

IIM Bangalore Doctoral Programme

Admission procedure for 2021 batch

About the Programme

The doctoral programme of the Indian Institute of Management Bangalore (IIMB) leading to a PhD is recognized as a rigorous research programme in various areas of business management and public policy. The doctoral programme is committed to training individuals to excel in their chosen areas of research and produce publication-quality work of international standards.

Areas of Specializations

PhD Students specialize in one of the following areas:

- Decision Sciences
- Economics & Social Sciences
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance & Accounting
- Information Systems
- Marketing
- Organizational Behavior & Human Resource Management
- Production & Operations Management
- Public Policy
- Strategy

Duration of the Programme

Students are expected to complete the doctoral programme within 5 years of registering for the programme.

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 6.5 CGPA or equivalent marks.

*The percentage of marks obtained by the candidate would be calculated based on the practice followed by the respective University/Institution. In case of grades / CGPA, the conversion to percentage of marks would be based on the procedure certified by the respective University/ institution. If a 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 by 100.

Five percent marks relaxation is given to applicants from SC, ST and PwD categories; i.e., these applicants should have scored at least 50%, 45% and 6.0 CGPA respectively depending on the qualification that the candidate has acquired.

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 the 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 the date of registration to the PhD 2021 programme*) 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, 2021**. 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 65% marks stipulation, or as applicable in the case of candidates from various social categories. 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 as required under the respective laws. The doctoral program has seats reserved for Indian nationals belonging to certain categories. The categories and the extent of reservation effective for Doctoral Programme 2021 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), 10% for students from Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) as statutorily defined 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 18, 2021**) shall be binding. No subsequent changes will be effective for Doctoral Programme 2021. The candidates claiming admissions in the reserved categories need to further note the eligibility requirements carefully before applying. It should be noted that while it is the endeavor of IIMB that candidates belonging to SC/ST/PwD/NC-OBC/EWS categories join the programme, they have to meet the minimum eligibility criteria and a certain minimum level of performance that IIMB may specify in order to be considered for admission into the programme.

Test Scores

Candidates require a valid test score, from any one of the acceptable tests to 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, IIMB Test
Finance & Accounting	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, JRF (NET)
Information Systems	GMAT, GRE, CAT, GATE, IIMB Test, 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, 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 18, 2021***, while submitting the application.

- a. 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.
- b. Applicants opting for Common Admission Test (**CAT 2020**) should provide their CAT 2020 registration number in the online application. The CAT 2020 scores made available to IIMB will be used in the assessment of the application.
- c. Applicants opting for **GATE** or **JRF (NET)** score should upload their valid SCORE CARD along with the application.
- d. Applicants opting to take the IIMB Test should choose this option in the application. IIMB Test will be conducted by IIMB on **February 07, 2021** at Bangalore and Kozhikode.

Application Fee

The application fee (Non-Refundable) is:

	1 – Area	2-Areas
Application fee - GMAT / GRE / CAT / GATE / JRF (NET)	Rs.1000	Rs.1500
Application fee plus IIMB Test Fee	Rs.2000	Rs.2500

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 PhD2021 Area wise Admission Process for details).

Interviews are expected to be held during first week of April 2021 (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 2021 (tentative). Registration for the Doctoral Programme will be notified separately on the website.

We strongly encourage candidates seeking careers in academics to apply.

Financial Support

There is no tuition fee for PhD students. Additionally, they will receive a stipend of Rs 35,000 per month for up to five years to cover their living expenses. The stipend is conditional on satisfactory progress during the programme. 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-Comprehensive exam stipend increment, monthly: Rs.2,000. Post-Proposal stipend increment, monthly: Rs.3,000.
- House Rent Allowance (HRA) for those who live off-campus, monthly: Rs.15,000 (single students); Rs.20,000 (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 Doctoral Programme 2021, will be available at <http://iimberpsrv.iimb.ernet.in/prod/sfonlapp.home#>. The deadline for submission of fully completed applications is January 18, 2021 (5:00 p.m. IST). 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 Doctoral Programme 2021 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.