remote video conferencing as decided by IIMB. The PI/WAT process would be similar to the

process followed for the candidates shortlisted for PGPBA Domestic Admissions, and would comprise a Writing Ability Test (WAT) followed by an interview with a panel of interviewers. Candidates appearing for the PI process through remote video conferencing would be required to take the WAT online (through a digital platform) based on a topic provided by IIMB. The performance of each candidate on the WAT will be evaluated by an independent evaluator in terms of content and style.

The topics chosen will typically draw on issues and developments that relate to current socio-political, economic and business affairs, though other topics such as sports and those that require more creative thinking may also be included. The time provided for the WAT will typically be about 30 minutes. During the interview, the panel will evaluate each candidate's academic background, quality of work experience and other personal traits. The WAT submission will be evaluated separately. The scores of the WAT, interview and pre-PI scores (with appropriate weightages) will be used cumulatively in the second and final phase to select the candidates for the programme.

Each interviewer will use the Personal Interview to comprehensively evaluate the candidate's motivation and ability to fit in and benefit from the PGPBA. All candidates will be required to provide two confidential reference letters from their employers or faculty at universities or institutions of higher education where they had studied prior to, or at the time of, applying for IIMB's PGPBA.

Candidates will be required to produce the following as evidence of work experience for each instance of employment claimed by the candidate:

- i. Letter from each of the employers that the candidate claims to have worked with. The letter should state the following details (i) The starting date of the employment, ending date of that respective employment, positions occupied during employment with that particular employer. In case the candidate claims to have moved through different positions / titles during the period, the application should provide the starting date of each of those positions, pay with break up during each of the positions held and a brief description of the responsibilities during each of those positions held by the candidate. The letter should be furnished on a letter head of the employer organisation, should carry a seal of the employer and be duly affirmed by the authorized signatory.
- ii. In addition the candidate should provide a brief write up of the responsibilities held by the candidate in each of the positions in each of the organisations in which the candidate claims to have worked. In case the employer had opened a provident fund (PF) account during the period of employment, the candidate should provide the PF registration number.
- iii. The name and designation of official to whom the candidate reported and the contact information of the official to whom IIMB may write in case it wishes to verify the employment related claim that is being made.
- iv. Presentation of employment claims that are not in conformity with the requirements above are liable to be considered incomplete and disregarded by IIMB at its sole discretion. Further, IIMB is at liberty to verify any or all of the employment related claims made by the candidate. Upon such verification, if it is found that some or all of the claims made are factually untrue, the candidate's application will not be processed

further at IIMB. Those candidates may be further disqualified from being considered for admission to any programme at IIMB in future. After a candidate joins the PGPBA at IIMB, if it comes to IIMB's notice reliably that the candidate had made claims that cannot be substantiated as factual and true, the candidate is liable to be expelled from the programme forthwith. In the event of such expulsion, the candidate will forfeit any fees paid until such expulsion.

After the PI and the WAT, the evaluation committee would again assess the overall performance of the candidates and make a final offer. There is no quota or fixed number of seats for international candidates. There is also no wait-list.<sup>i</sup>

## **Scholarships**

IIMB offers a limited number of international scholarships to eligible candidates who have been offered admission. The selection process is based on academic merit. The scholarship covers a portion of the tuition fee for the international students (excluding hostel charges, study materials and any other charges that can be assigned to students directly). Depending on merit, candidates can expect to get a fee reduction up to 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%.

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<sup>i</sup>All information in this document pertains to the admissions cycle 2024 alone and therefore, no inference can be made from this document about the admissions process that will be used for future admission cycles at IIMB. IIMB reserves the right to change, modify or adopt any new admissions process that it deems necessary, at any point.

*Any dispute concerning Admissions for the PGPBA Batch 2024-26 would be subject to jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of city of Bangalore Only*