

IIM Bangalore Doctoral Programme

Admission procedure for 2023 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
- Information Systems
- Economics
- Entrepreneurship
- Finance & Accounting
- 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) A Master's Degree (obtained after completing bachelor's degree) or a 5 year Integrated Master's Degree (obtained after completing higher secondary schooling in 10+2 pattern) in any discipline (OR) Post Graduate Diploma (2 years) with at least 55* percent marks in the bachelor's as well in the master's degrees/PG Diploma (**50 percent marks for SC, ST and PwD categories*).
(OR)
- b) Professional qualification - CA, ICWA, CS (with at least 50*percent marks) with B.com / Degree (**45 percent marks for SC, ST and PwD categories*).
(OR)
- c) A 4 year / 8 semesters Bachelor's degree with at least 6.5* CGPA or equivalent marks (**6.0 CGPA for SC, ST and PwD categories*).

*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.

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. *(However, in case of CA/ICWA/CS the applicant should have completed the course at the time of applying to the PhD programme.)* 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 2023 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 the Principal / Registrar of their college / Institute. The deadline for submission of marks sheet and the Certificate is **December 31, 2023**. 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 2023 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 31, 2023**) shall be binding. No subsequent changes will be effective for Doctoral Programme 2023. 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 2022/GATE /JRF (NET)/ IIMB Test
Information Systems	GMAT / GRE / CAT 2022/ GATE / IIMB Test / JRF(NET)
Economics	NOT APPLICABLE
Entrepreneurship	GMAT/ GRE/ CAT 2022/ GATE/ IIMB Test
Finance & Accounting	GMAT/ GRE/ CAT 2022/ GATE
Marketing	GMAT/ GRE/ CAT 2022/ GATE/ IIMB Test
Organizational Behavior & Human Resource Management	GMAT/ GRE/ CAT 2022/ GATE/ JRF (NET)/ IIMB Test
Production & Operations Management	GMAT/ GRE/ CAT 2022/ GATE/ IIMB Test
Public Policy	GMAT/ GRE/ CAT 2022/ GATE/ JRF (NET)/ IIMB Test
Strategy	GMAT/ GRE/ CAT 2022/ 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 31, 2023***, 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 2022**) should provide their CAT 2022 registration number in the online application. The CAT 2022 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 ONLINE by IIMB thrice, on **November 20, 2022, December 18, 2022 and February 05, 2023. If any applicant is appearing thrice, the latest score (IIMB Test) will be considered for further processing. Please refer to website for more information on IIMB Test.**

Those opting to appear for the IIMB Test will have to pay a test fee of Rs 1000/-in addition to the application fee. Candidates taking the IIMB Test would need to indicate on the application form for which of the two IIMB Tests they wish to apply for Ph.D and should submit the completed application mandatorily as below :

- A) Last date for submission of Completed application is **November 14, 2022** if appearing for the IIMB Test on November 20, 2022.
- B) Last date for submission of Completed application is **December 12, 2022**, if appearing for the IIMB Test on December 18, 2022.
- C) Last date for submission of Completed application is **January 31, 2023**, if appearing for the IIMB Test on February 05, 2023.

For the sake of clarity, it may be mentioned that candidates may opt for only one of these tests, namely, CAT, GMAT, GRE or IIMB Test, to apply for PhD.

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 invited for an area specific written test and / or interview (see PhD 2023 Area wise Admission Process for details). The mode of conducting the Area specific written test and Interview i.e either Online / In-person will be notified/intimated well ahead of the process.

Interviews are expected to be held during the first week of March 2023 (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 2023 (tentative). Registration for the Doctoral Programme will be notified separately on the website.

We strongly encourage candidates seeking careers in academics to apply.

How to Apply

The application form for admission to Doctoral Programme 2023, will be available at <http://iimberpsrv.iimb.ernet.in/prod/sfonlapp.home#>. The deadline for submission of fully completed applications is January 31, 2023 (5:00 p.m. IST). Please note that candidates can apply to a maximum of two areas of specialization.

Important Dates:

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

Application Window (with GMAT/GRE/GATE/ JRF (NET)/CAT2022)	August 31, 2022 to January 31, 2023 (5:00 p.m. IST)
Application window (with IIMB Test)	August 31, 2022 to November 14, 2022 (for IIMB Test on Nov 20, 2022) August 31, 2022 to December 12, 2022 (for IIMB Test on Dec 18, 2022) August 31, 2022 to January 31, 2023 (for IIMB Test on Feb 05, 2023)
IIMB Test [Online]*	Slot -1: November 20, 2022 Slot -2: December 18, 2022 Slot -3: February 05, 2023
Area Tests [Online] (as decided by Areas) *	March 10 & 11, 2023
Interviews* (Online)	March 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2023
Interview [Online]	Online
Offers*	March 3 rd week
Offer acceptance – Last date*	March 4 th week
Programme Registration*	June 2023

Note:

- *#Only those candidates who have been shortlisted will be intimated by e-mail, with all relevant details.*
- ** These dates are tentative and are subject to change if required.*
- *Interview process / Area Tests would be conducted online.*

December 26, 2022

This admission process is applicable for the Doctoral Programme 2023 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.