



Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGPBA) (MBA)

Overseas/International

2026-28

Admission Procedure¹

The programme

The Post Graduate Programme in Business Analytics (PGPBA) at Indian Institute of Management Bangalore, henceforth IIMB, is a two-year full-time residential programme leading up to a Master of Business Administration (MBA) degree.

Eligibility

International applicants are those holding foreign passports (including those of Indian origin).

Overseas applicants are those holding Indian passports, but who are not physically present in India on the date of CAT 2025. Such applicants must also have resided abroad for at least 18 months in the preceding three years (January 2023 to December 2025).

Apart from satisfying the above eligibility, candidates must have the following:

- A Bachelor's degree or equivalent qualification (from at least a three year programme) in any discipline with a minimum of 50% marks or equivalent Cumulative Grade Point Average (CGPA) from a recognized university/institute.
- A valid GMAT or GRE score - the GMAT or GRE score should be valid as on the date of application.

Test scores

It is mandatory to submit the official scorecard or the test-taker copy (if official scorecard has not yet been received) along with the application.

- Please note that the IIMB PGPBA code for GMAT is **Q9H-KK-49** and for GRE is **1675**. Use these codes to have your score sent directly to IIMB. Your official score report from Pearson / GMAC (for GMAT) or ETS (for GRE) will be used for verification using the above codes. This process is mandatory.
- Note: *Online GMAT/GRE score (exam taken at home) will not be accepted for PGPBA 2026-28.*

¹ All information in this document is pertinent to the admissions cycle (2026) 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.

Reference letters

Submission of TWO (online) reference letters is mandatory. Provide details (email id and contact details) of two persons as your referees in the on-line application. Referees should be former employers or professors who have taught you. References will have to be submitted online by the referees directly on or before the stipulated last date for submission of application. Please inform the referees accordingly when you approach them for providing references. References are a part of the application and you will be able to submit the application only after the “Reference” section is complete. No separate extension will be allowed for submission of references. References cannot be received/submitted separately.

Application process: Stage I

The PGPBA Overseas/International admission process starts with the submission of the online application form. The online application form can be accessed at

The application fee for Overseas applicants is INR 6,500. There is no application fee for International applicants. *The application fee is non-refundable and should be paid on-line.*

Only those applications that are complete in all respects and meet the minimum academic and other criteria specified above are considered for the next stage in the admission process. Shortlisted candidates will be called for a personal interview (PI) and a writing ability test (WAT). If the shortlisted candidate is in India at the time of the interview period, he/she will be asked to appear for the PI/WAT process in person. Otherwise, the PI/WAT process will be conducted online.

Application process: Stage II

After the interviews, each applicant is assigned a composite score. The score is a composite of multiple factors including academic track record, GMAT/GRE scores, quality of work experience (if any), performance in the writing ability test and the interview. The number of offers, which are not fixed, are made based on this composite score. There is no waitlist. The number of offers are further subject to the candidate meeting a minimum cutoff in terms of the composite score and / or any other factor score that the admissions committee may deem fit.

Scholarships for International candidates

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. Depending on merit, candidates can expect to get a fee reduction up to 25%, 50%, 75% or 100%.

Important Dates

The application window and the schedule of events (tentative) are as below :

Applications open: October 13, 2025

Applications close: January 20, 2026

Interviews: February/March 2026*

Offers: April 2026[#] (First week)

Offer acceptance deadline: April 2026[#] (Second week), 2026[#]

[#] All the above-mentioned dates are subject to change if required. Only those candidates who have been shortlisted for interviews will be intimated by e-mail.

* Online interviews will be arranged for applicants who are outside India during the above interview dates.

Disputes

Any dispute concerning admissions for the PGPBA Batch 2026-28 would be subject to jurisdiction of the competent courts within the territorial jurisdiction of the city of Bangalore only.